



South Fayette Township School District

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:45 PM in the Studio, in the High School by President Len Fornella with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fornella 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: Lena Hannah, Jen Iriti, Paul Brinsky, Joe Welch, Tom Iagnemma, Alan Vezzi, Len Fornella

Present Virtually: Prajakta Patankar

Absent: Teresa Burroughs

Others: Chris Voltz, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler; Student Representative Alekyha Buragadda; Director of Finance/Human Resources Brian Tony; and Director of Technology Rob Warfield

President Fornella announced the meeting is being recorded and that the regular Board Secretary Cindy Geisler is not in attendance, Dr. Miller and Dr. Deichler will be handling her responsibilities.

Dr. Callison provided the following information regarding Mirror, an AI Reflection Tool:

- ◆ Piloting the education software that focuses on student reflection, a key and critical part of learning
- ◆ Piloted in the Elementary School STEAM and Arts Alive programs, one device in each room and the cost is included in the 2023-2024 budget; teacher training on PD days
- ◆ Tool is fully FERPA and COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act); built by a longstanding educational and technology company
- ◆ Can be used individually or in a group setting; help them think more deeply about a particular topic or reflect on the activity they are doing
- ◆ Teacher has full access to the information and can structure the types of reflection or interactions they want in the classroom
- ◆ Has a camera, but right now looking at just the student reflection piece; a privacy statement, no video or audio sent to the company; any data captured is de-identified from any student or person speaking then turned into transcript to be used
- ◆ Provides type of prompting to an additional set of students beyond what the teacher can interact with; additional support beyond what one person can do in the classroom; not tied to a particular curriculum but directed towards the specific activity that students are engaged in

The Board asked for additional information on how the Mirror tool handles student privacy and on the corpus and model of the AI-enabled tool. Dr. Callison will provide the requested information.

Mr. Engen, DRAW Collective provided facilities information in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brinsky seconded Vezzi on approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting

October 17, 2023
October 23, 2023

And on 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
Board Summary Reports
(July 2023-October 2023)

Mark Keener
Sharon Aprea
Sharon Aprea
Brian Tony

And on 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.

And on authorization for payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount \$1,161,669.90 beginning with check number 76071 through check number 76357 and the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of \$171,118.45 beginning with check number 8612 through check number 8627.

Voice Vote – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

There were no comments at this time.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Superintendent's Monthly Report – Dr. Michelle Miller

Dr. Miller reported the following update regarding Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE):

- Special education related services are provided at public expense under public supervision and direction, without charge; we would enforce an IEP and uphold what is in an IEP for students from grade to grade
- A complaint filed in Federal court challenging the age students were exiting, at the Federal level students eligible up to the age of 22; in the State of Pennsylvania we abided by the age of 21
- PDE sent at the beginning of this school year that had already started moving the age of the student to exit school from 21 to 22; going back to Commonwealth Court
- Only a handful of students impacted; in 2023 we offered for students to stay and to return, they declined; just because they're eligible does not mean they have to; many parents asking for these services to stay in place
- Over the next few years we have about 2 or 3 students each year that this extends; this will have a budgetary impact; very surprising to receive this after the budget had already been in place; there could be some more movement in the courts in early 2024
- Thanked Mr. Brinsky and Mrs. Hannah for serving on the Board; appreciate the service, work, time and dedication given to students, staff, faculty, administration; welcomed back Mr. Vezzi for filling the vacancy for the past three months until new Board members can join us; thanked all three of you. President Fornella also thanked Mr. Brinsky, Mrs. Hannah and Mr. Vezzi for their

long, dedicated, and valuable service. Dr. Miller recognized Mrs. Bruce and Mr. Gray, newly elected Board members who will be sworn in on December 4, 2023.

Student Representative's Monthly Report – Ms. Alekhya Buragadda

Ms. Buragadda reported the following:

- December 9 – Breakfast with Santa in the High School Commons,
- South Fayette's annual stuff-a-bus officially started; deadline for donations is December 8th.
- High school dodgeball tournament took place; faculty came out on top in the finals
- Five 7th graders and three freshmen participated in the Lidfest 2023 at Carnegie Library
- Congratulations to the high school team for taking first place in the battle of the books
- November 20 – South Fayette's very first Gerber night, hosted by SHOUT
- SHOUT hosted their Hands Heal Footprints event, signifying our unity and strength as a community
- Congratulations to Juliette Leroux for being named First Team All-WPIAL for volleyball
- Students of SHOUT met with State leaders at the Harrisburg Capitol Building for student Mental Health days, Advocacy day.
- Congratulations to Student Government President Paige Westbrook for saying the National Anthem at the Lead Conference in Washington DC
- PTA held its annual Science and Innovation Fair displaying amazing creativity

BUSINESS OFFICE

Vezi seconded Iriti that in accordance with Act 1 of 2006, the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval of the resolution for any property tax increase for the 2024-2025 fiscal year not to exceed the district's base index of 7.0%. A copy of the approved resolution will be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with the provision of Act 1 of 2006. By doing so, the Board adopts Resolution 23-03 Not to Exceed the Index.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of Resolution 23-04, for the District to continue participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Board for 2023-2024 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide access to written translation through an AI portal to support non-English speaking parents and families effective for one year beginning January 10, 2024. The cost is a one-time annual fee of \$500.

Voice Vote – All Yes

PERSONNEL

Welch seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principals for Board approval to hire Jonathan Barsotti as an Elementary Building Substitute teacher, effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, at the rate of \$150.00 per day.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principals for Board approval of the leave of absence request for Brittany Lunn, Grade 3 teacher in the Intermediate School, effective on or about December 21, 2023.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principals for Board approval of the leave of absence request for Elizabeth Bell, Grade 5 teacher in the Intermediate School, effective on or about March 5, 2024.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principals for Board approval of the extension of current sabbatical leave of absence request for Molly Kurnal, Grade 4 teacher in the Intermediate School effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Facilities Director Steve Timmins for Board approval of the FMLA leave of absence request for Karla Armentrout, Custodian in the High School, with an effective date to be determined.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of the resignation of Andrea Slebonick as a Bus Driver effective retroactive to November 1, 2023.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of the resignation of Jessica Guest as a Bus Driver effective retroactive to November 9, 2023.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the retirement/resignation of Patricia Wood as the Director of Food Service, effective June 30, 2024. Ms. Wood has been employed by the District since October 2002.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the retirement/resignation of Cynthia Geisler as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board Secretary. Mrs. Geisler's last day worked will be July 5, 2024. Mrs. Geisler has been employed by the District since September 2006.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval for Thomas McClain, a student from Slippery Rock University, to complete his student teaching with Sara Cremonese, Phys Ed teacher in the Middle School, effective January 16, 2024 through May 2, 2024, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Facilities Director Steve Timmins for Board approval of the Substitute Custodian rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective December 1, 2023.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval of the resignation of Joe Rossi as the Head Varsity Football Coach effective for the 2024-2025 season. Coach Rossi has been the District's Head Varsity Football Coach since 2007.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval of Joe Silhanek as the Head Coach Unified Bocce effective for the 2023-2024 season.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, along with Head Football Coach Joe Rossi, Head Volleyball Coach Scott Sundgren, Head Boys Golf Coach Bob Ruffolo, Head Boys Soccer Coach Rob Eldridge, Head Girls Soccer Coach Nick Rosser, Head Girls Golf Coach Rocky Violi, Head Cross Country Coach Joe Winans, Head Girls Basketball Coach Bryan Bennett, Head Cheerleading Coach Maggie Conoscuoto, and Head Girls Tennis Coach Victoria Chagnon for Board approval of the following compensations for the fall 2023 season:

Football

Head Coach	Joe Rossi	\$11,625.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Ben Maracek	\$5,800.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Mike Slencak	\$5,700.00

Assistant Varsity Coach	Bruce Fronk	\$5,300.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Ryan Faraci	\$5,300.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Tom Stilley	\$5,200.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Kraig King	\$5,300.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Marty Speiler	\$5,300.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	T.J. Matrascia	\$5,000.00
Head 7/8th Grade Coach	Rick Chaussard	\$3,800.00
Assistant 7/8th Grade Coach	Wesley Chappel	\$3,800.00
Assistant 7/8th Grade Coach	Josh Patterson	\$3,600.00
Assistant 7/8th Grade Coach	Trevor McIntyre	\$2,130.00

Girls Volleyball

Head Coach	Scott Sundgren	\$8,390.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Danielle Rudolph	\$ 600.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Riley Pawlosky	\$4,300.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Justine Yanosik	\$4,000.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Micki Cerchairo	\$1,800.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Morgan Ziolkowski	\$3,300.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Casey Holp	\$1,400.00

Boys Golf

Head Coach	Bob Ruffolo	\$5,665.00
Assistant Coach	Shane Coyne	\$2,980.00

Boys Soccer

Head Coach	Rob Eldridge	\$8,390.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Joe Luxbacher	\$7,400.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	James Kita	\$5,020.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Nolan Levine	\$7,400.00
Head 7/8th Grade Coach	William Finnerty	\$5,275.00

Girls Soccer

Head Coach	Nick Rosser	\$8,390.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Jayne Fittipaldo	\$6,000.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Sabrina Bryan	\$4,000.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Camille Holzschuh	\$3,500.00
Head 7/8th Grade Coach	Nicole Bianco	\$5,000.00
Assistant 7/8th Grade Coach	Stephanie Kramer	\$3,500.00

Girls Golf

Head Coach	Rocky Violi	\$5,665.00
Assistant Coach	Matt Bacco	\$2,980.00

Cross Country (Boys/Girls)

Head Coach	Joe Winans	\$7,005.00
Assistant Varsity Coach	Julia Denison	\$2,653.00
Head 7/8th Grade Coach	Aaron Pfeil	\$2,652.00

7/8th Grade Girls Basketball

Head 7th Grade Coach	Keith Froelich	\$3,500.00
Head 8th Grade Coach	Garrett Del Re	\$3,500.00

Girls Tennis

Head Coach	Victoria Chagnon	\$4,825.00
Assistant Coach	Alexis Deyarmin	\$2,445.00

Assistant Athletic Directors

Matt Bacco should receive half of his pay in December 2023, which is \$2,652.50 (half of \$5,305.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Olesia Stasko should receive half of her pay in December 2023, which is \$2,652.50 (half of \$5,305.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Cheerleading

Competitive Cheerleading

Maggie Conoscuito Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$1,512.50 (half of \$3,025.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Elizabeth Frambes Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$1,100.00 (half of \$2,200.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Amanda Moon Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$500.00 (half of \$1,000.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Team Cheerleading

Maggie Conoscuito Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$3,387.50 (half of \$6,775.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Chris Stillely Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$750.00 (half of \$1,500.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Elizabeth Frambes Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$500.00 (half of \$1,000.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Amanda Moon Should receive half of her pay in December 2023 which is \$1,850.00 (half of \$3,700.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

Laura Nagel & Stephanie Harris Should receive half of their pays in December 2023 which is \$1,250.00 (half of \$2,500.00). The other half will be paid in June 2024.

President Fornella wanted to recognize the retirement/resignation of Patricia Wood; with the District since October 2002 and personally in my opinion how valuable she has been to the District; here when the new high school opened, integrating that into the District; expanded the cafeteria offerings and nutritional aspects of what is provided and essentially ran the cafeterias with the utmost professionalism; integrated current concepts and nutrition without losing money; in my view she is going to be very, very difficult to replace.

President Fornella also wanted to make a special comment personally with respect to the retirement of Cindy Geisler, here since September 2006; valuable to Bille Rondinelli and to Dr. Miller; secretary for the Board, keeps things confidential and very professional; nothing but the best of things to say about her.

President Fornella offered special congratulations and accepts with regret the resignation of Joe Rossi, the Head Varsity Football Coach; some of the best success the District's ever had during his years as the

football coach; will forever be remembered as someone who brought success and fame to South Fayette because of the football program.

Mrs. Iriti seconded everything President Fornella said.

Voice Vote – All Yes

New motions from the November 28, 2023 Executive Session agenda.

Brinsky seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the retirement/resignation of Brian Tony, Director of Finance/HR, effective fall of 2024 or a date to be determined. Mr. Tony has been employed by the District since September 2009.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance/HR Brian Tony for Board approval of the resignation of Melissa Dennison, as the Business Office Accountant. Mrs. Dennison's last day worked will be December 15, 2023.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Facilities Director Steve Timmins for Board approval of the resignation of Edward Cousins as a Custodian. Mr. Cousins last day worked will be November 30, 2023.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following (call as needed) substitute teachers and support personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Mikayla Dicesare, Grades PK-4, pending receipt of required documents
- Chanel Yoder, Elementary K-6/Spec Ed PK-12, pending receipt of required documents
- Daniel Sammons, SmartStart, pending receipt of require documents
- Ranjani Bora, Clerical at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective retroactive to November 15, 2023

President Fornella recognized Brian Tony as Director of Finance and HR since 2009; has been absolutely an outstanding Director of Finance and HR; best we've ever had in terms of the amount of work he does and amount of responsibilities he takes on; works when he should be home; everything he's done in negotiations; been a pleasure to have you here; my honor and privilege to work with you; miss you tremendously; voting no because I don't want you to leave.

Voice Vote – Patankar, Hannah, Iriti, Brinsky, Welch,
Iagnemma, Vezzi – All Yes
No - Fornella

EDUCATION

Hannah seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Dr. Matt Callison for approval of the Educational Project Agreement with Carnegie Mellon University for a potential project with South Fayette High School and high school students who elect to participate, effective January 2024 through August 2024. There is no cost to the District as the \$85,000 participation fee is waived. *(pending revisions as identified by the solicitor)*

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval of the College in High School Enrollment Agreement with Point Park University effective retroactive to October 10, 2023. There is no cost to the District. *(pending revisions as identified by the solicitor)*

Voice Vote – All Yes

TRANSPORTATION

There were no items discussed.

ATHLETICS

Iriti seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Baseball Coach Ken Morgan for Board approval for the Boys Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball teams to travel to Tampa, Florida, to play in a baseball tournament. The team would depart from South Fayette, tentatively on Thursday, March 21, 2024, and tentatively return on Monday, March 25, 2024. 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 will be no cost to the district. The tentative itinerary is attached.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Girls Varsity Softball Coach Olesia Stasko for Board approval for the Girls Varsity Softball team to travel to Cocoa Beach, Florida, to play in a softball tournament. The team would depart South Fayette, tentatively, on Friday, March 15, 2024, and tentatively return on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. 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 will be no cost to the district. The tentative itinerary is attached.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Indoor Track and Field Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval for the Varsity Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field teams to travel to State College, Pennsylvania, Friday and Saturday, January 5-6, 2024, to participate in an indoor track tournament. Students will be responsible for all school work during absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Indoor Track and Field Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval to permit the Girls and Boys Varsity Indoor Track teams to travel to the following indoor track meets. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. The District will supply transportation to and from the meets:

Spire (Geneva, Ohio)

December 8, 2023
February 4, 2024

Youngstown State University

January 13, 2024
January 20, 2024
February 10, 2024
February 17, 2024

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach Maggie Conoscuio for Board approval to permit the Varsity Competitive Cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in the UCA High School Nationals in Walt Disney World. The team would depart South Fayette, tentatively, on Thursday, February 8, 2024, and tentatively, return on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. 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 will be no cost to the District.

Voice Vote – All Yes

CONSTRUCTION

There were no additional items discussed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Vezzi seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Solicitor for Board ratification of the following motions that were approved at the October 17, 2024 Committee Meeting of the Whole:

- a. The motion to approve DRAW Collective to submit Requests for Proposals for a Land Survey: Phase 1 Environmental, Wetland Delineation & Preliminary Grading Analysis

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Solicitor for Board ratification of the following motions that were approved at the October 24, 2024 Regular Meeting:

- b. The motion to hire Daxa Patel and Deepa Mohandass as Student Monitors in the Intermediate School, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2023-2024 school year at the probationary rate of \$12.22 per hour. After completion of a successful probationary period the rate will be \$15.27 per hour.
- c. The motion to hire Carolina Cappetta as an Intermediate School Building Substitute teacher, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, at the rate of \$150.00 per day.
- d. The motion to accept the quotation from Civil and Environmental Consultants to perform land surveys for the master plan as presented in the amount of \$101,000.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Solicitor for Board approval of the second reading of revised Policy 204 Attendance.

Voice Vote – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

There were no comments at this time.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Voltz had nothing to report.

Board Comments

President Fornella reiterated again, wished Alan, Paul and Lena the best and thank them for their service.

Mrs. Iriti added serving with all three of you for at least 10 years now:

Paul thank you for being such a great model of steady blood pressure, your business acumen and HR expertise has helped me as a board member deal with complex issues.

Alan, your knowledge of South Fayette, the facilities is unmatched and particularly through a lot of our construction, really appreciated that through the years; and thank you for stepping up to fill the vacant seat.

Lena, your fierce and unwavering commitment to the well-being of students and to public education is unmatched; your daughter Jesse has said it best:

It's so poetic that my mom's last day on the School Board is on Givingtuesday, because that is what she does best give back. Her giving to the South Fayette community goes beyond the 13 years of the School Board. She's dedicated over 25 years of her life to the children of South Fayette.

She's built playgrounds, fought for smoke detectors, rewritten policies, and most importantly advocated for all students. South Fayette's motto is tradition, pride, and excellence. She may have challenged the notion of tradition in the best possible way, but she will forever be known for her pride and excellence.

Thank you, Mom, for your dedication to making South Fayette a place for all students. You will be missed.

So that's all I have to say. Thank you

Mrs. Hannah spoke:

Over a 13 year span as a South grade school director. I've had the honor of serving the students, staff, school district and community of South Fayette Township.

Alongside, outstanding board colleagues, both past and present, it's been incredibly rewarding to see so many extraordinary moments through the stories and celebrations of our stellar students, staff, and administrators who have made South Fayette what it is today.

I am truly grateful for each one of you, to have a front row seat to the district and watch it evolve, grow, and accomplish so many incredible things; have given me such great pride from project-based learning opportunities to computational thinking pathways to DEI work, to our most recent vision on being future focused to student centered and innovation driven; through the arts, activities, academics and athletics, you've shined so bright South Fayette.

I am truly humbled to have been given this experience.

Thank you for entrusting me and for the privilege to serve.

Thank you, Lena.

Mr. Brinsky spoke:

I just want to say thanks. You quickly learn when you come on the board that a board member individually doesn't mean that much. It's the board and the entirety, it's the administration, the teachers, it's everything. And I just want to say, thank you to everybody I've worked with; because the common theme has always been students, first. And I was put on the board to put the students first, the district, and the community at the forefront. Individually we may have differed, but we always come back to that. So just thank you to everybody.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report

President Fornella

President Fornella had nothing to report.

South Fayette Foundation

Paul Brinsky

Mr. Brinsky wasn't able to attend the meeting. Dr. Miller reported the 2024 golf outing is being planned along with other activities and continually looking at other fundraising ideas/opportunities.

PSBA/Legislative Committee Report

Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah reported an informational email was shared with everyone, reiterate to start sharing the great things that are happening here through our great PSBA website. Required school director training for new and re-elected School Board members; 3 options available, in person trainings, virtual, or online courses at your leisure.

Parkway West

Tom Iagnemma

Mr. Iagnemma thanked Paul, Alan and Lean for their passion as Board members.

Mr. Vezzi attended the first Parkway meeting in my absence. Parkway had 23 competitors at the Annual Fall Skills Leadership Conference on November 9, no results yet; Parkway CTC was mentioned in the November 8 White House briefing announcing commitments to expand pathways into good paying jobs, here is the brief:

Parkway West Career & Technology Center is raising additional funds to construct a new building in partnership with bricklayers and Allied craft workers BAC Local 9. The building will house a new program of study in masonry, preparing 20 high school students per year for direct entry into BAC registered apprenticeships. Parkway West is also training 80

students per year in cyber security registered apprenticeship programs connecting them to cyber security jobs in the region.

SHASDA

Joe Welch

Mr. Welch had nothing to report. Mr. Welch echoed the sentiment regarding Alan, Lena and Paul; thank you for modeling what it means to be a quality leader, but more importantly than that, what it means to be a quality person. Thank you for everything you have done for the District.

Ms. Patankar echoed the sentiments of everyone here; it's very emotional, Alan, Lena and Paul, thank you so much, as a relatively new Board member, I have learned to much from you and I hope that you know that I hope I can be as good a Board member as you all have been. You've been very inspiring and I really respect the empathy you bring to every conversation, and thank you very much for everything.

Brinsky seconded Hannah to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary