

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4 Academy Street, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 2019**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on October 7, 2019, 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**

Mrs. Weber called the roll with all members present except as designated:

**School Directors**

Mr. Steven Bear

Mr. Terry Draper - Absent

Mrs. Stacey Knavel

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz

Mr. Jonathan Still

Mr. Michael Berk

Mr. John Greenbaum

Mrs. Denise MacIvor

Mr. Christopher Morgan

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Matthew Strine, Superintendent

Melanie Shaver-Durham – Director of Curriculum/Instruction

Zachary Gump – Director of Buildings/Grounds

Karl Heimbach – Athletic Director

**Student Representatives**

Eric Gessaman

Gibran Varahrami

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Nicole Weber

**Solicitor**

Gareth Pahowka – Absent

David Jones

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Michael Longenberger, President of the Youth Wrestling Club, spoke to the Board and the public about the new fee schedule for use of facilities. He was concerned about the lack of communication regarding the new fee structure, and expressed concerned about what classification the group falls into regarding the charging of fees. He spoke about the club being a feeder for the wrestling program at the high school, and the many items purchased that can be used by the district.

Jonathan Delcamp spoke about the fee structure for facilities, and the organization cannot be part of the parks and recreation due to CPYSL requirements.

Jim Koons also commented on revising Policy #707. Willing to work with district.

Heather Barrick, treasurer of wrestling, also commented about fees and working with the athletic directors to come up with a fee structure. Feeder programs are creating the PA most division 1 wrestlers.

Paul Walters commented on appreciation of the board working with community members and cannot place a price on the importance of youth sports.

Tiffany Ward spoke on behalf of youth football and cheerleading. As fees increase, less cheerleaders able to afford. Need to keep a listing of board members on outside organizations to keep communication open. Look at other communities that are similar in size.

Robert Lentz also spoke about the fees and communication organizations using the facilities. He is the father of wrestlers. Please consider giving them a free room

Elizabeth Knouse – Rescind Policy #707. Include alumni group in discussion.

Eddy Robb – Do not rush to a new fee structure. Take time to review and see what other districts are doing. Does not want to see it rushed.

Administration to work with all groups and come up with what works. October 23<sup>rd</sup> is parent information night. Will need a resolution by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Fee structure could be adjusted retroactively.

Matt Vincent commented on increasing costs and taking a look at cutting costs.

Bill Hartman – Coordination effort for everyone. Alumni Association will sponsor if that is what it takes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-9/16/19 – Regular Board Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 58978 to 59100 in the amount of \$722,784.54, and Direct Deposits represented by 50527 to 50548 in the amount of \$2,784.39 as represented.

The Board approved payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks 21440 to 21497 in the amount of \$7,083.00.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 16167 to 16184 in the amount of \$23,056.12.

The Board approved payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by checks 7160 to 7164 in the amount of \$195.05.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT/DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, BUSINESS MANAGER AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Student Representative – Eric Gessaman – Congratulations to Joce Kuhns and Brinn Mancuso for reaching 100 points each for soccer and field hockey respectively. Club fair is great. Good to see all freshman navigating through the fair.

Student Representative – Gibran Varahrami – Golf won division title with Brook Graham moving on.

Dr. Strine, Superintendent, reported on the consortium initiatives by visiting all districts as a group. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, he gave Representative Ecker a tour of the buildings. Jenn Fissler, from Messiah College, met with Dr. Strine regarding student teachers.

Melanie Shaver-Durham, Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Federal Programs, reported that Janet Hale will be in the district for curriculum mapping work. She also reviewed the October 10 and October 11<sup>th</sup> professional development activities for staff.

Nicole Weber, Director of Business and Operations, reported on the completion of the SHARRS report for nursing services, submission of PDE reports for reimbursement information on bond payments, meeting monthly with business office staff, review banking services, partnering opportunities with UPMC, and collaborating with PASBO for mentoring services for new accounting and HR specialists.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

See attached presentation – Melanie Shaver-Durham, Director of Curriculum/Instruction

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**TOPIC DISCUSSION**

-Presentation by Mr. David Jones, Stock & Leader, regarding ESCO.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the agenda of Monday, October 7, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacIvor, that the Board approves the following items in a block motion:

**Yellow Breeches Educational Center - Trails Agreement**

The Board approved the agreement between South Middleton School District and the Yellow Breeches Educational Center.

**Personnel - Resignation - Classified - Computer Technician**

The Board accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement, from William Stahl, Computer Technician, effective at end of day, October 23, 2019.

**Personnel - Resignations - Athletics - Extra Duty**

The Board accepted the resignations from the following extra duty, athletic coaches, effective immediately:

- Trent Bond - Assist. Varsity Baseball Coach
- Dennis Nickel - JV Head Baseball Coach
- Jeremy Barner - JV Assist. Baseball Coach

**Personnel - Employment - Classified**

The Board approved the employment of the following classified personnel:

Name: Rebecca J. Kramer  
Position: Building Nurse - BSHS  
Salary: \$19.00/hr, 7 hrs/day, 182 days/yr.  
Starting Date: 10/21/19

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**PLANNING/DISCUSSION: Regular Board Meeting – 10/21/19**

The Board reviewed the following tentative items for the October 21, 2019, board meeting:

**Textbooks for Disposal**

- Business/Computer Science Textbooks
- English Department Textbooks
- Books - Library

TRANE - ESCO Services (Remove from Table)

**Personnel - Employment**

- Supervisor of Special Education (Administrative)
- Business/Computer Education Teacher (professional)
- Health Aide (classified)
- Crossing Guard (classified)

PAYS Survey will also be included.

**CITIZENS PARTICIATION**

Mark Maurer commented on the employment of nursing staff. Certified nurses are covered under the SMEA agreement. Union is requesting to include non-certified nurses in the bargaining unit.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cumberland-Perry AVTS – Mr. Berk**

Mr. Berk reported that the Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech is beginning to work on the budget.

**Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 – Mr. Berk**

Land purchased at the CAIU.

**PSBA Legislative Representative – Mr. Still**

-Reviewed safe schools, charter reform and pension

**South Middleton Township – Mr. Berk**

-Approved a total of 98 homes in that few meetings. May want to consider an enrollment study.

**South Middleton Park & Recreation – Mr. Greenbaum**

Parcel of land the Township currently owns is not needed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

-Enrollment Report

-Board Meeting Calendar

**Directors' Discussion**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Adjourned: 10:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nicole Weber  
Board Secretary