



South Fayette Township School District

Special Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
8 p.m.

MINUTES

The Committee Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 8:03 p.m. in the Pride Room in the administration building by President Joe Welch with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On the phone: Teresa Burroughs

Absent: Jen Iriti

Others: Chris Voltz, Tucker Arensberg, P.C. (on the phone), Superintendent Dr. Michelle Miller, Director of Finance Ryan Neely, Leslie Willetts, Melissa Gallerani, Wendy Williams, Kim Wilbourn, Mark Petrillo

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items discussed.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

There were no comments received.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

BUSINESS OFFICE

There were no items discussed.

PERSONNEL

Bruce seconded Fornells on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and Director of Human Resources Michael Radage for Board approval to hire Dr. Kellee Oliver as the Director of Student Support Services, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist or Board approval to accept the sabbatical leave of absence request of STEAM Teacher Melissa Unger to extend through the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist for Board approval to hire Camryn Whipple as a Long-Term Special Education Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents. This is due to a leave of absence.

And on the recommendation of the The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist for Board approval to hire Erin Sankey as an Elementary School Student Monitor, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval for Intermediate School Teacher Vickie Slater to continue as the Mentor Teacher for Intermediate School Permanent Substitute Maria Rowe for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dr. Erin Crimone for Board approval of the retirement of Middle School Art Teacher Diane Lally, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval of the following compensations for the Esports fall 2024 season.

High School Esports

Co-Head Coach Jim Hausman - \$2,000

Co-Head Coach Stacey Barth - \$2,000

Middle School ESports

Co-Head Coach Joshua Picozzi - \$1,000

Co-Head Coach Adam Wazenegger - \$1,000

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators recommend for Board approval of the following EPRs for the 2024-2025 school year.

EPR Nurse - High School FBLA Field Trip	Trina Howells
Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Teacher Camryn Whipple	Haylee Ali

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Facilities Steve Timmins for Board approval to hire Melany Cline Coen as a Substitute Custodian at the rate of \$14 per hour, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

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

Voice Vote - All Yes

EDUCATION

There were no items discussed.

TRANSPORTATION

There were no items discussed.

ATHLETICS

There were no items discussed.

CONSTRUCTION

Cardillo seconded Iagnemma on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Ryan Neely for Board approval of the Maximum Project Cost of \$23,782,552 and a Maximum Building Construction Cost of \$15,430,520 with regard to the Additions to the South Fayette Intermediate School construction project as defined in Resolution 24-07.

Voice Vote - All Yes

MISCELLANEOUS

Gray seconded Fornella on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar.

Voice Vote - All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Leslie Willetts spoke on behalf of the South Fayette Education Support Professionals regarding contract negotiations that have been ongoing for one year. She stated that the District does not hold a contract settlement as a priority nor is the District making the support professionals as a priority. Ms. Willetts stated that they want a fair and equitable contract and purports that the District has cancelled eight contract negotiations. Further, she stated that SFESP has moved substantially while the District finds moves unacceptable. She asked Board members to pressure the members of the negotiations team to make it a higher priority, and for the Board to reassign the Board members on the negotiations team. Ms. Willetts stated that there will be additional bargaining in January and that it has been long enough.

Gray seconded Fornella to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Voice Vote - All Yes