

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2018**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on February 5, 2018, in the District Office Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Randy Varner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**School Directors**

Mr. Steven Bear  
Mr. John Greenbaum  
Mrs. Denise MacIvor  
Mr. Christopher Morgan  
Mr. Randy Varner

Mr. Michael Berk  
Mrs. Stacey Knavel  
Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz  
Mr. Jonathan Still

**Administrative Staff**

Mr. Bruce Deveney, Acting Superintendent  
Mrs. Janette Fulton, Director of Spec. Ed.  
Dr. Jesse White, Principal YBMS

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Asst. Super.  
Mrs. Trisha Reed, Principal - IFES  
Mr. Joel Hain, Principal - BSHS

**Student Representatives**

Elaina Clancy  
Nicholas O'Brien

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Matthew Ulmer

**Solicitor**

Gareth Powhawka

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION**

The Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair winners from Iron Forge Elementary School and Yellow Breeches Middle School were introduced and recognized. Each student informed the Board and the public about their science fair project. The students are:

- Kathryn Metz – Iron Forge Elementary School
- Alexa Jones – Yellow Breeches Middle School

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knavel, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting:

- Regular Board Meeting – January 22, 2018
- Special Meeting – January 25, 2018

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 56262 to 56344 in the amount of \$217,935.82, and Direct Deposits represented by #50191 in the amount of \$2,600.00 as represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks 20541 to 20612 in the amount of 16,671.30 as represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 15747 to 15755 in the amount of \$5,157.10 as represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by checks 7048 to 7049 in the amount of \$85,541.70 as represented in the attached summary.

- Mr. Steven Bear - Yes**
- Mr. John Greenbaum - Yes**
- Mrs. Denise MacIvor - Abstained**
- Mr. Christopher Morgan - Yes**
- Mr. Randy Varner - Abstained**

- Mr. Michael Berk - Yes**
- Mrs. Stacey Knavel - Yes**
- Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz - Yes**
- Mr. Jonathan Still - Yes**

**The motion passed as follows:**

**Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstention – 2**

**REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS MANAGER AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Deveney, Acting Superintendent, deferred to Dr. Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Mancuso reported on three items: The upcoming PETE&C Conference in Hershey, the Stem Summit for tenth grade students scheduled for 2/23/18, and prior to parent/teacher conferences at Boiling Springs High School on 2/21/18, Dr. Mancuso will review the dual enrollment options

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that are offered. He briefly discussed them at the Board meeting, and it included Ship Start, Penn State-Mont Alto, HACC, Messiah, and Dickinson College.

Elaina Clancy, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the TSA regional competition held in Gettysburg over the weekend. Both the middle school and the high school have students that will advance to the state competition. She also spoke about the upcoming plans for MiniThon.

Nicolas O'Brien, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the wrestling team winning district finals and the team will move onto states. He also reported that the girls' basketball team will be fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Deveney congratulated Mr. Powhawka, District Solicitor, for becoming a partner at Stock & Leader.

### **NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

#### **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Janette Fulton gave a presentation on the Special Education Consortium.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Facilities Committee – Mr. Berk**

The committee met on January 23, 2018, and the committee notes are attached to the February 5, 2018, agenda, located on agenda manager.

##### **Curriculum & Instruction Committee – Mrs. Knavel**

The committee met on January 29, 2018, and the committee notes are attached to the February 5, 2018, agenda, located on agenda manager.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Knavel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the agenda of February 5, 2018, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

##### **Policies – Second Reading – Final**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the second (final) reading of the following policies:

- Policy #005 – Local Board Procedures
- Policy #113 – Special Education
- Policy #113.2 – Positive Behavior Support
- Policy #113.3 – Screenings & Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Retirement – Administration**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Patrick L. Dieter, from the position of Director of Athletics and Facilities, effective February 16, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Personnel – Professional – Resignation**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knavel, that the Board accepts the resignation of Morgan Johnston, fourth grade teacher at Iron Forge Elementary School, effective on or before March 25, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Personnel – Long-Term Substitute (Replacing Morgan Johnston)**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knavel, that the Board employs the following long-term professional substitute:

Name: Laurie S. Gray

Certification: Elementary

Salary, \$50,651 – Master’s, Step 1 (pro-rated)

Position: Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Fourth Grade – IFES

Starting Date: 2/12/18 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

After discussion, Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear to amend the motion that Laurie Gray be employed as the long-term substitute teacher at IFES (replacing Morgan Johnston), for a minimum of sixty (60) days, contingent upon approval from PSERS. **The revised motion passed unanimously.**

**Personnel – Employment – Classified – Rehire**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knavel, that the Board approves the re-hire of the following classified employee:

Name: Rebecca L. Metzger

Position: Part-Time Cafeteria Monitor – W.G. Rice Elementary School

Starting Date: 2/6/18

Salary: \$11.01/hr. @ 2.5 hrs/day – 180 days/yr.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**PLANNING/DISCUSSION: REGULAR BOARD MEETING: February 12, 2018**

The Board reviewed the following items:

- Preliminary 2018-2019 budget
- Policy #201 – Admission of Students
- 2018-2019 School Calendar – Two draft versions
- Boiling Springs High School Educational Planning Guide
- Personnel – Extra Duty – Spring Athletics
- Personnel – Childrearing Leave – YBMS
- Personnel - Michael G. MacIvor – BSHS Retirement

**CITIZENS PARTICIATION – None**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cumberland-Perry ATVS – Mr. Berk**

Mr. Berk was unable to attend the meeting. The JOC Committee agenda was forwarded to all board members. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Berk, and he will follow-up at the next meeting.

**South Middleton Township – Mrs. Meikrantz**

-No Report

**South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation – Mr. Morgan**

-No Report

**Bubbler Foundation – Mrs. Meikrantz**

Mrs. Meikrantz reported that the foundation continues to accept grant requests from teachers and are reviewing the requests.

**PSBA Legislative Liaison – Mr. Still**

Mr. Still reviewed Senate Bill #2 regarding the implementation of tuition vouchers. PSBA is recommending a resolution to school boards to forward to the General Assembly opposing this bill. After much discussion regarding past practice of the SMSD Board staying away from adopting resolutions that delve into the political arena, a vote was taken to determine whether such a resolution should be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Still made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board place a resolution on the next board agenda, opposing SB #2. On a roll call vote, the motion failed.

**Mr. Steven Bear - Yes**  
**Mr. John Greenbaum - Yes**  
**Mrs. Denise MacIvor - No**  
**Mr. Christopher Morgan - No**  
**Mr. Randy Varner - No**

**Mr. Michael Berk - No**  
**Mrs. Stacey Knavel - No**  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz - Yes**  
**Mr. Jonathan Still - Yes**

**The motion failed as follows:**

**Yes – 4, No – 5, Absent – 0, Abstention – 0**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Enrollment Report
- Tenure: Anne Hoffman and Caitlin Miletto

**FOR THE RECORD**

Mr. Varner announced that the Board met in Executive Session on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 23, 2018 regarding personnel matters. The Board will also meet in Executive Session regarding personnel matters, after the regular meeting has been adjourned this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Berk made a motion that the regular board meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ulmer  
Board Secretary