

South Fayette School District

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the South Fayette High School Conference Center by President Denise Ford with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Denise Ford announced the Board was in Executive Session prior to the beginning of the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel.

Present: Denise Ford, Len Fornella Lena Hannah, Bill Newcomer, Chris Niemann, Tom Welch, Alan Wood

Absent: Vince Lamberti, Todd Petrillo

Others: W. Theodore Brooks, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Linda Hippert, Superintendent; Dr. Mary Ravita, Assistant Superintendent; George Safin, Director of Finance; Denice Allan, Director of Human Resources; Teacher Linda Brentin; Dave Mayarn, Cindy Hestad, Laurel Hitlan, Natalie Kuglar, Mary Ann Godwin, Zach Hannah; and Ruth Bell Superintendent's Assistant/Board Secretary

- ◆ Dan Engen and Cassandra Renninger from Eckles Architecture gave a project status report to the Board on the feasibility study. Eckles Architecture will present an update to the Board at the Monthly Regular Board Meetings.

Minutes

Newcomer seconded Welch too approve the minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting

June 19, 2007
June 26, 2007

Roll Call – All Yes

Financial Reports

Newcomer seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance George Safin, and Secondary Administration to accept the following financial reports for June 2007.

1. Earned Income (*June 2007*)
2. Middle School Activity Report
3. High School Activity Report
4. Athletic Fund Report
5. Aquatics Fund Report

Central Tax Bureau
Carol Hunsinger
Kathy Demnyan
Joe Farkas
Bridget Amato

Roll Call – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM VISITORS

Laurel Hitlan Pointview Drive, McDonald - How are the TerraNova tested used in determining which students for Transition Math? Practice SAT tests were cut from the original budget in February; have the tests been reinstated in the budget?

Dr. Hippert and Dr. Ravita responded the TerraNova assessments are a National and Local Norm assessment. This is only one of the criteria used for determining which students will be scheduled for Transition Math.

Dr. Hippert responded Mrs. Bisignani is recommending SAT be given as they do benefit the students. In the past, the District has not paid for the tests.

Superintendent's Monthly Report – Dr. Linda B. Hippert

Business Office

Informational

At the Committee Meeting on July 17, 2007, the Board was given the following information:

- Updated elementary enrollment numbers

In reviewing the current numbers, it would appear that we will have 10 sections of Kindergarten for the 2007-08 school year. The administrators continue to review enrollment numbers on weekly, sometimes daily basis.

The Board sent a request to PSBA to have the Repeal Act 1 of 2006 placed on the PSBA Legislative Platform.

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin for Board approval to renew the following insurance policies for 2007-08 as proposed by the PSBA Insurance Trust through the Gleason Agency.

- Package \$79,739
- Umbrella \$10,244
- Workers Compensation \$110,668
- School Leaders Errors and Omissions \$17,398

Sports and Student Accident Insurance – ACE American Insurance underwritten by Gleason Financial, Ltd., as follows:

- Athletic Plan AAA – Primary \$7,891.05
- Student Plan – School Time Coverage \$22.00
- Student Plan – 24-hour coverage \$88.00

Roll Call – All Yes

Personnel

For Minute purposes, the Superintendent proudly announced that tenure has been earned by the following teachers who have been employed since July 2004 and have fulfilled all requirements as set forth in Pennsylvania School Code, Title 24, PS 11-1108.

- Bethany Balta, Middle School Math
- Brooke Balta, Middle School English
- Tracy Brandtner, Elementary
- Darcy Kotts, Middle School Math
- Mark Kuglar, Jr., Elementary
- Carol Kurchena, Elementary
- Tiffany Nickolas, Elementary
- Robert Reasey, High School Mathematics
- Pat Roseto, Middle School Family Consumer Science

- Norene Sarnowski, Elementary
- Holly Will, Middle School Social Studies

Newcomer seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary Principal Denise Beverina Moore for Board approval to hire the following instructors for the Little Lions Academy. All instructors will be paid \$250 for a one week class. The program is at no cost to the district and is paid for through the \$40 registration fee.

- Gail Manko
- Ryan Wolstencroft

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to accept the following resignations:

- Michael Houck, Middle School Special Education Teacher effective July 3, 2007
- Thomas Plack, High School Special Education Teacher effective July 6, 2007
- Terry Hart, High School Business Education Teacher effective August 21, 2007
- Ann Howley, Middle School Special Education Teacher effective, July 5, 2007

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Forenlla on the recommendation of the Superintendent, High School Principal Ann Bisignani, and Middle School Principal Karen Labutta for Board approval to grant a leave for Nicole Marchinsky, High School English Teacher and for Bridget Amato, Middle School English Teacher, for the first nine weeks of the 2007-08 school year. Mrs. Marchinsky and Mrs. Amato meet all requirements for this leave and

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Fornella on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators recommend for Board approval to hire the following personnel:

- Joseph Rossi, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Master's Step 10, \$53,650, effective August 7, 2007
- Shawn McArdle, High School Social Studies Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40,500, effective August 7, 2007
- Jeremy Hall, Special Education Teacher, Master's Step 1, \$42,100 effective August 7, 2007
- Kathleen Moranelli, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40,500, effective August 7, 2007
- Eryn Stier, Elementary/Middle Music Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40,500, effective August 7, 2007
- Janelle Steigerwald, Elementary Permanent Substitute for one semester, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40,500 prorated, effective August 7, 2007
- Elizabeth Scanlon, Middle School 9-week Substitute, \$110.00 per day effective August 7, 2007
- Jennifer Mackin, Personal Care Paraeducator, probationary rate of \$10.64 per hour; after successful completion of probationary period \$13.30 per hour, effective August 7, 2007
- Jessica Goedert, Paraeducator, probationary rate of \$9.61 per hour; after successful completion of probationary period \$12.01 per hour, effective August 7, 2007

- Michael Ladick, Middle School Instructional Technology Assistant, \$18,500, effective August 7, 2007
- Kimberly Albert, Food Service Employee, probationary rate of \$7.15, after successful completion of probationary period \$8.50 per hour, effective August 21, 2007
- Steven Torre, Lifeguard and Instructor, at the rate of \$7.15 per hour for lifeguard and \$8.00 per hour for instructor
- Brian Schwab, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40,500 effective August 7, 2007
- Maureen Pedzwater, High School Transition Coordinator, salary of \$31,648 will be paid through Project 720 funds, if approved
- Erica DiPippa, Paraeducator, probationary rate of \$9.61 per hour; after successful completion of probationary period \$12.01 per hour, effective August 7, 2007

Roll Call – All Yes

Education

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of High School, Middle School and Elementary School Student-Parent Handbooks, Athletic Handbook, and Transportation Handbook.

Roll Call – All Yes

Transportation

There were no agenda items; however, Dr. Hippert informed the Board that previously the Transportation Department had cut after-school activity buses from the budget. In reviewing the numbers it was determined, at this time, they would offer 2 activity buses – Monday through Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and 1 activity bus – Monday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m. There will be no activity buses on Fridays.

Athletics

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Administrators, Athletic Director Joe Farkas, and Head Coaches recommend Board approval to hire the following coaches and to approve the compensation for coaches as listed.

Girls Basketball

- Jim Dudas, Head 7th/8th Grade Coach
- Scott Thomas, 8th Grade Coach
- Colleen Hough, 7th Grade Coach

Football

- Scott Litwinovich, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Mike Crown, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Bill Yost, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Pete Schepis, Head 7th/8th Grade I Coach
- Bob Harrah, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Coach
- Joe Timmerman, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Coach

Girls Volleyball

- Adam Foote, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Scott Sundgren, Head 7th/8th Grade Coach

Swimming

- Matt Tucker, Head Varsity Swimming Coach & Head 7th/8th Grade Swimming Coach
- Ashley Harper, Assistant Varsity Swimming Coach & Assistant 7th/8th Grade Swimming Coach
- Vickie Pisone, Assistant Varsity Swimming Coach
- Christopher Rebholz, Varsity Diving Coach

Track

- Mike Heiser, Head Track/Track Coordinator Coach
- Doug Sauers, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach and Assistant Varsity Coach for Winter/Spring Track Teams
- Joe Winans, Volunteer Varsity Coach for Winter Track and Assistant Varsity Coach for Spring Track
- Thad Powell, Volunteer Varsity Winter Track and Assistant Varsity Spring Track Coach
- David Iannetti, Volunteer Varsity Winter Track Coach and Assistant Varsity Spring Track Coach
- Jim Spicer, Volunteer Varsity Winter Track Coach and Assistant Varsity Spring Track Coach
- Barb Heiser, Volunteer Varsity Spring Track Coach

Girls Softball

- Walt Folcik, Head Varsity Coach
- Cornelious Nesbit, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Ben Hill, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Darcy Kotts, Assistant Varsity Coach

Football

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| • Dan Bradley, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$4,000 |
| • Darren Schoppe Assistant Varsity Coach | \$4,000 |
| • David Schoppe, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$4,000 |
| • Mike Crown, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$3,500 |
| • Scott Litwinovich, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$2,450 |
| • Bill Yost, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$2,200 |
| • Pete Schepis, Head 7 th /8 th Grade Coach | \$2,500 |
| • Bob Harrah, Assistant 7 th /8 th Grade Coach | \$2,000 |
| • Jim Timmerman, Assistant 7 th /8 th Grade Coach | \$2,000 |

Girls Soccer

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| • Don Maloney, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$1,200 |
| • Harry Behling, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$2,500 |
| • William Law III, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$2,500 |
| • Marci McClelland, Assistant Varsity Coach | \$3,300 |
| • Charles Roth, Head 7 th /8 th Grade Coach | \$2,800 |
| • Amber Capra, Assistant Varsity & 7 th /8 th Grade Coach | \$1,500 |
| • Rebecca Barritt, Assistant Varsity & 7 th /8 th Grade Coach | \$1,500 |

Volleyball

- Scott Sundgren, Head Coach \$5,090
- Juliana Howe, Assistant Varsity Coach \$4,100
- Adam Foote, Assistant Varsity Coach \$3,650
- Scott Sundgren, Head 7th/8th Grade Coach \$3,950

Girls Basketball

- Jim Dudas, Head 7th/8th Grade Coach \$2,000
- Scott Thomas, 8th Grade Coach \$2,200
- Colleen Hough, 7th Grade Coach \$1,750

Head Boys Soccer

- Jim Steele, Assistant Varsity Coach \$3,500
- Derek MacKenzie, Assistant Varsity Coach \$3,250
- Tim Tracy, Assistant Varsity Coach \$2,800
- Garrett MacKenzie, Head 7th/8th Grade Coach \$3,250
- Adam Blandino, Assistant Varsity & 7th/8th Grade Coach \$2,500

Track

- Mike Heiser, Head Track/Track Coordinator Coach \$6,430
- Doug Sauers, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach \$3,105
- Joe Winans, Head 7th/8th Grade Cross Country Coach \$1,500

Golf

- Joe Cochran, Head Varsity Coach \$3,425
- Kent Nicholas, Assistant Varsity Coach \$1,710

Swimming

- Matt Tucker, Head Coach \$6,430

Girls Softball

- Walt Folcik, Head Coach \$5,090

Construction

There were no items to discuss.

Miscellaneous

Niemann seconded Newcomer to appoint Mr. Welch and Mrs. Hannah as delegates to participate in the PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting to be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007, during the School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA.

Roll Call – All Yes

At the Committee Meeting on July 17, 2007, Mr. Welch volunteered to attend. Mrs. Hannah has agreed to attend also.

