

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
4 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2017**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on October 16, 2017, in the District Office Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Michael Berk, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

School Directors

Mr. Steven Bear

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Stacey Knavel

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Christopher Morgan

Mr. Randy Varner

Mr. Robert Winters

Mr. Scott Witwer

Administrative Staff

Mr. Bruce Deveney, Acting Superintendent

David Bitner, Asst. Prin. – YBMS - Absent

Janette Fulton, Dir. Spec. Ed.

Patrick Dieter, Athletic Dir. - Absent

Joel Hain, Prin. – BSHS

Trisha Reed, Principal – IFEC

Nicole Weber, Asst. Bus. Mgr. - Absent

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Asst. Super.

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Mark Correll, Asst. Prin. – BSHS - Absent

Andrew Glantz, Dir. Buildings/Grdns - Absent

Chris Monasmith, Network Admin.

Kim Spisak, Asst. Prin. – Rice - Absent

Dr. Jesse White, Prin. – YBMS

Student Representatives

Elaina Clancy – Absent

Nicholas O'Brien - Absent

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Matthew Ulmer

Solicitor

Gareth Powhawka - Absent

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Hailey Lucas, 7th grade English teacher at YBMS, was introduced and recognized by Dr. White, Principal of Yellow Breeches, for being recognized by the National Council of English Teachers.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting.

-October 2, 2017 – Planning/Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks #55758 to #55834 in the amount of \$677,817.56; and Direct Deposits represented by #D0050148 to #D0050152 in the amount of \$389.64.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks #15646 to #15661 in the amount of \$18,194.59 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks #20331 to #20336 in the amount of \$9,264.00 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved the September 2017 Treasurer Report.

The motion passed as follows:

**Mr. Steven Bear – Yes
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Stacey Knavel - Yes
Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz - Yes
Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes**

**Mr. Christopher Morgan - Yes
Mr. Randy Varner - Abstain
Mr. Robert Winters - Yes
Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes**

Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstention - 1

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - None

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Mr. Berk

Mr. Berk reported that the committee met earlier this evening. Karen Rhodes, ARAMARK, provided the committee with information regarding the budget for the 2017-2018 school year and previous year's budget.

Policy Committee – Mr. Merlie

Mr. Merlie reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed Policy #203, regarding immunizations. Policy has been updated to reflect new regulations, and it will be on the agenda for a first reading in November.

Technology Committee – Mr. Bear

Mr. Bear reported that the Technology committee met earlier this evening. A discussion was conducted regarding MMS software and exploring the possibility of purchasing new software. A report was also provided regarding the Mac lab and the Chromebook laptops.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the agenda of October 16, 2017, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the following items in a block motion:

River Rock Academy - Elementary Services

The Board approved the contract agreement between River Rock Academy and South Middleton School District to provide elementary special education services for the 2017-2018 school year as per the attached.

Extension of Childrearing Leave

The Board approved the request of Brenna Larkin, Kindergarten teacher at Rice Elementary, to extend her childrearing leave of absence, from January 2, 2018 to April 6, 2018, returning on April 9, 2018.

Extension of Employment - Long-Term Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the extension of Chelsea Wagner, Kindergarten teacher at Rice Elementary School to serve as a long-term substitute:

Position: Kindergarten teacher at Rice (replacing Brenna Larkin)

Extension to: April 6, 2018

Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$45,161 (pro-rated)

Employment - Long-Term Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the employment of the following long-term substitute teacher:

Name: Heather Miller

Position: Long-Term Elementary School - W.G. Rice Elementary School - (Replacing Debbie Harris)

Starting Date: 10/16/17

Certification: Elementary - PreK-4

Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$45,161 (pro-rated)

Extra Duty - Athletics - Resignation

The Board accepted with regret, the resignation of James Lithgow from the position of Jr. High Boys' Basketball Coach, effective 9/14/17.

Classified - Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Robert Zook from the position of Head Custodian, effective 12/31/17.

Classified - Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Kelly Jones from the position of part-time office/cafeteria aide at the Iron Forge Elementary School. The effective date will be determined, based on when a replacement is hired.

Classified - Employment - Substitute Custodian

The Board added the following personnel to the substitute custodian list for the 2017-2018 school year:

Name: Rayman Dampman

Position: Substitute Custodian

Salary: \$11.29/hr.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the use of Mission-One employees, as outlined in the agreement between Mission-One and the South Middleton School District, to fill vacant and new aide positions, effective immediately.

Prior to taking a vote, the motion was discussed by the Board, and it was determined that further information was needed prior to voting on this item.

Mr. Varner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board table the Mission-One item. This motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIATION

Mr. Dean Clepper, addressed the Board, regarding receiving an update on the progress of the ongoing Superintendent search. He expressed concern that the community has not been updated on the progress of the search. Mr. Berk provided information that the search was ongoing, interviews conducted, and the process was ongoing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

-Enrollment Report

-On Leave – Debra Harris – Teacher – Rice Elementary

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Berk announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session after the board adjourned the regular session, discussion purposes only of a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Merlie made a motion, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ulmer
Board Secretary