

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2017**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on November 6, 2017, in the District Office Board Room for a Planning/Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Michael Berk, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 - Absent

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.

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Asst. Super.

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Mark Correll, Asst. Prin. – BSHS - Absent

Andrew Glantz – Direct. Of Buildings/Grounds

Chris Monasmith, Network Admin.

Kim Spisak, Asst. Prin. – Rice - Absent

Dr. Jesse White, Prin. – YBMS

Student Representatives

Elaina Clancy

Nicholas O'Brien

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Matthew Ulmer

Solicitor

Gareth Powhawka

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Karen Devine, Member Services Manager of PSBA, recognized the following outgoing board members who had served on the Board for at least 8 years: Mr. Thomas R. Merlie (8 Years), and Mr. Robert P. Winters (24 Years).

Justin Bruhn, Administrative Director of the Cumberland-Perry Vocational/Technical School introduced Lauren Piper, a nursing student, and Owen Kohr, a graphic communications student. They both spoke to the Board and the public about their respective majors and studies at the technical school.

Asia Whittenberger, a Senior at Boiling Springs High School, was introduced and recognized by Mr. Joel Hain, Principal. She was selected by The Sentinel, as "Teen of the Week."

Mr. Joel Hain also introduced the foreign language department professionals that presented and participated in the 2017 PSMLA Fall Conference.

Mr. Patrick Dieter recognized the 2017 Girls' Soccer team as District 3 Champions.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Trish Ocker, resident and employee of the District, spoke to the Board about the outsourcing of classroom/special education aides to Mission One.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-October 16, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports – October 2017

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 55835 to 55936 in the amount of \$687,895.20, and Direct Deposits represented by #50153 in the amount of \$133.20 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 15662 to 15676 in the amount of \$18,982.16 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks 20367 to 20368 in the amount of \$3,300.00 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by check # 7040 in the amount of \$125,343.09 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Construction Fund bills represented by checks 241 to 243 and checks 1213 to 1216 in the amount of \$207,490.90 represented in the attached summary.

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The Board approved payment of Visa represented by transaction #Visa5572 to #Visa5738 in the amount of \$23,914.64 represented in the attached summary.

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 - Absent

Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent – 1, Abstention - 1

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Elaina Clancy, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the upcoming Fall play, and that students at Boiling Springs High School assisted with the Special Olympics program. She also spoke about a recent grant of \$1000 received by Mrs. Amber Stewart regarding lighting and how it is being utilized in the classroom.

Nicholas O'Brien, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the end of the Fall sports program and the success of the Girls' Soccer team.

Dr. Mancuso reported on a conference that elementary teachers went to this summer to incorporate literacy with STEM. He presented a 45 second video from a Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Beecher, about how this is being utilized at Rice.

Mr. Ulmer reported on developing a budget calendar for 2018 and incorporating it with the Board meeting calendar for 2018.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – Thank You Letter – Bus Stop

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Dr. Mancuso and the administrators led a discussion on the Standardized Test Results for PSSA, SAT and Advanced Placement.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Meikrantz

Mrs. Meikrantz reported that the committee met earlier this evening and the following items were reviewed: iReady presentation, school year goals by building, and the 2017-2018 curriculum revisions.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Merlie

Mr. Merlie reported that the committee met earlier this evening. The committee receive an update on the IFES renovation project and the Rice renovation project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Varner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, to approve the agenda of November 6, 2017, with an amendment to table item c, employment of the winter athletics, extra duty positions. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Personnel - Professional - Employment

The Board employed the following professional staff:

Name: Allison D. Schrom

Position: Full-Time 8th Grade Science teacher - YBMS - (Replacing William Bechtel)

Starting Date: November 28, 2017

Salary: Master's, Step 3 - \$48,497 (pro-rated)

Personnel - Employment - Classified

The Board approved the employment of the following classified personnel:

Robin D. Biggs

Position: Part-Time Office/Cafeteria Aide - 5.75 hrs/day, 209 days/yr. (Replacing Kelly Jones)

Start Date: October 19, 2017

Salary: \$11.55/hr.

Melissa L. Short-Ryan

Position: Full-Time Building Nurse, YBMS - (Replacing Kris Baer)

Starting Date: November 6, 2017

Salary: \$19.00/hr., 7.5 hrs/day, 182 days/year

Ryan W. Barrick

Position: Part-Time Crossing Guard

Starting Date: October 26, 2017

Salary: \$16.03/hr., 2 hrs/day, 180 days/yr.

Personnel - Employment - Classified Substitutes

That the Board approves adding the following personnel to the substitute custodial list:

Mandi Barrick

Position: Substitute Custodian

Starting Date: October 9, 2017

Salary: \$11.29/hr.

The motion passed unanimously.

Planning/Discussion: Regular Board Meeting: November 20, 2017

-First Reading – Policy #203 – Immunization & Communicable Diseases

-MOU – Memorandum of Understanding – Carlisle State Police

-Extra Duty Athletic Positions – Winter

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cumberland-Perry ATVS – Mr. Winters

Mr. Winters reported that the joint operating committee met and reviewed 3-year plan for buildings/grounds, the 2018-2019 budget, and the 2016-2017 audit, a program change, and an RFP for strategic planning.

PSBA Legislative Liaison – Mr. Berk

Mr. Berk reported Governor Wolf did not sign the bill, but allowed several public school code changes to occur, including a delay in Keystone exams, mandated training for board members, suspension of all applications for new construction and layoffs.

South Middleton Township – Mr. Varner

No Report

South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation – Mr. Morgan

No Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

-Enrollment Report

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Berk announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session after the Regular meeting has adjourned for discussion purposes only of legal and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Merlie made a motion, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ulmer
Board Secretary