

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2022

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on February 7, 2022. The South Middleton Board of School Directors met in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Group called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Eric Berry
Mr. Terry Draper- Absent
Mr. Brad Group
Mr. William Hartman
Mr. Tony Lucido

Mrs. Robin Scherer
Mrs. Bethanne Sellers
Mrs. Shannon Snyder
Mr. Rodney Wagner

Administrative Staff

Mr. James Estep, Superintendent
Mr. Alex Smith, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Tina Darchicourt, Director of Business & Operations

Student Representatives

Ajla Salkic – Absent
Jacob Sokolofsky

Visitors

See Attached

Board Secretary

Cristeen Beck

Solicitor

Gareth Pahowka

Mr. Group announced an Executive Session on February 1 to discuss Personnel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scherer, to approve the agenda of February 7, 2022, with all correction as indicated.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

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

01/24/2022 – Regular Board Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – Mr. Estep recognized CPACTC Students of the Quarter and several middle and high school who recently participated in a TSA competition, winning several awards and will move onto the state conference.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) –None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT- None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT –

Jake Sokolofsky- Student Representative, shared update on winter sports and recent debate team competition. Several students will head to state speech and debate tournament. Reported on recent student survey about clubs and will follow up with Dr. Hain on results.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sellers to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Sellers inquired about end date of Blair Agreement.

Mr. Smith noted that March 28, 2022, is final date of agreement.

Financial Reports

That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills processed from January 25, 2022 through February 04, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills processed February 07, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of Activity Fund bills processed from January 19, 2022 through February 01, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of Athletic Fund bills processed from January 19, 2022 through February 01, 2022.

No payments were disbursed from Cafeteria Fund from January 19, 2022 through February 01, 2022.

No payments were disbursed from Construction Fund from January 19, 2022 through February 01, 2022.

No payments were disbursed from Capital Reserve from January 19, 2022 through February 01, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of Trust Fund bills processed from January 19, 2022 through February 01, 2022.

Personnel- Resignation

That the Board approves the following Personnel- Resignations:

- Kelsea Reed - 5th Grade Teacher IFES- effective March 27, 2022

Appraisal Proposal

That the Board approves the appraisal proposal.

Temporary Transportation Coordinator

That the Board approves a stipend of \$150/week for Kathy Ryan for temporary Transportation Coordinator duties.

Blair Therapies - Speech Language Agreement

That the Board approves the Blair Therapies- Speech Language Agreement, with the amended language of Section 17 to reflect the jurisdiction where the services will be performed: Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

The motion passed unanimously.

Itemized Agenda:

Cumberland Perry Career and Technical Center 2022-2023 Budget

Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board approves the Cumberland Perry Career and Technical Center 2022-2023 Budget.

Mr. Estep read an email with an update from Mr. Draper on the CPACTC.

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

Mr. Lucido-Yes	Mr. Berry-Yes
Mrs. Scherer-Yes	Mr. Draper-Absent
Mrs. Sellers-Yes	Mr. Group-Yes
Mr. Snyder-Yes	Mr. Hartman-Yes
Mr. Wagner-Yes	

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

2022-2023 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Wagner made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scherer that the Board approves the 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Estep commented that this is not the approval of the final budget but approving the options for Act 1 Exceptions. There are upcoming budget meetings to discuss further.

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

Mrs. Scherer-Yes	Mr. Draper-Absent
Mrs. Sellers-Yes	Mr. Group-Yes
Mr. Snyder-Yes	Mr. Hartman-Yes
Mr. Wagner-Yes	Mr. Lucido-Yes
Mr. Berry- Yes	

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

Revised Act 93 Agreement

Mr. Hartman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Snyder that the Board approves the revised Act 93 Agreement to include the Assistant to the Superintendent job title/salary scale.

Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Scherer commented on agreement with revisions.

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

Mrs. Sellers-Yes	Mr. Group-Yes
Mr. Snyder-Yes	Mr. Hartman-Yes
Mr. Wagner-Yes	Mr. Lucido-Yes
Mr. Berry-Yes	Mrs. Scherer-Yes
Mr. Draper-Absent	

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

Personnel- Employment- Assistant to the Superintendent (Act 93 position)

Mr. Hartman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Snyder that the Board approves the following Personnel- Employment- Assistant to the Superintendent:

- Dr. Kevin J. O'Donnell, at a salary of \$141,000/year, effective May 2, 2022

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

Mrs. Snyder-Yes	Mr. Hartman-Yes
Mr. Wagner- Yes	Mr. Lucido-Yes
Mr. Berry-Yes	Mrs. Scherer-Yes
Mr. Draper-Absent	Mrs. Sellers- Yes
Mr. Group-Yes	

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Dr. O'Donnell introduced himself and his family.

CAIU Board Appointment

Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scherer that the Board appoints Mr. Wagner to serve as the CAIU Board Representative through June 30, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel- Employment- Professional

Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board approves the following Personnel- Employment:

- Kyle Purnell - Speech Pathologist Teacher at IFES (replacing Paula Michalik) anticipated start date March 28, 2022, Master's Step 5- \$56,875
 - Education: Bachelors and Masters Degrees- Clarion University
 - Experience: Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12- 2014-Present
- Lily Wenerick- Long-Term Substitute BSHS Science Teacher (replacing Erin Pittman) 1/3/22-TBD, Bachelor's Step 1, \$266.19/day

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel- Uncompensated Leave Request

Mr. Hartman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berry that the Board approves the following Personnel- Uncompensated Leave Request:

- Rhonda Purvis - IFES Aide - May 2-4, 2022

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel- Employment- Athletics

Mr. Hartman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Snyder that the Board approves the following Personnel- Employment- Athletics:

- Joe Buletza - Substitute Assistant Athletic Trainer (as needed) \$25.00/hour

The motion passed unanimously.

Planning/Discussion- for Approval at 02/22/2022 Meeting

Harrisburg Area Community College Sponsorship Agreement

That the Board approves the Harrisburg Area Community College Sponsorship Agreement.

Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar

That the Board approves the revised 2022-2023 School Calendar.

Mr. Estep noted that the early dismissal days are rotated.

Advisory Reports

Bubbler Foundation- Mr. Group: Highlighted recent fundraising initiatives and donations to school district. Noted upcoming events.

PSBA- Mr. Berry: Shared information on House Bill 272 on charter school finance reform. Noted that report estimated that South Middleton could save couple hundred thousand dollars with reform.

South Middleton Township- Mr. Wagner: Will attend meeting on Thursday night. Mr. Group noted that he and Mrs. Scherer are meeting with township manager on Friday to discuss equipment support between district and township.

South Middleton Parks & Rec- Mr. Lucido: Will have report in near future.

Committee Reports

Athletics & Student Activities Committee- Mr. Hartman: Met on Monday, January 31- Principals provided updates on building activities and received highlights from winter sports teams. Mrs. Boyle attended and shared update on athletes and academic eligibility.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Mrs. Sellers welcomed new staff.

Mr. Wagner commented that he met with Torren Eckert – State Representative regarding redistricting and learned that the district will be split in half.

Mr. Hartman congratulated Mr. Yinger and students who participated in band program this past weekend. Noted upcoming Wizard of Oz musical.

Mrs. Scherer commented on impressive concert.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-

Gene Yanity – 17 Sheely Lane

Commented with concerns about stadium and continued closure to public. Inquired about baseball batting cage.

Mr. Berry inquired about stadium closure.

Mr. Group responded that previous track and turf were degrading, and it was deemed a safety risk. Facilities Committee could revisit and bring to board to reopen.

Mr. Estep and Mr. Pahowka suggested contacting insurer as well.

Mr. Hartman commented on safety issue with batting cage. Commented on ideas previously discussed for track usage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

Board Calendar – February 2022

Curriculum Committee Meeting- Monday, February 14, 2022- 6:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting- Tuesday, February 22, 2022- 7:00 pm

Safety & Security Committee Meeting- Monday, February 28, 2022- 5:30 pm

Budget Committee Meeting- Monday, February 28, 2022- 6:30 pm

Enrollment Report

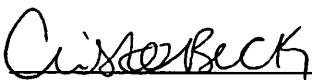
Mr. Estep commented on Mrs. Beck sending out invite to Citizen's Advisory Committee about meeting on March 10.

Mr. Estep announced Board Retreat/Training with PSBA on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Sellers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Snyder, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cristeen Beck
Board Secretary

Public Attendance

Letty McDonough

Kevin O'Donnell

Stephanie O'Donnell

Gene Yanity

Anna Foster

Julie White