



South Fayette Township School District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
7:30 PM

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:57 p.m. in the High School Studio by Vice President Bill Gray with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Gray apologized for the late start announcing the Board held an Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

Present: Esther Cardillo, Rebecca Bruce, William Gray, Len Fornella, Joe Welch, Tom Iagnemma, Prajakta Pantankar

Virtual: Jen Iriti

Absent: Teresa Burroughs

Others: Chris Voltz, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Superintendent Dr. Michelle Miller, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, Director of Finance Ryan Neely, Director of Human Resources Mike Radage, Director of Technology Rob Warfield, Board Secretary Susan Vasalani, Leslie Willetts, Amanda Evans, Carolyn Potts, Emily Potts, Rocky Violi, Shane Coyne

Dr. Miller welcomed Director of Student Support Services Dr. Kellee Oliver who will join the District on February 14, 2025.

- Dr. Oliver holds the following degrees: Doctorate, Instructional Management and Leadership, Robert Morris University; Master of Education, Educational Psychology, Edinboro University; Master of Science, Educational Specialist in School Psychology, Edinboro University; Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, with a minor in Social Work, Gannon University; and a Supervisor of Pupil Services certificate, Duquesne University
- She has experience from various school districts including Beaver Area, Hopewell Area, and Columbia County Educational Services

DRAW Facility Project Update - Daniel Engen, DRAW Collective

- Intermediate School Additions and Renovations Project: The bidding opening date has been moved to February 18, 2025, with Board discussion on February 25, 2025, due to a project at another school district that is bidding near the same date. Approximately 15 different contracting firms attended the pre-bid meeting.
- K-2 Project: Engineers are revising the geotechnical proposal now that the project has changed for that site. The site plan shows the new perimeter of the building with the driveways going around the front of the building. Where the parking lots are on the north side and the south side of the building is for busing. The busing loop is being revised slightly based on internal discussions. Engineers are working on revisions of the sketches. The building is set up similarly to the Intermediate School with the entrance from the front of the building at the middle floor to either go up or go down. The lower floor has the kindergarten classrooms and the busing area. At the middle floor, there will be the public venues, the gym, and the large group instruction facing the front of the building with administration, and the private side of the building which is the academic wing for first grade 1st grade. Upstairs includes the library and the second grade wing.

- Bus Depot: The location and size of the depot has been modified. Decisions will need made related to site access based on the preliminary analysis of traffic engineers. A geotechnical proposal will be provided for the site to determine what is in the ground and what the design parameters will be for the foundation systems. Additionally, a traffic study proposal will be developed.
- Middle School Pool Project: Contractor meetings are being held bi-weekly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Iagnemma seconded Fornella on the approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting	Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Regular Meeting	Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Reorganization and Regular Meeting	December 2, 2024
Special Meeting	December 11, 2024

And on the approval of the following Financial Reports which have been reviewed by the Superintendent and Secondary Administration:

Athletic Fund	Mark Keener
High School Activity Fund	Ryan Neely
Middle School Activity Fund	Ryan Neely
Tax Collector Report (July-October 2024)	Kevin Biber
Board Summary Report (December 2024)	Ryan Neely

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval of the decision on the Application for LERTA Tax Abatement submitted by Piazza Properties, LLC, for construction or reconstruction of the improvements at Block/Lot 256-R-3, subject to the parties executing the tax appeal stipulation attached to the decision and resulting in a reduction in the assessed value of the improvements as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Percent Exemption</u>	<u>Amount of Exemption</u>
1st Tax Year (2024-2025)	80%	\$ 5,856,000.00
2nd Tax Year (2025-2026)	60%	\$ 4,392,000.00
3rd Tax Year (2026-2027)	40%	\$ 2,928,000.00
4th Tax Year (2027-2028)	20%	\$ 1,464,000.00
5th Tax Year (2028-2029)	10%	\$ 732,000.00

And on the authorization for payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of \$1,391,257.73 beginning with check number 79143 through check number 79463 and the Construction Fund for the amount of \$124,591.67 beginning with check number 81200054 through check number 81200060, and the Cafeteria Fund for \$83, 136.44 beginning with check number 8809 through check number 8841.

Voice Vote - All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

No comments were received.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Superintendent's Monthly Report – Dr. Michelle Miller

Dr. Miller recognized the nine members of the School Board of Directors who volunteer their time and expertise to make complex decisions to guide public education and provide an educational environment where every student can find a path to success. As a thank you for their services, Dr. Miller presented gifts to the Board which included pots created by ceramic students and plants which were potted by students in one of the life skills programs.

Student Representative's Monthly Report – Nandana Menon

- Elementary School: The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge was held this month.
- Intermediate School: Students participated in the Four Square Tournament, and the spring season of Fifth Grade Choir and Orff Ensemble has started.
- Middle School: The Middle School has earned its third consecutive designation as a Pennsylvania Don Eichhorn "Schools to Watch". Seventh graders worked with the Media Club to make a movie to be presented within the next few months, and eighth graders Ayush Kathale, Dolika Yajna, and Havishya Varadi and 7th graders Diya Thirumurugan, Diya Patel, and Nithin Raja participated in the Fright Club Writing Contest, and 6th grader Anushka Joshi's submission to the Scary Tales Writing Contest was chosen for publication. Sixth grader Vishnu Sreekumar placed in the 2025 New Year's Music Competition as part of the online Charleston International Music Competition.
- High School: A group of students placed third for best delegation at the Duquesne Model United Nations Conference, Pranita Chakkingal received statewide recognition for her creation of an "I voted" sticker, and the High School has been awarded with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access from the College Board organization.
- Athletics: Swimmer Josh Grimenstein set a new school record in the 100 yard butterfly, Ella Trahan placed first in her wrestling weight class at the 2025 Blue De Gir Winter Classic, and Angela Zeng and Dulaney Schumaker set new school records participating at the Youngstown State Indoor Track meet.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Patankar seconded Bruce on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval of a three-year contract extension with UGI for Natural Gas on the Peoples Gas System with a start date of September 1, 2025. The Contract will have a Basis price of (-\$0.50) per Dth. The extension will run from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028, and was recommended by the The Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee. The renewal Basis Price will show a savings of \$0.06/Dth compared to our current contract rate of (-\$0.44)/Dth.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Ryan Neely, and Solicitor Chris Voltz for Board approval of Resolution 25-01 Real Estate Tax Collector Compensation for the elected Tax Collector for the fiscal years 2025-2026 through and including 2028-2029, pending Board discussion.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval to enter into a 3-year renewal agreement with Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP to audit the financial statements of the South Fayette Township School District as follows:

- Year end June 2025, \$22,430
- Year end June 2026, \$23,330
- Year end June 2027, \$24,250

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval of an affiliation agreement for internship/practicum pre-clinical, principal internship, and student teaching with Robert Morris University effective for a five-year period beginning January 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval of an affiliation agreement for an academic experience site with Pennsylvania Western (PennWest) effective for a five-year period beginning January 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for board approval to hire Jordan Tax Service to complete the Act 80 EIT Reporting Process to the PA Department of Revenue by the required deadlines for the 2024 reporting year, at a cost not to exceed \$1,400. This is a full service price, including sending and recording the corrected reporting errors and finalizing the reporting to the PA Department of Revenue.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval of the Parkway West General Operating and Jointure Budget for 2025-2026 as follows:

Total Budget	2024-25	2025-26
Parkway West - Operating Budget	\$8,865,766	\$9,603,622
Parkway West - Jointure Budget	\$ 800,017	\$1,076,716

South Fayette Estimated Share	2024-25	2025-26
Parkway West - Operating Budget	\$559,938	\$553,515
Parkway West - Jointure Budget	\$ 80,438	\$ 76,344
Total	\$640,376	\$629,859

This budget is based on 88.44 ADM's (year 5 of 5 year rolling average).

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval for the sale of the district's former food service truck and lift-gate, a 2006 Chevrolet Express 14 foot box van, deemed inoperable, to District employee Thomas Edkins at a price of \$10,000, the district's estimate of the vehicle's current fair market value.

Voice Vote - All Yes

PERSONNEL

Cardillo seconded Bruce on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the retirement of Middle School Teacher Frank Kruth, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval for Western Governors University student Jesse Lock to be a Student Teacher with Middle School Teacher Renee Goedert from January 28, 2025, to May 15, 2025, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the intermittent FMLA request of Middle School Teacher Amy Shimkoski.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the intermittent FMLA request of Middle School Paraeducator Dominique Theodore.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval for Middle School Teacher Cynthia Nix to serve as a Teacher of Record, English as a Second Language, for a student in Educere. Ms. Nix will be paid at the current EPR rate for 1.5 hours per week, retroactive to January 21, 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval of the leave of absence request of High School Teacher Maria Hodak on or about April 4, 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval for West Virginia University Student Grace Monroe to complete a Community Health Clinical Rotation with High School Nurse Trina Howells from January 28, 2025, through April 30, 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to hire Lynn Robertson as a Bus Driver at the probationary rate of \$24.47 per hour, effective date to be determined. After successful completion of the probationary period, the rate will be \$30.59 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of Andrea Betten's resignation as a Bus Driver, effective January 24, 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to hire the following as Substitute Bus Drivers at the rate of \$20 per hour, effective date to be determined.

- Andrea Betten
- Deborah Endy

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval of the FMLA request of Building Custodian Ron Adams, effective date to be determined.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval of the resignation of Custodian Jeremy Wagaman, effective December 13, 2024.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Food Service Nicolle Pleil for Board approval of the resignation of Food Service Worker Opal Mehok, effective December 17, 2024.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda and the fall season Head Coaches for Board approval of the following coaches for the 2025-2026 season.

Football

Head Coach	Marty Spieler	\$12,335.00
Assistant Coach	Ryan Faraci	
Assistant Coach	TJ Matrascia	
Assistant Coach	Garrett Sekanik	
Assistant Coach	Tom Stilley	
Assistant Coach	Bruce Fronk	
Assistant Coach	Joe Franjione	
Assistant Coach	Alex Dennison	
Assistant Coach	Vincent Ziccardi	
Assistant Coach	Chris Saluga	
7/8th Grade Head Coach	Rick Chaussard	
7/8th Grade Assistant Coach	Wes Chappel	
7/8th Grade Assistant Coach	Josh Patterson	
7/8th Grade Assistant Coach	Trevor McIntyre	
Volunteer 7/8th Grade Assistant Coach	Paul Hartz	
Volunteer 7/8th Grade Assistant Coach	Ishan Rayka	
Volunteer 7/8th Grade Assistant Coach	Tom Patterson	

Volunteer 7/8 th Grade Assistant Coach	Terry Stites	
<u>Girls Golf</u>		
Head Coach	Rocky Violi	\$6,015.00
Assistant Coach	Matt Bacco	
<u>Boys Golf</u>		
Head Coach	Bob Ruffolo	\$6,015.00
Assistant Coach	Shane Coyne	
<u>Boys Soccer</u>		
Head Coach	Rob Eldridge	\$8,905.00
Assistant Coach	Joe Luxbacher	
Assistant Coach	James Kita	
Assistant Coach	Nolan Levine	
7/8 th Grade Head Coach	William Finnerty	
<u>Girls Soccer</u>		
Head Coach	Nick Rosser	\$8,905.00
Assistant Coach	Jayna Fittipaldo	
Assistant Coach	Sabrina Bryan	
Assistant Coach	Camille Holzschuh	
Assistant Coach	Alexandria Rosser	
7/8 th Grade Head Coach	Nicole Bianco	
7/8 th Grade Assistant Coach	Sarah Pruss	
<u>Girls Volleyball</u>		
Head Coach	Scott Sundgren	\$8,905.00
Assistant Coach	Riley Pawlosky	
Assistant Coach	Micki Cerchiaro	
Assistant Coach	Casey Holp	
Assistant Coach	Justine Yanosik	
Assistant Coach	Morgan Ziolkowski	
Assistant Coach	Danielle Rudolph	
<u>Boys & Girls Cross Country</u>		
Head Coach	Joe Winans	\$7,440.00
Assistant Coach	Julia Denison Kuczynski	
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Tesse Datte	
7/8 th Grade Head Coach	Matt Timcheck	
<u>Girls Tennis</u>		
Head Coach	Victoria Chagnon	\$5,120.00
Assistant Coach	Alexis Podgorski	

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Varsity Track & Field Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval of the following Assistant Track & Field Coaches for the Spring 2024-2025 season.

- Victoria Chagnon
- Josh Patterson
- Anthony Mannarino

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director, Mark Keener, for Board approval of the resignation of Assistant Boys Tennis Coach Victoria Chagnon, effective date to be determined.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to hire a Bus Driver, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents, at the probationary rate of \$24.47 per hour. After the successful completion of the probationary period, the rate will be \$30.47 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the leave of absence request of a Middle School Teacher on or around May 28, 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval to hire a Middle School Building Substitute Teacher, at the rate of \$150 per day, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval to hire a Custodian, at the rate of \$14.57 per hour, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents. After the successful completion of the probationary period, the rate will be \$18.21.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval to hire a Substitute Custodian, at the rate of \$14.00 hour, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of (call as needed) Substitute Teachers effective for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$125 per day, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval to hire a Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher, at the rate of \$160 per day, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval of the resignation of a High School Math Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to hire John Teachout as a Bus Driver, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents, at the probationary rate of \$24.47 per hour. After the successful completion of the probationary period, the rate will be \$30.47 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the leave of absence request of Middle School Teacher Rachel Brucker on or around May 28, 2025.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval to hire Shane Wigton as a Middle School Building Substitute Teacher, at the rate of \$150 per day, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval to hire James Duell as a Custodian, at the rate of \$14.57 per hour, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents. After the successful completion of the probationary period, the rate will be \$18.21.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval to hire Lindsey Merritt as a Substitute Custodian, at the rate of \$14.00 hour, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the

following (call as needed) Substitute Teachers effective for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$125 per day, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

- William Carr
- Sydney Abbondanza
- Kristen Hansen
- Michael Demasi, SmartStart
- Raquel Hoover, SmartStart
- Christopher Tooker, SmartStart

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval to hire Grant Jones as a Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher, at the rate of \$160 per day, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval of the resignation of High School Math Teacher Maureen Sirc, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Voice Vote - All Yes

Mr. Fornella stated that Mrs. Sirc is an outstanding teacher and wonderful person who has worked tirelessly, going the extra mile to help students. She is beloved by students and staff, and will be a tremendous loss to the District. He wished her health, happiness, joy, and fulfillment in her retirement.

EDUCATION

Bruce seconded Iagnemma on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Director of Student Support Services Gretchen Tucci for Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to utilize TransPerfect AI to provide access to written translation through an AI portal to support non-English speaking parents and families.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Dr. Matt Callison for Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Inspirit AI to host a two-week AI camp in the summer of 2025 for middle school and high school students at no cost to the district.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval for Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, Director of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Dr. Matt Callison, one High School administrator, and up to three High School educators to attend the AASA 2024-2025 Innovation for Transformation spring meeting in Mountain View, California, to be held April 27-29 2025. Expenses are covered by grant funding.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval for Elementary School Assistant Principal Pharlan Ives to attend the Inclusive Innovation Action Summit, Transforming Student Economic Mobility and Well Being, presented by Digital Promise on February 4-5, 2025, in Oakland California. Expenses are covered by the 2024-2025 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval for Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Chuck Herring to attend the SXSW Edu Conference from March 2-5, 2025, in Austin, Texas. Dr. Herring will present with Yu-Ling Behr of Kidsburgh and Parents As Allies regarding parent and school engagement. There is no cost to the district. The trip is funded through Kidsburgh.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval for Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler to attend Deloitte Leadership Experience Training from February 21-23, 2025, in Dallas, Texas. This will provide nearly \$20,000 in training with only the airfare and registration (\$750) being covered by the 2024-2025 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval for Director of Curriculum Cristine Wagner-Deitch to attend the Northeast Innovation Forum from March 2-5, 2025, in Boston, Massachusetts. Attendance at this forum is by invitation only. The cost of conference fees, hotel, and meals is covered by the Forum. Travel expenses are covered by the 2024-2025 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, Interim Director of Student Support Services Dr. Arleen Wheat, and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Special Olympics Pennsylvania Unified Champion Schools to add a Middle School Unified Indoor Bocce team as a club, effective March 2025. There will be no cost to the district, and the Special Olympics will be providing a \$750 stipend for the coach(es) in this first season. They will also be providing bocce equipment, tshirts and polo shirts for the team members and coach(es), and training for coaches. A stipend for the coach(es) in subsequent years will be at the expense of the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval of the proposed changes to the 2025-2026 High School Program of Studies.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the proposed changes to the 2025-2026 Middle School Program of Studies.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Board approval for the dual enrollment articulation agreement with Carnegie Mellon University for a college programming and computer science course, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. There is no cost to the district.

Voice Vote - All Yes

TRANSPORTATION

There were no items discussed.

ATHLETICS

Fornella seconded Iagnemma on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director, Mark Keener for Board approval for freshman Natalie Turosak to receive permission to participate in Individual Gymnastics in the WPIAL and PIAA under South Fayette's name. Her mother Bonnie Turosak, would be her coach and there will be no cost to the district. Her parents are responsible for all transportation and documentation. This would be in effect for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dave Mislán for Board approval, retroactively, for the Boys Basketball team to travel to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend an NBA basketball game on January 20, 2025, with a departure time of 10:30 a.m. and a return time of approximately 8:00 p.m. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. The team will be traveling by coach bus. There will be no cost to the district.

Voice Vote - All Yes

CONSTRUCTION

Cardillo seconded Fornella on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval of a Change Order Process for construction projects including the Intermediate School Additions and Renovations, Elementary School, and Bus Depot.

Voice Vote - All Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items discussed.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Carolyn Potts, 291 Sygan Road, Right now what I'm about to say I am saying in my capacity as a Union member and a bus driver. At the beginning of the month we had one driver and one bus aide retire. I just want to take a second to acknowledge their service to the District. Lisa Budzik has worked in the District for 34 years, spending her last 14 years exclusively driving our special needs students. If you've ever gotten behind a van that's going less than 5 miles an hour, and you're about to pull your hair out, that was always Lisa taking the extra care and caution with the students. She was a great driver. Very, very good with the students. We're gonna miss her a lot. And always by her side was Lori Mebane, who retired with 30 years of service. And I will note Lori was also a graduate of the District. And she was always a person that I went to for her knowledge of just the students in general. As a new driver, you have a lot of questions about student behaviors and things, and Lori was always there to help guide the newer people through that stuff. So I just want to acknowledge their dedication and service to the District and wish them a happy retirement.

Leslie Willis, SFESP President, resident and taxpayer, Tonight I would like to extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to each and every single one of you. You have hard work, and you're dedicated to our school and our community, and I pray that you lead, and all decisions will be guided by wisdom for our students, our staff, and our community. So I thank you. Thank you.

Email, Rachel Morgan, 949 Boris Road, It has come to my attention that the High School Music Trip in April is having the students attend an R-rated comedy nightclub that serves alcohol. The reviews for this comedy club call it raunchy, foul-mouthed and laced with sexual jokes and the F word. Why is the school board and administration allowing the Music department to take the kids to such a show? This looks bad for South Fayette. Would the school allow such a show to be performed on campus? If not, then the students should not be attending this during a school trip.

Danielle Durbin, 33 Wabash Ave, Morgan, Can the Board explain why there is an R-rated comedy show being attended by the high school students on the upcoming spring band trip? The optics are really bad for this - the news would have a field day if someone called them.

Solicitor's Report

There was no report.

Board Comments

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee Report

President Joe Welch

There was no report.

B. South Fayette Foundation

Rebecca Bruce

Dr. Miller reported that the bylaws are being reviewed. The next meeting is March 17, 2025, and the Annual Golf Outing will be held on July 21, 2025.

C. PSBA/Legislative Committee Report

Prajakta Patankar

There was no report.

D. Parkway West

Tom Iagnemma, Esther Cardillo

There was no report.

E. SHASDA

Jen Iriti, Joe Welch

The SHASDA meeting will be held at Upper St Clair on February 20, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Iriti seconded Iagnemma to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Voice Vote - All Yes