

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2022

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on March 21, 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 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Eric Berry
Mr. Terry Draper
Mr. Brad Group
Mr. William Hartman
Mr. Anthony Lucido

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

Administrative Staff

Mr. James Estep, Superintendent
Mrs. Tina Darchicourt, Director of Business & Operations
Mrs. Trisha Reed, Principal- IFES
Mr. Alex Smith, Director of Student Services

Student Representatives

Ajla Salkic – Absent
Jake Sokolofsky

Visitors

See attached

Board Secretary

Cristeen Beck

Solicitor

Gareth Pahowka- Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scherer, to approve the agenda of March 21, 2022, with all correction as indicated.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting:
03/07/2022 – Planning/Regular Board Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – Mr. Estep recognized Kyle Weary, Elizabeth Angelozzi, Elizabeth Anderson, and Rachel Chronister for their hard work and the great musical production.

Mr. Wagner thanked the advisors for their work.

Mr. Group noted his appreciation for their work.

Mr. Estep highlighted two students who are receiving National Honor Society Scholarships- Joshua Hiles and Callie Asper.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) –

Gene Yanity – 17 Sheely Lane

Commented on Generation Genius videos and noted their science and math lessons to reinforce knowledge.

Letty McDonough- 1636 Leidigh Drive

Commented that she is still opposed to Generation Genius due to concerns with CRT. Thanked Board for their time.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- None

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS – Mrs. Tina Darchicourt reported on musical department request for purchase of trailer for \$8,000.00. Inquired to Board if retroactive purchase can be approved.

Mr. Estep agreed with the purchase and explained process and confirmed it will become district property.

Mr. Berry inquired about purpose.

Mr. Estep responded it will be used to transport instruments and used for storage in off season.

Mr. Berry inquired about cost for insurance.

Mrs. Darchicourt confirmed that the budget will cover insurance fees.

Board consensus was to purchase and bring forward to April 2022 meeting for retroactive approval.

IFES Report – Mrs. Trisha Reed presented on IFES and current events.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT– Mr. Group announced an Executive session to be held immediately after the meeting to discuss Real Estate and Personnel.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT –

Jake Sokolofsky, Student Representative- Reported on winter sport highlights in swimming and wrestling. Spanish Honor Society held their Induction this past week. Participated in recent speech/debate tournament and noted that Mini-Thon event is coming up.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Draper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the Consent Agenda.

Financial Reports

That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills processed from March 08, 2022 through March 18, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of General Fund bills processed March 21, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of Activity Fund bills processed from March 02, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

That the Board approves payment of Athletic Fund bills processed from March 02, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

No payments were disbursed from Cafeteria Fund from March 02, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

No payments were disbursed from Construction Fund from March 02, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

No payments were disbursed from Capital Reserve from March 02, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

No Payments were disbursed from Trust Fund from March 02, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

That the Board approves Procurement Card transactions from January 26, 2022 through February 25, 2022.

That the Board approves the Treasurer’s Report from February 2022.

That the Board approves the Financial Report through February 2022.

Personnel- Stipend

That the Board approves a stipend of \$150.00/week for Lindsay Kint for payroll duties, effective March 14, 2022 - TBD.

The motion passed unanimously.

Itemized Agenda:

2022-2023 CAIU Budget

Mr. Draper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board approves the 2022-2023 CAIU Budget.

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

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

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

Curriculum Resource -Generation Genius

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman, that the Board approves the Generation Genius resource.

Mr. Lucido commented on feedback regarding materials. Noted that NSTA is currently doing social justice in the classroom seminar. Shared that Mr. Estep had shared a number of videos from the Generation Genius website for the Board to review and did not find concern with the resource. Encourages parents to address any concerns with teachers.

Mr. Wagner inquired about resource approval timeline and affecting classrooms.

Mr. Estep responded that the goal is to complete in a timely manner.

Mrs. Snyder commented it had been previously approved by the Board and committee was revisiting.

Mr. Wagner inquired about classrooms affected in those two weeks.

Mr. Estep responded that there many have been some lesson plans using video resources affected.

Mr. Berry commented on information presented in Curriculum Committee and then follow up community comment. Reviewed several videos from Generation Genius and had no concerns, only had concerns with NSTA website.

Mrs. Scherer agreed with comments and noted it was reasonable to review.

Mrs. Snyder encouraged anyone with curriculum concerns to attend Curriculum Committee meetings.

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

Mrs. Sellers-Absent

Mr. Group-Yes

Mrs. Snyder-Yes

Mr. Hartman-Yes

Mr. Wagner-Yes

Mr. Lucido-Yes

Mr. Berry-Yes

Mrs. Scherer-Yes

Mr. Draper-Yes

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

Sale of Toro Equipment

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Scherer, that the Board approves the sale of the Toro Groundmaster Equipment for \$25,000, in accordance with Board Policy #711.

The motion passed unanimously.

Conrad Siegel Agreement

Mr. Lucido made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Snyder that the Board approves the Conrad Siegel Agreement.

Note: This agreement is a renewal between the SMSD and Conrad Siegel for actuarial services regarding GASB 75. The primary objective of GASB 75 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for post-employment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. This agreement is for a two-year service effective July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2024. The cost of the service ranges from \$4,800-\$7,500 depending on level of complexity, determined based on the number of

plan and benefit designs and number of subgroups included. This fee will be billed in the first year and covers both audit June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Facilities Committee- Mrs. Scherer- Met on Monday, March 14 and discussed several new business items- equipment sale, Tremco site visit, and YBMS roof project. Reviewed 16 Forge Road project and bid process. Feasibility study- security systems, bathrooms, paving. Mr. Frey is conducting key audit. In process of ordered new dishwasher for YBMS cafeteria. Recommended Policy 707 be reviewed – administration will review with Policy Committee in future. Will be rescheduling next meeting.

Mr. Draper inquired about YBMS roof and water intrusion.
Mrs. Scherer and Mr. Estep confirmed that roof has been leaking.

Athletics & Student Activities Committee- Mr. Hartman- Held follow up meeting from January to discuss items that may have budget impact: Hudl program and increase in football package pricing, YBMS camera cost, and championship play. Also discussed opening Ecker Field to community and several questions were raised for administration to review. Mrs. Scherer highlighted Hudl program and videos for athletes. Outside programs may support.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Mrs. Snyder encouraged community members to attend committee meetings.
Mr. Draper commented on concerns with resource and noted time is important to teachers and their lesson plans and Board decisions impacts this. If parent has concern with what is being taught to reach out to teacher. Recognized Mrs. Darchicourt's budget presentations and understandable financial information.
Mr. Wagner commented on budget and looking for cost-savings.
Mr. Hartman thanked Mrs. Alichwer and Mr. Lockhart for their many years of service and congratulated them on their retirement. Highlighted GPA average of winter sports teams with overall 93%. Boiling Springs Alumni Association is hosting band event on May 14 to raise money for relief fund.
Mrs. Scherer commented on working through concerns from the community.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-

Letty McDonough- 1636 Leidigh Drive
Commented on D&I from previous administration and Dr. Sessoms. Noted that numerous "equity champions" are still employed at SMSD. Read information from

minutes from the D&I meetings from last year. Commented on teacher assignments, clothing, and clubs.

Julie White – 307 Forge Road Rear

Respect to both teachers and parents. Commented on Policy for public participation. Commented on difficulty to find curriculum on website. Has attended Curriculum Meetings and does not understand mapping. Encouraged looking into other resources. Thanked Board.

Mr. Berry commented that on upcoming Technology Committee meeting and encouraged Ms. White to email feedback for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

March/April 2022 Board Calendar

Technology Committee Meeting- Monday, March 28, 2022 - 5:30 pm

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

Planning/Regular Board Meeting- Monday, April 4, 2022- 7:00 pm

Policy Committee Meeting- Monday, April 11, 2022- 6:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting- Tuesday, April 19, 2022- 7:00 pm

Athletics & Students Activities Committee Meeting- Monday, April 25, 2022- 5:30 pm

Budget Committee Meeting- Monday, April 25, 2022- 6:30 pm

Enrollment Report

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristeen Beck
Board Secretary

Public Attendance

Elizabeth Angelozzi

Elizabeth Anderson

Letty McDonough

Terrence McDonough

Kyle Weary

Gene Yanity

John Yanity

Anna Foster

Julie White

Joy Bowman