

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
December 3, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on December 3, 2007, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**School Directors**

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vense - appointed 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

David Boley, Assistant Principal

David Bitner, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Joseph Mancuso, III, Principal

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Jayson Schaufert

Jeremy Wallace

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary (Non Member)**

Jeffrey Ammerman

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare

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### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

-November 19, 2007

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ADMINISTRATORS**

Dr. Sanker mentioned the bulletin board at the back of the room.

Dr. Tippett gave a report on an early childhood event.

### **TOPIC: Candidate Interview(s) for Board Vacancy**

Board members interviewed Kimberly Vensel for the School Director vacancy. Mr. Berk asked her why she was interested in the position. Mrs. Vensel indicated she had a background as a school liaison and this was something she wanted to do.

Mr. Fay asked what she saw as the two most critical issues facing the District. Mrs. Vensel said the response to growth in the District and maintaining high academic standards were the two most critical issues.

Mrs. Knouse asked Mrs. Vensel how she would feel about having to raise taxes. Mrs. Vensel said she believes in good stewardship and spending money wisely. She also recognizes that sometimes good investment in students requires additional spending.

Mrs. Knouse asked how she would be able to juggle the differing hats of being a parent and also being a Board member. Mrs. Vensel indicated she is comfortable separating these roles and has some background doing that in her current working position at a church. She mentioned that her family supported her decision in applying for the Board opening.

Mr. Slifko asked Mrs. Vensel if she had interest in particular committees. Mrs. Vensel said she would review what is available, but she does have an interest in curriculum. Mr. Slifko asked if she would run for the Board in two years. Mrs. Vensel indicated she is considering running for the position.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board approves the agenda of December 3, 2007 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Board Member Resignation**

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, that the Board accepts the resignation of board member elect, W. Douglas Wendt, from the position of School Director, effective immediately. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Board Member Appointment**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to appoint Kimberly Vensel to fill the School Director vacancy. **The motion passed unanimously and Mrs. Vensel took her seat on the Board.**

**Meeting Dates**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves the Board of School Directors meeting dates for 2008. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Signatures**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board authorizes the signatures of the Board President, Board Treasurer, and Board Secretary for the General Fund Account, Activity Account, Capital Reserve Fund Account, Payroll Account, Student Activities Accounts, and Cafeteria Fund Accounts. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Signatures**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board authorizes Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent; Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent; and Jeffrey Ammerman, Business Manager/Board Secretary, to sign all necessary State and Federal applications and any other applications, contracts, and required forms on behalf of the South Middleton School District for the calendar year 2008. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve all of the following:

**PERSONNEL**

The Board approved the following personnel items:

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The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2007-2008 school year.

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Yr. of Prog.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kristina Roher (replacing Kirby Clark)	Jobi Campbell	1	\$367.73 (prorated)
Joshua Gutacker	Luke Fetterolf	1	\$234.50 (prorated)

The Board approved the following substitute classroom aide for the 2007-08 school year:

Carolyn Banjak, \$8.99/hour

**All of the items in the motion passed unanimously.**

### REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

#### Capital Area I.U. #15

Mr. Winters indicated that IU Board approved the fact finders report in the current labor situation by a vote of 15-2. The union approved it with 93% support. He indicated a copy of the report would be available for review.

#### Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Winters reported that the CAPTAX finance committee reviewed a plan of action to the SAS 70 audit that the organization is undergoing. The full Board would be considering it at its next meeting.

#### Legislative Report

Mr. Berk reported that the task force on school cost reduction and the costing out study were current hot topics. He also mentioned a bill on property tax elimination that the Legislature was considering.

#### South Middleton Township

Mr. Slifko said the Township held a special budget meeting to consider borrowing \$4 million to expand the Township building. The issue would be considered at the next Township meeting.

#### CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

The Board went into Executive Session for a legal matter at 8:25 p.m. The Board resumed regular session at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman  
Board Secretary