

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2017**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on November 20, 2017, in the District Office Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Michael Berk, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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

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. - Absent

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

Mr. Bruce Deveney, Acting Superintendent, recognized the three outgoing board members for their years of service as a Board Member. They are: Thomas Merlie, (8 years); Robert Winters (total of 25 years, 20 years consecutively), and Scott Witwer (4 years).

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knavel, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting, with a correction to the minutes changing years of service for Mr. Winters from 24 to 25.

-November 6, 2017 – Planning/Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT - October

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

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 55937 to 56010 in the amount of \$532,418.87, and Direct Deposits represented by #50154 to 50160 in the amount of \$1,231.77 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 15680 to 15694 in the amount of \$10,622.67 represented in the attached summary. NOTE: A check misprint caused voiding of #'s 15674-15676 as represented on last month's report. These actually printed on paper check #'s 15677-15679.

The Board approved payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks 20369 to 20448 in the amount of \$27,455.61 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by check # 7041 to 7043 in the amount of \$252.77 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Construction Fund bills represented by checks 244 and checks 1217 to 1223 in the amount of \$741,782.83 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved the October 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

Mr. Deveney, Acting Superintendent, reported on the Shippensburg University Study Council Outstanding Teacher award scheduled recently. Christina Mohler, special education teacher at IFES and Amber Stewart, business education teacher at BSHS, were both recognized at the event. PMEA Region 7 Band Festival was recently held in the district. Ten students from YBMS and BSHS participated. Mr. Deveney also mentioned the upcoming Stock & Leader, School Law, 101 event scheduled for board members and the accident travel insurance offered by PSBA.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

“Student of the Quarter” – Cumberland/Perry Area Vocational Technical School

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Mrs. Trisha Reed and Dr. Jesse White presented to the Board a review of PVAAS.

Technology Committee – Mr. Bear

Mr. Bear reported that the Technology committee met earlier this evening. The committee reviewed possibly changing the student information management system in the future, and Chromebooks will be ready for issuance to students at YBMS and laptops issued to IFES in December.

HACC Delegate Report – Mr. Bear

Mr. Bear reported on a 1.3-million-dollar deficit at HACC, upgrades to the Cooper Student Center and parking lot at HACC, and the SMSD sponsorship agreement with HACC. The school district’s contribution is trending downward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the agenda of November 20, 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:

PSBA – Contract for Professional Services

Mr. Varner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the contract between PSBA and the South Middleton School District to purchase the model Administration Procedures manual at a cost of \$4,250. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Neil Kamal, Inc. – Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement

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

The settlement of the tax assessment appeal litigation (Case No: 2016-00114) for Tax Parcel 40-22-0479-005, 101 Alexander Spring Road, South Middleton Township, Cumberland Co., PA, owned by Neil Kamal, Inc., for a total fair market value for tax year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$3,650,000, to which shall be applied the common level ratio to determine the subject property’s

assessed value. The District Administration and Solicitor are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement and to resolve this pending tax assessment appeal case.

On a roll call vote, 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

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the Education Contribution Agreement with UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

On a roll call vote, 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

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

First Reading - Policy #203 - Immunizations & Communicable Diseases

The Board approved the First Reading of Policy #203 - Immunizations & Communicable Diseases.

Memorandum of Understanding - Carlisle State Police

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Carlisle State Police and the South Middleton School District.

Personnel - Acting Superintendent

The Board amended Section 1(B) of the Acting Superintendent Contract with Bruce M. Deveney to authorize Mr. Deveney to provide services for up to five (5) days per week.

Personnel - Extra Duty - Athletics

The Board removed from the table the motion to approve the extra duty, athletic positions (winter) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Personnel - Extra Duty - Athletics - 2017-2018 (Winter)

The Board approved the extra duty, athletic positions (Winter) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Personnel - Extra Duty - Mentor Teacher

The Board approved the following mentor teacher:

Chris Leese - YBMS - \$515 - (For Allison Strom - Science Teacher @ YBMS - Year 1), effective November 28, 2017.

Personnel - Employment - Classified - Custodian

The Board approved the employment of the following classified staff:

Name: Raina Miller

Position: Full-Time Custodian - IFES (Replacing William Brown)

Starting Date: November 8, 2017

Salary: \$11.29 hr., 8 hrs/day/261 day/yr.

Personnel - Resignation - Classified

The Board accepted the resignation of Penny Feeser, from the position of special education aide at Rice Elementary School, effective November 7, 2017.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

-Enrollment Report

FOR THE RECORD

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Merlie made a motion, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Merlie removed the motion to adjourn.

CITIZENS PARTICIATION

Lisa Walker, Mr. Jones, and Ray Tennyson commented on the decline of the football program and behavior of some coaches.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the regular board meeting after the comments from the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ulmer
Board Secretary