

# South Fayette School District

Committee Meeting of the Whole

## *Minutes*

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

7:00 p.m.

The Committee Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:19 p.m. in the South Fayette High School Conference Center by Vice President Chris Niemann with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Chris Niemann announced the Board will meet in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**Present:** Len Forenlla, Lena Hannah, Frank Morelli, Chris Niemann, Todd Petrillo, and Alan Wood

**Absent:** Teresa Burroughs, Bill Newcomer, and Jeff Smith

**Others:** Dr. Linda B. Hippert, Superintendent; Dr. Mary Ravita, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Nanci Sullivan, Director of Pupil Personnel; George Safin, Director of Finance; Donna Harshman, Director of Transportation; Teacher Deborah Kuntz, Lisa Carney, Natalie Kugler, Gina Duncan, and Ruth Bell Superintendent's Assistant/Board Secretary

## **MINUTES**

The Board considered approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Special Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Committee Meeting of the Board	Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 27, 2008

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Condensed Expenditure Summary Report as of May 31, 2008, was provided to the Board.

The Financial Reports for May 2008, were enclosed for Board review and will be included on the Agenda for approval at the Regular Meeting.

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

## **BUSINESS OFFICE**

1. The Board discussed the 2008-09 budget. The Budget will be placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda on June 24, 2008, for final approval. The budget has been available for review in the Central Administration Building. The Board asked Director of Finance George Safin to provide options for next week's meeting to reflect the budget with a .74 millage increase, 1.0 millage increase, and 1.18 millage increase. The Board asked what the cost of new and/or used trailers would be to the District.

2. The Board considered for approval the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance George Safin for payment of the interim delinquent tax collector fee in the amount of \$643.20 for 2006 delinquent taxes; penalty payment extends from May 21, 2008 through June 10, 2008; \$1,262.44 for 2007 delinquent taxes; penalty payment extends from May 15, 2008 through June 10, 2008.
3. The Board considered for approval the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance George Safin, and Tax Collector Kevin Biber of the provided list of Real Estate Refunds due to reduction in assessment and/or overpayment.
4. The Board considered approval to adopt a revised Resolution for the 2008-09 school year permitting taxpayers to pay their real estate taxes in three (3) installments.
5. The Board considered approval to award bids for general and custodial supplies.
6. The Board considered approval to award bids for busses to lease/purchase. Director of Transportation Donna Harshman provided rationale to the Board regarding the request.

## **PERSONNEL**

1. Hiring, resignations, and all changes regarding personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.

## **EDUCATION**

1. The Board considered approval the recommendation of High School Principal Ann Bisignani to permit students for the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade American Cultures Classes to travel to Washington D. C., April 17-19, 2009. Mr. Fornella asked for assurance from the administration that an appropriate number of chaperons will be provided for the trip.
2. The Board considered the recommendation of The Superintendent and The Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Ravita to purchase the following budgeted textbooks:

### **Middle School Microsoft Word – Grade 8**

C. Jacqueline Schultz and others. *I Check Express Word 2007*. Woodland Hills, California: McGraw Hill – Glencoe. 2009.

### **High School Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel**

S. Scott Zimmerman and Others. *Microsoft Word 2007 New Perspectives – Comprehensive Series*. Boston, Massachusetts. Thompson Learning. 2008.

Beverly Zimmerman and Scott Zimmerman. *Microsoft PowerPoint New Perspectives – Comprehensive Series*. Boston, Massachusetts. Thompson Learning. 2008.

June Jamrich Parsons and Others. *Microsoft Excel 2007 – New Perspectives – Comprehensive Series*. Boston, Massachusetts. Thompson Learning. 2008

**TRANSPORTATION**

There were no items to discuss.

**ATHLETICS**

- 1. Coaching personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.

**CONSTRUCTION**

There were no items to discuss.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

There were no items to discuss.

**EXPENDITURES**

Submitted for Board review to be approved at the Regular Board Meeting.

***SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM VISITORS***

The Board will hear comments from visitors. The time limit of comments will not exceed three (3) minutes and must relate to items on the Agenda. The Board will not respond to questions during this session, but will only hear public comment. (As per revised Policy 006 – Meetings” adopted May 23, 2006)

Gina Duncan – Saddlewood Drive – Last week there were a handful of people in attendance at the construction meeting so only a few people have the background to answer a question about construction if it were to be placed on the ballot. Don’t feel that trailers are the answer as all of the students don’t fit into the gym which causes congestion in the hallways, and things bottleneck.

Lisa Carney – Greenwood Drive – Not opposed to trailers, they would not be long term.

Natalie Kugler – Meadow Drive – why not buy trailers and wait a little while. Parents of elementary and middle school students don’t attend the board meeting as they feel their children will be retaliated against. There is bullying going on in the schools and feel their children will be picked on.

Petrillo seconded Fornella to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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William Newcomer, Board President

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Ruth Bell, Board Secretary