



South Fayette Township School District

Committee Meeting of the Whole

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
7:30 PM

REVISED AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Len Fornella

- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists – Dr. Smith, Mr. Butts
 - ✓ Rishika Somireddy
 - ✓ Varun J. Shiralkar
 - ✓ Preetam S. Jukalkar
- ◆ Informational – 2024-2025 Index and Budget Timeline – Brian Tony

AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board approval of the October 17, 2023, **revised** Committee Meeting agenda. **The following new motion was received and added today:**

- **The Superintendent and Director of Technology recommend Board approval of the leave of absence request for the Help Desk Manager, effective on or about November 21, 2023.**
- **The Superintendent and High School Principals recommend Board approval of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence request for a Paraeducator in the High School with an effective date to be determined.**
- **The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of two students at Duquesne University, to complete 30 hours of field experience with an English teacher in the High School, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.**
- **The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board approval of the Stipulated Adjudication Agreement pertaining to a student. (needs Board action taken on October 17)**

- I. **CONSENT AGENDA (*data in lilac*)** (*includes common items, such as but not limited to: Minutes, Financial Reports, Tax Refunds, Gift/Donations, Expenditures*)

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting	September 19, 2023
Regular Meeting	September 26, 2023

2. Consider approval of the following Financial Reports which have been reviewed by the Superintendent and Secondary Administration:

Athletic Fund
High School Activity Fund
Middle School Activity Fund
Tax Collector Reports
(July 2022 – June 2023)

Mark Keener
Sharon Aprea
Sharon Aprea
Kevin Biber

3. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Tax Collector Kevin Biber for Board approval of the provided list of Real Estate Refunds due to reduction in assessment and/or overpayment.
4. Expenditures were submitted for Board review to be approved at the Regular Board Meeting. *(information provided)*

Superintendent's Monthly Report provided by Dr. Kristin Deichler, Assistant Superintendent

II. BUSINESS OFFICE *(data in blue)*

1. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Maintenance Manager Athan Tsourekis recommend Board approval of the quote from Arbon Equipment Corporation for the replacement of the loading dock levelers at both the High School and Middle School. The total cost of \$21,662.00 includes the remediation work to the masonry structure at the Middle School. The costs will be funded by the maintenance contingency budget. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
2. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to authorize budget transfers as necessary beginning retroactive to October 1, 2023. If any transfers are necessary after the fiscal year end, appropriate detail will be supplied to the Board for ratification.

III. PERSONNEL *(data in pink)*

1. The Superintendent, Director of Finance/HR, and Facilities Director recommend Board approval to hire a Custodial Shift Manager, effective pending receipt of required documents and reference checks, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
2. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to hire a Classroom Paraeducator in the Intermediate School, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. This position is due to a retirement. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
3. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the resignation of a Food Service employee in the High School effective retroactive to October 13, 2023. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
4. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to hire (call as needed) substitute teachers and support personnel, pending receipt of required documents, for the 2023-2024 school year. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**

5. The Superintendent and High School Assistant Principal recommend Board approval to hire a High School Building Substitute teacher effective retroactive to October 4, 2023. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
6. The Superintendent, Athletic Director, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach recommend Board approval of the following, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2023-2024 season: **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
 - Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - Volunteer Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach
7. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of following EPRs effective for the 2023-2024 school year:

Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – Middle School Best Buddies, 23-24 school year
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – High School Science Bowl, 23-24 school year
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – High School Student Government, 23-24 school year
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – High School Spanish Club, 23-24 school year
Substitute Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – High School Drama Club, 23-24 school year
Substitute Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – High School Art Club, 23-24 school year
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – Intermediate School Lion Hearts, 23-24 school year
High School Musical Sound Manager
High School Musical Costume Design Manager
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – Middle School Drama Club, 23-24 school year
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – Middle School Chorus, 23-24 school year
Extra-curricular Personal Care Paraeducator – Middle School Musical, 23-24 school year

8. The Superintendent and Middle School Principals recommend Board approval of the intermittent leave of absence request for a Grade 7 ELA teacher in the Middle School with an effective date to be determined.
9. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of a student at Point Park University, to complete student teaching, pending receipt of required documents, with a Grade 1 teacher in the Elementary School, from January 9, 2024 through February 28, 2024 and with a Special Education teacher in the High School from February 29, 2024 through April 19, 2024. There will be no cost to the District.
10. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of a student at Duquesne University, to complete 30 hours of field experience, pending receipt of required documents, with a Social Studies teacher in the High School. There will be no cost to the District.

11. The Superintendent and Director of Transportation recommend Board approval to hire a school bus driver, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
12. The Superintendent, Athletic Director, and Head Girls Volleyball Coach recommend Board approval of the resignation of a Volunteer Assistant Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach and as an Assistant 7th/8th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach, effective retroactive to October 5, 2023.
13. The Superintendent, Athletic Director, Head Varsity Baseball Coach recommend Board approval of an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2023-2024 season.
14. **The Superintendent and Director of Technology recommend Board approval of the leave of absence request for the Help Desk Manager, effective on or about November 21, 2023.**
15. **The Superintendent and High School Principals recommend Board approval of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence request for a Paraeducator in the High School with an effective date to be determined.**
16. **The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of two students at Duquesne University, to complete 30 hours of field experience with an English teacher in the High School, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.**

IV. EDUCATION (*data in white*)

1. The Superintendent recommends Board approval for Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist and teachers Jessica Slencak, **and Katie Caprio** to attend the AASA Learning 2025 Site Visit Cajon Valley Unified in San Diego, California, to learn about their implementation of the World of Work, from Wednesday, November 15, 2023 through Friday, November 17, 2023. The costs include travel, lodging, and meals will be funded by the AASA Learning 2025 grant with any additional funds from the 2023-2024 budget. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
2. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval to conduct the Extended School Year (ESY) program in the summer of 2024. The program will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning July 1, 2024, through July 25, 2024. The District will be closed July 4, 2024. The cost of the program will be included in the 2024-2025 budget.
3. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the following trial clubs effective for the 2023-2024 school year: (*information provided*)
 - Writing Club – High School
 - Esports – High School
 - Esports – Middle School
 - Girls Who Code – Middle School
 - Competitive Dance Coordinator

V. TRANSPORTATION (data in green)

1. There are no items to discuss.

VI. ATHLETICS (data in salmon)

1. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Bryan Bennett for Board approval to permit the Girls Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball teams to travel to Charleston, South Carolina to play in a girls' basketball tournament. The team will depart South Fayette tentatively on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 and tentatively return on Saturday, December 30, 2023. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District. *(information provided)*
2. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Wrestling Coach Rick Chaussard for Board approval for the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Erie, PA to compete in a wrestling tournament being held at Cathedral Prep High School. The team will depart South Fayette tentatively on Friday, December 15, 2023 and tentatively return on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District. *(information provided)*

VII. CONSTRUCTION (data in white)

1. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval for DRAW Collective to submit Requests for Proposal (RFP) for Land Survey, Phase 1 Environmental, Wetland Delineation & Preliminary Grading Analysis from the following civil engineering companies:
 - Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
 - Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS (data in yellow)

1. The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board approval of the Stipulated Adjudication Agreement pertaining to a student. **(needs Board action taken on October 17)**
2. **The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board approval of the Stipulated Adjudication Agreement pertaining to a student. (needs Board action taken on October 17)**
3. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to endorse the following as PSBA candidates: *(information provided)*
 - Allison Mathis as 2024 President-Elect (one-year term)
 - Sabrina Backer as 2024 Vice President (one-year term)
 - Karen Beck Pooley as 2024-2026 PSBA Treasurer (three-year term)
 - Marsha Pleta as 2024-2026 Western Zone Representative (three-year term)
 - Erik Meredith as 2024-2025 Section W3 Advisor (two-year term)
 - PSBA Trustees (two candidates for three-year terms)
 - Marianne Neel
 - Michael Faccinnetto

10/17/2023 2:47 PM

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

The Board will hear comments from residents and/or taxpayers. The time limit of comments will not exceed three (3) minutes. The Board will not respond to questions during this session, but will only hear public comment. (As per revised Policy 006 – “Meetings” adopted April 26, 2022)

Suspend

An Executive Session may be held to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.