

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2021**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on June 21, 2021. The South Middleton Board of School Directors met in District Office Board Room. Mrs. Knouse 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. John Greenbaum  
Mr. William Hartman  
Mrs. Stacey Knavel  
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse  
Mrs. Denise MacIvor- Absent

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz  
Mrs. Edith Rob  
Mrs. Bethanne Sellers  
Mr. Jonathan Still

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Matthew Strine, Superintendent  
Mrs. Nicole Weber, Directors of Business/Operations  
Mrs. Melanie Shaver-Durham, Director of Curriculum/Instruction  
Mr. Alex Smith, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Joel Hain, Principal – Boiling Springs High School  
Mr. David Boley, Principal- W.G. Rice Elementary School  
Mrs. Trisha Reed, Principal- Iron Forge Elementary School  
Mrs. Jessica White, Supervisor of Special Education

**Student Representatives**

Ajla Salkic – Absent

**Visitors**

See attached

**Board Secretary**

Cristeen Beck

**Solicitor**

Gareth Pahowka- Absent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to approve the agenda of June 21, 2021, with all correction as indicated.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Still, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting: 06/07/21 – Planning/Regular Board Meeting.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – None**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) - None**

Julie White 307 Forge Road Rear Boiling Springs

Question about South Middleton School District ESSERs funds. Mrs. Knouse noted that this information has been discussed in past meetings and the district is receiving those funds.

Ms. White inquired about how staff and teachers will follow mission statement. Noted that some teachers wore Black Lives Matter t-shirts to school during last week. Mrs. Knouse responded that Dr. Strine can follow up with that question.

Ms. White asked for all class syllabuses to be posted publicly, specified English class. Mrs. Knouse encouraged Ms. White to speak with the teacher.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/STUDENT REPORTS - None**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - None**

**DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS –**

Mrs. Nicole Weber- Director of Business & Operations, shared update on new district copiers and that staff have started training on the new devices. Asked Board for any additional questions on budget for approval this evening.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES REPORTS –**

Elementary Report – Mrs. Reed & Mr. Boley- Mrs. Reed shared recap of past few weeks at IFES - PSSAs, Book Fair, and PTO May Fair. Held modified Field Day for students. 5<sup>th</sup> graders had visit from Mr. Barrick and Dr. White and went to visit YBMS on a Friday.

Mr. Boley reported on end of school year at Rice. Recognized staff for their hard work this year. Bubbling Over Day for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Summer Reading Academy and incoming Kindergartener Academy will be held this summer.

Mr. Greenbaum inquired about classroom numbers in elementary schools for next year.

Mr. Boley responded that its 20 or below at the elementary level.

Mrs. Rob and Mrs. Knavel recognized their work this year.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT-** Dr. Strine- Superintendent, shared report on Administrative Retreat Days held in District Office Board Room. Requested the Board to send him 5 things that Board members want administrative team to accomplish this year.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Still recognized Mrs. Weber for her efforts on providing comparative and clear budget reports. Inquired about federal budget amounts.

Mrs. Weber responded those figures may change in the future.

## **Financial Reports**

10.1 That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 61490 to 61532 in the amount of \$474,766.15 as represented in the attached summary.

10.2 That the Board approves payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 16727 to 16735 in the amount of \$4,905.73, as represented in the attached summary.

10.3 That the Board approves payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks 22488 to 22502 in the amount of \$5,916.14 as represented in the attached summary.

10.4 That the Board approves payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by check 7248 to 7288 in the amount of \$1,356.50, as represented in the attached summary.

10.5 No checks disbursed from Capital Reserve Fund bills during this time period.

10.6 That the Board approves payment of Construction Fund bills represented by check 1292 in the amount of \$819.07, as represented in the attached summary.

10.7 That the Board approves payment of Trust Fund bills represented by checks 9 to 13 in the amount of \$3,750.00, as represented in the attached summary.

10.8 That the Board approves payment of Visa represented by transaction Visa1 to Visa63 in the amount of \$13,392.89 as represented in the attached summary.

10.9 That the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for May 2021.

**Mutual Settlement and Release of All Claims**

That the Board approves the attached settlement agreement.

**CAIU WAN Agreement**

That the Board approves the CAIU WAN Agreement for internet services.

**2021-2022 Solicitor Agreement**

That the Board approves the 2021-2022 Stock & Leader Solicitor Agreement.

**2021-2022 River Rock Contract**

That the Board approves the 2021-2022 River Rock Contract.

**Textbook Disposal**

That the Board approves the following textbooks for disposal, in keeping with Board policy #711.

- YBMS Family & Consumer Science- "Young Living", copyright 2000 - 40 copies
- BSHS Family & Consumer Science - "Food for Today", copyright 1997 - 24 copies
- World Language - "Tresors du temps", copyright 1997 - 6 copies
- World Language- "Tresors du temps", copyright 2005 - 20 copies

**Appointment of Student Representative**

That the Board approves the appointment of Jacob Sokolofsky, as Student Representative to the Board for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

**Approval of Textbooks**

That the Board approves the following math textbooks:

- enVision 6-8 Math Textbook (quote attached)
- enVision Algebra Textbook (quote attached)
- K-5 Tier 3 Math Resource (quote attached)

**K-5 ELA Curriculum Maps**

That the Board approves the following K-5 ELA Curriculum Maps:

<https://smsd-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Browse/View/Calendars>

**The motion passed unanimously**

**Itemized Agenda:**

**Adoption of the Final Budget for 2021-2022**

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby adopts the annual budget,

transfers and designations of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, as more fully set forth in PDE Form 2028 which is presented at this meeting:

Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$40,323,396 for the school fiscal year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and more particularly and fully detailed in the annual budget as foresaid; and Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 11.4294 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$1.14292 per \$100 of assessed value) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of "The Public School Code of 1949," as amended for the school fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act," as amended (1) Realty Transfer Tax – ½%; (2) Earned Income Tax – 1.1%; and (3) Local Services Tax - \$5.00.

That said proposed taxes as levied and continued to be levied shall provide revenue for the proposed expenditures authorized above.

Further, that said Board of School Directors approves the attached resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in accordance with Act 1 of Special Session of 2006.

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to approve the Adoption of the final budget.

**On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Still – Yes                      Mrs. MacIvor- Absent**

**Mr. Greenbaum – Yes              Mrs. Meikrantz- Yes**

**Mr. Hartman- Yes                  Mrs. Rob- Yes**

**Mrs. Knavel – Yes                  Mrs. Sellers- Yes**

**Mrs. Knouse-Yes**

**Yes –8, No – 0, Abstentions- 0, Absent - 1**

**Capital Reserve Transfer**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to approve the capital reserve transfer in the amount of \$600,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**The motion passed unanimously**

**Job Description- Director of Technology**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to approve the Director of Technology job description.

Mrs. Knouse noted a couple updates to job description.

**The motion passed unanimously**

**Personnel- Administrative – Employment**

Mr. Greenbaum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, to approve the following Personnel- Administrative- Employment:

- Rachel Boyle (Replacing Karl Heimbach) – Athletic Director - \$70,000

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Strine introduced Mrs. Boyle to the Board. Dr. Strine noted she can begin immediately and work with Karl Heimbach to transition.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-None**

**BOARD COMMENTS-**

Mr. Greenbaum thanked administration, teachers, students, and parents for coming together to do their best in a difficult year.

Mr. Still thanked Mrs. Knouse for her leadership.

Mrs. Knouse commented that graduation was a beautiful ceremony and reminder that the focus of being a Board member is everything is about the students.

Mrs. Knavel commented its joyful to watch students graduate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**July Board Calendar**

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, July 12, 2021- 7:00 pm

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting - Tuesday, July 27, 2021 - 6:00 pm

**Enrollment Report (attached)**

**Informational- for Approval at July 12, 2021 Meeting**

**Partnership for Career Development 2021-2022**

That the Board approves the Partnership for Career Development 2021-2022 agreement.

**Child Rearing Leave**

That the Board approves the following Child Rearing Leave:

- Anne Hoffman – Social Studies Teacher, YBMS, effective following end of FMLA for the duration of SY 21-22

Mrs. Knouse noted there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting for a Safety & Security training.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cristeen Beck  
Board Secretary

Public Attendance

Joe Cress

Dean Clepper

Rachel Boyle

Julie White

Randy Evans

Rodney Wagner