

South Fayette School District

Regular Meeting **Minutes**

Tuesday, June 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:16 p.m. in the South Fayette High School Conference Center by President Denise Ford with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Denise Ford apologized for the late start; and explained the Board was in Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Present: Denise Ford, Len Fornella Lena Hannah, Vince Lamberti, Bill Newcomer, Chris Niemann, Todd Petrillo, Tom Welch

Absent: Alan Wood

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Linda Hippert, Superintendent; Dr. Mary Ravita, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Nanci Sullivan, Director of Pupil Personnel; George Safin, Director of Finance; Denice Allan, Director of Human Resources; Shelly Belcher, Public Relations; Teacher Julia Martin; Dave Mayarn, John DeLuca, Kathleen DeLuca, Shannon DeLuca, Michael DeLuca, Ashley Rosati, Cindy Hestead, Andrea Iglar, Joe Lysaght, Jeff Smith, Michelle Stanek; and Ruth Bell Superintendent's Assistant/Board Secretary

The Board recognized student Shannon DeLuca for a poem she wrote entitled *The Beginnings Meets the End*. Shannon's poem will be on display at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C.

Minutes

Petrillo seconded Welch to approve the minutes from the following Board meetings:

Committee Meeting	May 15, 2007
Regular Meeting	May 22, 2007

Roll Call – All Yes

Financial Reports

Newcomer seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin to accept the following Earned Income report:

1. Earned Income (<i>May 2007</i>)	Central Tax Bureau
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Roll Call – All Yes

Welch seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance George Safin, and Secondary Administration to accept the following financial reports for May 2007.

1. Athletic Fund Report	Joe Farkas
2. Middle School Activity Report	Carol Hunsinger
3. High School Activity Report	Kathy Demnyan
4. Aquatics Fund Report	Bridget Amato

Roll Call – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM VISITORS

Michelle Stanek Kingsbrook Drive – questioned why the 4th grade teacher was cut and why the 4th grade were going to be in the portables.

President Denise Ford answered the decision is still pending on the 4th grade teacher and this position remains in the budget.

Dr. Hippert commented that as of today there would be 22-23 students in a class and this is an acceptable class size for the portables.

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

Business Office

Newcomer seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin for Board approval of the 2007-08 School District Budget in the amount of \$29,631,756. This Budget reflects a 1.95 millage increase and has been available for review in the Central Administration Building and School District website since June 5, 2007.

Additional Information provided to the Board included

- ◆ Updated budget running total as of June 19, 2007
- ◆ Cost of cleaning and reconditioning of uniforms/equipment, actual 2006-07 and budgeted 2006-07 and 2007-08
- ◆ Recommendation for contributions from Cafeteria and Aquatics to the General Fund for utilities and custodial services

Roll Call – Yes – Welch, Hannah, Fornella, Petrillo,
Newcomer, Ford
No – Niemann, Lamberti

Motion carried.

Petrillo seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance for Board approval of the following 2007-08 tuition rates for non-resident students. This amount is determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with the requirements of Section 2561 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Grades 7 through 12	\$9,243.54
Grades K through 6	\$8,126.25
Kindergarten (1/2 Elementary)	\$4,063.13

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin for Board approval to award bids for general supplies as per the list provided to the Board.

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin for the Board to adopt a Cyber Charter School resolution.

Roll Call – All Yes

Niemann seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin to send a letter to PSBA requesting the District's desire to repeal Act 1 of 2006. PSBA is accepting new proposals and recommendations for the 2008 Legislative Platform through July 13, 2007.

Roll Call – Yes – Niemann, Welch, Hannah, Fornella,
Petrillo, Newcomer, Ford
Abstain – Lamberti

The Board discussed adopting a resolution for House Bill 258. House Bill 258 is a bill that would require all school districts in Pennsylvania to start after Labor Day. On June 25, 2007, the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee approved the Labor Day Bill. The Board asked this item to be placed on a future agenda when additional information was available.

Hannah seconded Niemann on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin to revise the LERTA District resolution to coordinate with changes made by the township to the LERTA District.

Roll Call – Yes – Niemann, Lamberti, Hannah, Fornella,
Petrillo, Newcomer
No – Welch, Ford

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance George Safin, and Director of Technology Bryan O'Black for Board approval to have ComDoc provide copy center services for the District. At a monthly rental cost of \$8,497.97 and per copy service cost of the following:

Bands 1 & 3 includes all District machines except Bands 2 & 4:	\$.0046
Band 2 includes Maintenance, Transportation, and Pupil Personnel:	\$.0083
Band 4 includes District Copy Center	\$.0033

Roll Call – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Newcomer on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the 2007-08 salaries for support staff.

Roll Call – Yes – Niemann, Hannah, Fornella, Petrillo,
Newcomer, Ford
Abstain – Lamberti

Hannah seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the 2007-08 salaries for the administrators.

Roll Call – Yes – Niemann, Lamberti, Welch, Hannah,
Fornella, Petrillo, Ford
No – Newcomer

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the 2007-08 substitute pay rates as per information provided to the Board.

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent, on the advice of counsel, for the Board to approve the administration adjusting all compensation arrangements with District employees be adjusted to be compliant with the mandated changes to the minimum wage law. It is also recommended for a memo of understanding with the union identifying those positions where compensation otherwise provided will be adjusted to accommodate the change in the minimum wage. The minimum wage increase is effective July 1, 2007.

Roll Call – All Yes

Personnel

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

- Peter Speakman, Middle School Technology Assistant effective June 30, 2007

Roll Call – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Newcomer on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for the Board to approve hiring the following personnel for the 2007-08 school year:

- Megan Then, High School Social Studies, Master's Step 1, \$42, 100
- Karie VanWie, Middle School Reading Specialist, Master's Step 2, \$43,525
- Scott Litwinovich, Middle School Science, Grade 7, Bachelor's Step 4, \$45,350
- Adrianna Gilkey, Elementary, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40, 500
- Marie DeAngelis, Elementary, one year permanent substitute, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40, 500
- Thomas Fraser, High School English, Master's Step 1, \$42,100
- Daniel Bal, High School English, Master's Step 2, \$43,525

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Niemann on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for the Board to approve hiring the following personnel for the 2007-08 school year:

- Gina Mondì, Elementary, Bachelor's Step 1, \$40, 500

Roll Call – Yes – Niemann, Welch, Hannah, Petrillo,
Newcomer, Ford
No – Fornella, Lamberti

Welch seconded Newcomer on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Denise Beverina Moore for the Board to approve a leave for Anne Liberatore, Elementary School teacher, for the first semester of the 2007-08 school year beginning August 27, 2007. Mrs. Liberatore meets all requirements for this leave.

Roll Call – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Ravita for Board approval to have Blair Stoehr from the University of Pittsburgh intern with Dr. Ravita and High School Principal Mrs. Ann Bisignani. This would be at no cost to the District.

Roll Call – All Yes

Education

Petrillo seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Ravita for the Board to approve the disposition of obsolete books as per Board Policy 706.1.

Roll Call – All Yes

Transportation

There were no items to discuss.

Athletics

Informational

At the Committee Meeting on June 19, 2007, Dr. Hippert informed the Board the WPIAL has denied the District's request to permit South Fayette wrestlers to continue to wrestle at Chartiers Valley. The Board directed Dr. Hippert and Athletic Director Joe Farkas to appeal this determination to the PIAA.

Hannah seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Board to make a monetary contribution to the Hockey Club in the amounts of \$1,000 for a freshmen team, \$1,500 for a Junior Varsity team, and \$2,000 for a Varsity team.

Roll Call – Yes – Lamberti, Welch, Hannah, Fornella, Ford
No – Niemann, Newcomer

Hannah seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Joe Farkas for the Board to accept the following resignations:

- Karla Schooley Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
- Kristen Lang Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach
- Michael Houck Head Varsity Baseball Coach
- Nicholas White 7th/8th Grade Head Boys Soccer Coach

Roll Call – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Administrators, Director of Athletics Joe Farkas, and the Head Coaches for the Board to approve the hiring of the following personnel:

Girls Soccer

- Amber Capra Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Coach and 7th/8th Girls Coach
- Rebecca Barritt Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Coach and 7th/8th Girls Coach

Boys/Girls Cross Country

- Joe Winans 7th/8th Grade Head Boys/Girls Coach

Boys Soccer

- James M. Steele Assistant Boys Varsity Coach
 - Adam Blandino 7th/8th Grade Assistant Coach
 - Garrett MacKenzie* 7th/8th Grade Head Coach
- *Garrett was approved at last month's meeting as Assistant Boys Varsity Soccer Coach. He will also be the 7th/8th Grade Head Boys Soccer Coach.*

Cheerleading

- Danielle Gold 2nd Assistant Coach
- Shannon Coyle Varsity Chaperone
- Tania Upperman Junior Varsity Chaperone
- Brittany Morgan Taylor Middle School Chaperone
- Carol Hunsinger All-Purpose Chaperone

Roll Call – All Yes

Construction

At the Regular Meeting on July 24, 2007, Eckles Architecture will be making a preliminary presentation on the feasibility study.

Dr. Hippert commented the recent article in the Bridgeville News had wrong information regarding the scoreboard. The article mentioned the scoreboard was purchased by the District when it was in fact donated by Daktronics. Dave Mayarn, reporter from the Bridgeville News, was in attendance and Dr. Hippert asked him to print a correction.

Miscellaneous

There were not items to discuss.

Solicitors Report – Mr. W. Theodore Brooks

Mr. Brooks was not in attendance; Mr. Fred Wolfe representing Tucker Arensberg had no report.

EXPENDITURES

Newcomer seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin to authorize payment of monthly invoices. The Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin confirm these invoices have been reviewed and attest that these expenditures represent value for the items as indicated.

Roll Call – All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee Report President Denise Ford
The Board will enter into Executive Session, prior to adjournment to discuss personnel.
- B. Legislative Committee Report Lena Hannah
Commented legislative items were discussed earlier in the agenda.

C. Parkway West
No report.

Bill Newcomer

E. Parks and Recreation

Lena Hannah

At the June meeting; use of school facilities was discussed. Denise Ford agreed to meet with Director of Facilities Gene Manzini and Athletic Director Joe Farkas to prepare a proposal to bring to the Board regarding charges to rent the school facilities.

F. Revenue Generating Committee

Bill Newcomer

Matt Cochran will present the individual initiatives at the July 17, 2007, committee meeting.

Petrillo seconded Welch for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss personnel. Mrs. Ford announced the Board would not adjourn as they may exit Executive Session to vote on personnel.

Roll Call – All Yes

Mr. Niemann left prior to the Executive Session. Mr. Wood arrived during Executive Session.

Fornella seconded Welch to return from Executive Session at 9:02 p.m.

Roll Call – All Yes

Hannah seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators to hire Nazish Habib, High School Physics, National Teacher's Certification at \$56, 500.

Roll Call – Yes- Welch, Hannah, Fornella, Petrillo, Ford
No – Lamberti, Newcomer, Wood

Fornella seconded Welch to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Motion carried.

Denise W. Ford, Board President

Ruth Bell, Board Secretary