

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2016**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on January 11, 2016, in the Boiling Springs High School Cafeteria for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Michael Berk, 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. 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

Dr. Alan Moyer, Superintendent

David Bittner, Asst. Prin. – YBMS – **Absent**

Connie Connolly, Dir. Spec. Ed.

Patrick Dieter, Athletic Dir. – **Absent**

Joel Hain, Prin. – BSHS

Trisha Reed, Principal – IFEC

Nicole Weber, Asst. Bus. Mgr. – **Absent**

Sharonn Williams, Dir of Tech Inst.

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Asst. Super.

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Mark Correll, Asst. Prin. – BSHS – **Absent**

Andrew Glantz, Dir. Buildings/Grounds

Chris Monasmith, Network Admin. – **Absent**

Kim Spisak, Asst. Prin. – Rice – **Absent**

Dr. Jessie White, Prin. – YBMS

Student Representatives

Max D. Leo

William T. Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Matthew Ulmer

Solicitor

Gareth Pahowka

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Moyer and Mr. Hain recognized Meghan Williams who was this month's high school student spotlight. Meghan introduced her parents and spoke before the Board. Meghan is involved in many academic and extra-curricular activities at South Middleton and is thankful for all of the opportunities that she has had to prepare her for college.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting: December 21, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves item 7.a and 7.e of the Financial Report. **The motion passed – Mr. Varner abstained.**

7.a That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills represented by checks #53307 to #53318 in the amount of \$49,286.74 represented in attached summary.

7.e That the Board approves payment of Construction Fund bills represented by checks #1139 to #1144 in the amount of \$1,223,302.21 represented in attached summary.

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves item 7.b through 7.d of the Financial Report. **The motion passed unanimously**

7.b That the Board approves payment of Student Activity Fund bills pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #15205 to #15220 in the amount of \$9,693.15 represented in attached summary.

7.c That the Board approves payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks #19350 to #19350 in the amount of \$350.00 represented in attached summary.

7.d That the Board approves payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by checks #6877 to #6877 in the amount of \$68,299.55 represented in attached summary.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS MANAGER, ADMINISTRATORS, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Moyer welcomed Mrs. Knavel and addressed the Board with information on an upcoming Grant Award, Dr. Mancuso's work on the Comprehensive Plan, and the Key Communicators upcoming meeting

Dr. Mancuso addressed the Board with information on the Blending Learning Grant application as well as the results of the School Safety Grant.

Mr. Ulmer addressed the Board with information on the audit process, the completion of the 15-16 AFR, 16-17 budget process, Iron Forge Construction Budget, and the upcoming Bond Issuance in 2016.

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Mrs. Connolly addressed the Board with information on the Alternative PSSA testing, Pre-School transition meetings, and County level special education services for students.

Ms. Williams addressed the Board with information on technology installation at Iron Forge, troubleshooting technology at Iron Forge, 16-17 budget preparation, and teacher tech support during finals.

Mr. Glantz addressed the Board with information on the IFES project, and accolades to the support staff for their dedication to the Iron Forge move.

Mr. Boley addressed the Board with information on review of benchmark assessments, and partnership with Shippensburg University on a Pre-K program.

Mrs. Reed addressed the Board with information on the Iron Forge move, accolades to the support staff (tech and custodial staff) and teacher for the team effort in making the move possible over the holiday break, preparation for benchmark testing, and upcoming PTO meeting/tour.

Dr. White addressed the Board with information on the YBMS certification as a Schools-to-Watch school. Dr. White was very thankful for the community and all those involved in the process for this great accomplishment.

Mr. Hain addressed the Board with information on the BSHS January testing schedule.

Mr. Leo addressed the Board with information on the TSA electronic recycling program, senior class shirts, StarNight musical practice, and the National Honors Society inductions.

Mr. Webber addressed the Board with information on first semester warp up, mini-Thon, gold-out, and the winter ball.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Merlie addressed the Board on Iron Forge change order requests, department staffing concerns, and five-year plan projections to be addressed at the next committee meeting.

Education Committee Report - Mrs. Meikrantz addressed the Board with an update on the SU Pre-K Counts program, the BSHS planning guide, and the Vo-Tech planning guide. Dr. Moyer also addressed some of the questions that were asked by the Board about the Pre-K program.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Jeff Straub from CRA addressed the Board and provided an update on the Iron Forge Renovation Project. The Board had the opportunity to take a tour of the building prior to the meeting. Mr. Straub provided a review of work completed and the process/plan for moving forward into the next phase. Mr. Straub, Mr. Consalo and District Administration answered questions that Board Members had relative to air quality, timeline, financing, change orders, and overall construction phasing.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approve item a. in New Business. Mr. Ulmer provided answers to questions asked by Mrs. Knavel regarding the Act 1 resolution and filing timeline. **The motion passed unanimously.**

a. Index Tax Resolution - 2016-2017

That the Board approves the attached resolution determining that there will be no tax increase in the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2016-2017 fiscal year by more than the Index (2.4%) established by the Department of Education.

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approve item b. in New Business. Mr. Ulmer provided explanation to the current status of the audit and the upcoming deadlines that must be met for completion of the 14-15 audit process. **The motion passed unanimously.**

b. PASBO Services

It is recommended that the Board authorize, with the same terms and conditions, the extension of the PASBO agreement for Audit Preparation Services through February 29, 2016.

PLANNING/DISCUSSION: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

a. Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School Budget

That the Board approves the budget for the Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$8,017,798 for fiscal year 2016-2017 and agrees to accept its share of \$340,567 as set forth in the Articles of Agreement.

b. Seniors - 2016

That the Board approves the listing of Seniors, as presented by the High School Principal, as candidates for graduation in June 2016 upon meeting the graduation requirements as established and adopted by the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors in compliance with the Commonwealth's guidelines.

c. BSHS Planning Guide

That the Board approves the Boiling Springs High School Educational Planning Guide for the 2016-2017 school year.

d. Personnel Items

Professional

Employment:

-Extra Duty - Spring Athletics

Classified

Employment

-Substitute Aides

-Multiabilities Classroom Aide

-District Office Secretary

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Cumberland-Perry Vocational Operating Committee – Mr. Winters – No Report

Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Berk – No Report

PSBA Legislative Report – Mr. Merlie

PSBA has filed a lawsuit against the State. Money for schools has started to flow via a stop gap measure. It is believed that the Governor will get a Budget Passes before is State of the State address in February.

South Middleton Township – Mr. Varner

The Craighead bridge project that is scheduled for this summer was a topic discussion at the Township Supervisor meeting. The proposed timeline presented by PennDOT must be followed or it will provide potential issue for both the Township residents but also the school schedule. The Township and District will be sending letters to the State requesting that the timeline be followed without delay.

South Middleton Parks & Recreation – Mr. Morgan

First meeting will be held January 21, 2016.

Bubler Foundation – Mrs. Meikrantz

The Education Fund of the Bubler Foundation is up and running and capable of accepting donations. The Bubler Foundation is working closely with District Administration to formulate needs of the District for possible education fund projects. The Education Fund Allocation Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to address details of operation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

Enrollment

Board Calendar

2016 Committee Assignments

Board Contact Information - 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Meikrantz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously**

**** The Board adjourned to Executive Session for discussion of legal matters. Executive session started at 8:55pm and concluded at 9:21pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ulmer
Board Secretary