



# South Fayette Township School District

## Committee Meeting of the Whole

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7:30 PM

Pride Room, Administration Building

## Agenda

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Jen Iriti

- Pledge of Allegiance

### 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 Minutes from the following Board Meeting:

Committee and Regular Meeting

July 16, 2019

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

Aquatics Fund

Sara Cremonese

Athletic Fund

Mark Keener

High School Activity Fund

Harriet Dausch

Middle School Activity Fund

Harriet Dausch

3. Expenditures were submitted for Board review to be approved at the Regular Board Meeting. (information provided)

### **Superintendent's Monthly Report – Dr. Kenneth F. Lockette**

### II. **BUSINESS OFFICE (data in blue)**

1. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz recommend Board approval to enter into an agreement with Autism Education and Research Institute under the umbrella company Family Behavioral Resources, to provide consultation for emotional and behavioral issues effective August 21, 2019, through June 12, 2020. (information provided) **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**
2. The Superintendent and Assistants to the Superintendent recommend Board approval to enter into an affiliation agreement for internship/practicum, pre-clinical, and student teaching with the Robert Morris University School of Education and Social Sciences effective for a period of five years beginning August 21, 2019. There will be no cost to the district. (information provided) **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**

3. The Superintendent and Assistants to the Superintendent recommend Board approval to enter into an affiliation agreement with Waynesburg University for the District to serve as a field experience or student teaching center effective for a period of five years beginning August 21, 2019. There will be no cost to the district. *(information provided)* **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**
4. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval of the revised agreement with Armstrong Security & Investigations, LLC to provide security services for the campus effective August 22, 2019, through July 31, 2021. This was included in the 2019-2020 budget. *(information provided)* **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**
5. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to enter into an agreement with Root & All, LLC to provide assistance in the creation of a Comprehensive Communications Plan, one of the Strategic Goals of the District's Strategic Plan, effective for the 2019-2020 school year. This was included in the 2019-2020 budget.
6. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Network Systems Administrator Rob Warfield for Board approval to purchase network switches and wireless access points for the entire District through CoStars vendor Communication Consulting, Inc. The cost will be \$167,613.00, less the E-Rate discount of \$67,045.20, for a net cost of \$100,567.80. The switches will improve wireless performance and security.
7. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Network Systems Administrator Rob Warfield for Board approval to lease/purchase the network switches and wireless access points with Laurel Capital Corporation. The terms will be for 3-years with a \$1.00 buyout at the end; annual payments in advance at the tax exempt interest rate of 3.05%. Each annual payment will be \$34,534.65. This was included in the 2019-2020 budget.

### III. PERSONNEL *(data in pink)*

1. Personnel items will be discussed in Executive Session.

### IV. EDUCATION *(data in white)*

1. The Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education, and High School Principals recommend Board approval of the changes to the High School Program of Studies effective for the 2019-2020 school year. *(information provided)* **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**
2. The Superintendent, Assistants to the Superintendent, and Administrators recommend Board approval of the changes to the Student Handbooks for the Elementary, Intermediate, Middle, and High Schools effective for the 2019-2020 school year. *(information provided)* **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**
3. The Superintendent, Assistants to the Superintendent, and Administrators recommend Board approval of the changes to the Faculty Handbooks for the Middle and High Schools effective for the 2019-2020 school year. *(information provided)* **(Needs Board action taken on August 20)**

4. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, High School Principals, and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval to change the title of the GSA Club in the High School to Gender Sexuality Alliance effective for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education, and High School Principals for Board approval of the following as online course providers for the 2019-2020 school year. The costs were included in the 2019-2020 approved budget.
  - Educere
  - Edgenuity through Seneca Valley
  - University of Missouri
  - Waterfront Learning (AIU)
6. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education for Board approval to permit Dr. Jeff Evancho, Nicole Bianco, and Joe Becker (Middle School Science teachers) to attend the Digital Promise Challenge-Based Learning workshop in Cincinnati, Ohio, from Thursday, September 12, 2019, through Saturday, September 14, 2019. This collaboration represents a second phase of work with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and curriculum development. All expenses will be paid for by Digital Promise.
7. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education, and High School Principals for Board approval to permit Tom Isaac, High School Science teacher to attend the High School Research Teachers Conference in Washington, DC from Friday, September 27, 2019, through Sunday, September 29, 2019. The conference promotes the use of science in public policy. All conference expenses will be paid for by the Society for Science and The Public. The only expense for the District will be for one substitute teacher for one day.
8. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval to conduct the Extended School Year (ESY) program in the summer of 2020. The program will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM beginning June 15, 2020, through July 16, 2020. The District will be closed on Thursday, July 2, 2020, in observance of the July 4 holiday. The cost of the program is included in the 2019-2020 budget.
9. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals for Board approval for Band Director Eryn Carranza and Choral Director Christine Elek to travel with the Music Department (band, orchestra, and choir) to New York City, New York from Thursday, April 16, 2020, through Sunday, April 19, 2020, for the annual Music Department Trip. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There would be no cost to the district.

**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 Varsity Cross Country Coach Joe Winans for Board approval to permit the Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country teams to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania from Friday, September 20, 2019, to Saturday, September 21, 2019, to compete in the PIAA Foundation Invitational. Students would be responsible for making up all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There would be no cost to the District.
2. Personnel items will be discussed in Executive Session.

## **VII. CONSTRUCTION (*data in white*)**

1. There are no items to discuss.

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS (*data in yellow*)**

1. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to endorse the following as PSBA candidates: (*information provided*)
  - Art Levinowitz as President-elect (one-year term)
  - David Hein as Vice President (one-year term)
  - Julie Preston as Central At-Large Representative (three-year term)
  - Sabrina Backer as Section 1 Advisor (two-year term)
  - Ron Cole as Section 3 Advisor (two-year term)
  - Marsha Pleta as Section 5 Advisor (two-year term)
  - Tricia Steiner as Section 7 Advisor (two-year term)
  - Kathy K. Swope as Trustee (term ends December 31, 2023)
  - Mark B. Miller as Trustee (term ends December 31, 2023)
2. Consider the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to recognize the South Fayette Band Parents as part of the Act 195 Resolution of 1990 which was revised on January 20, 1994, January 23, 2007, and March 27, 2012. The resolution permits non-profit organizations to receive a small games of chance license.

## **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 May 23, 2006)

### **Suspend**

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