

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The South Middleton Board of Directors met in Regular Session on May 7, 2007, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center. The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Michael H. Berk

Mr. Derek R. Clepper

Mr. Joseph F. Fay, Jr. - **Absent**

Mrs. Eleanor L. Hartman

Mr. Mark A. Juliana

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Knouse - **Absent**

Ms. Pamela C. Martin

Mr. Paul J. Slifko III

Mr. Robert P. Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

Barbara Alitto, Special Education Supervisor

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Joseph W. Mancuso III, Principal

Frederick S. Withum III, Principal

Scott J. Govern, Athletic Director

Student Representatives

Jean Fitzgerald

Jeremy Wallace

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey S. Ammerman

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meeting:

April 16, 2007 – Regular Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the agenda of May 7, 2007 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Therabilities Contract

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approves a one year contract agreement with Therabilities to provide occupational and physical therapy services to eligible students attending South Middleton School District. The contract agreement is for 72 days of occupational therapy at a per diem rate of \$435 and 100 hours of physical therapy at an hourly rate of \$65. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PERSONNEL

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Barbara Love, Art teacher at W. G. Rice Elementary School, effective the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Barbara has worked for the district a total of 36 years.

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Jessica Fry
Address: 225 Alters Road
Carlisle, PA 17013
Position: Art Teacher – W.G. Rice Elementary School
(Replacing Barbara Love)
Salary: \$36,742 – Step 1, Bachelor's
Starting Date: 2007-2008 School Year

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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

The Board employed the following substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year:

Name: Michael MacIvor
Address: 10 Meadowood Place
Boiling Springs, PA 17007
Certification: Social Studies

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Board approved a request from Michelle McBride, Yellow Breeches Middle School/Iron Forge Educational Center, for a Child Rearing leave of absence from approximately August 23, 2007 to mid January 2008.

The Board approved the following voluntary transfer of teaching assignment to begin the 2007-2008 school year:

Mr. Michael Bogdan: From middle level Spanish teacher to high school Spanish teacher

CLASSIFIED STAFF

The Board employed the following summer maintenance/grounds workers at a salary of \$9.15/hr.

Name: Addison Korzun
Address: 507 S. Middlesex Rd.
Carlisle, PA
Starting Date: 5/29/07

Name: Elliot Thomas
Address: 56 Strayer Dr.
Carlisle, PA
Starting Date: 5/29/07

Name: Patrick VanGorder
Address: 7 High Street
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 5/29/07

Name: Andrew Castles
Address: 9 Ashley Court
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 5/29/07

Name: Austin Crull
Address: 303 Oak Drive
Mt. Holly Springs, PA
Starting Date: 5/29/07

Name: James Murray
Address: 13 Peach Tree Lane
Boiling Springs, PA
Date: 5/29/07

Name: Drew Watkins
Address: 2 Mulberry Ct.
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 5/29/07

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2007-2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Ammerman presented the proposed General Fund Budget for 2007-08. He stated that the Board passed a resolution in January 2007 limiting any tax increase to 4.0% or less. As presented, the General Fund budget included a 2.0% increase in real estate millage from 11.15 mills to 11.38 mills. Total expenses were budgeted at \$26,353,261, including a \$200,000 budgetary reserve for unknown expenses such as special education placements and charter school tuition. Revenue was budgeted at \$26,138,196. Mr. Ammerman explained that the deficit in revenue over expenses was due to the budgetary reserve not being covered by any tax increase. He indicated that if those expenses occurred, they would come from the fund balance.

Mr. Ammerman reviewed the major areas of increases in the budget. Salary, benefits, special education placements, technology purchases, and higher charter school tuition costs make up most of the increases. Revenues are higher due to growth in assessed value in the District, coupled with a 2% tax increase, as well as the proposed increase in State funding for Basic Education and Special Education. Debt Service Reimbursement was higher due to a larger reimbursement provided for renovations at the High School.

Mr. Ammerman briefly reviewed the cafeteria budget, which kept the price of student lunches at the same level as last year. The maintenance budget included increases in the cost of utilities, due to rising prices in those sectors.

Mr. Govern reviewed the athletic budget. Most of the increases in that budget were due to new uniform purchases.

Mr. Ammerman indicated that the Board needed to approve a tentative budget by the end of May, with final approval in June. He mentioned that the Governor's sales tax proposal makes budgeting interest income difficult at this time, because it was unclear whether tax bills could be printed and mailed in a timely fashion until that proposal was either passed or voted down. Additionally, it was possible that state funds could be delayed if the state budget was not passed by the end of June. He hoped that by the time of passage of the final budget these items would be clearer.

Motion for New Positions

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board approve the following new positions for the 2007-08 school year and authorize the administration to advertise and interview for the positions:

- 1 FTE Reading/English Teacher at Boiling Springs High School
- 1 FTE Math Teacher at Boiling Springs High School
- Increase of .5 FTE Social Studies at Boiling Springs High School
- Increase of .5 FTE Remedial Math at the Elementary Level
- 1 FTE ESL Teacher District-wide
- 1 FTE Custodian at Boiling Springs High School
- 1 FTE Health Aide at Boiling Springs High School

The motion passed unanimously.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting went into Executive session for a legal matter at 8:57 p.m. The Board resumed regular session at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman
Board Secretary