



# South Fayette Township School District

## Committee Meeting of the Whole

Tuesday, July 16, 2024  
7:30 PM

### **MINUTES**

The Committee Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 8:08 p.m. in the Studio in the High School by President Tom Iagnemma with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Iagnemma 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:** Rebecca Bruce, Esther Cardillo, Jen Iriti, Len Fornella, Prajakta Patankar, Joe Welch, Tom Iagnemma

**Present Virtually:** Teresa Burroughs

**Absent:** William Gray

**Others:** Chris Voltz, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Superintendent Dr. Michelle Miller, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, Director of Finance Brian Tony, Director of Technology Rob Warfield, Paraeducator Lauren Crossan, Board Secretary Susan Vasalani

President Iagnemma announced the meeting is being recorded.

Jamie Doyle with PFM Financial Advisors discussed options for construction financing.

- PFM has analyzed a proposed financing plan for the District's proposed additions and alterations to the existing Intermediate School, relocation of the current bus depot, and new K-2 school. The analysis illustrates a 4-step capital plan from 2024 through 2027.
- Discussed investing and borrowing rates, and parameters resolutions
- Reviewed federal tax laws, small issuer exceptions, the existing debt portfolio, capital planning, and bank qualified tax exempt rates
- Outlined estimated timeline
- Provided an estimated cost summary overview.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. The Board considered approval of Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Regular Meeting	Tuesday, June 25, 2024

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

Athletic Fund	Mark Keener
High School Activity Fund	Sharon Aprea
Middle School Activity Fund	Sharon Aprea

3. Expenditures were submitted for Board review to be approved at the Regular Board Meeting.

**Superintendent’s Monthly Report – Dr. Michelle Miller**

1. The campus has been busy with students involved with Extended School Year, Day Care, Athletic Conditioning, STEAM Camps, Little Green Machine practice, CHILL camp, and SHOUT meetings.
2. Principals have been interviewing for teaching and support staff positions.
3. Teachers and Paraprofessionals will be returning to the campus for a new school year in about one month.
4. Dr. Miller commended the custodians, maintenance staff, and summer workers for the efforts to prepare for the upcoming school year.
5. Dr. Miller thanked the Leadership Team for preparations for the upcoming school year.

**BUSINESS OFFICE**

Patankar seconded Cardillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to award the bid to lease/purchase buses. The buses will be purchased through a lease schedule with Huntington Public Capital Corporation. The terms will be for 60 months; the taxable rate will be 6.22% and the total purchase price for the three-72 passenger buses, one-84 passenger, one-Micro-22 passenger van, and one-9 passenger unlit van will be \$725,596.00. The monthly lease payment amount is budgeted as part of the Transportation Department’s 2024-2025 budget.

Voice Vote - All Yes

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony of a two-year extension to the current agreement with Steeltown Security & Investigations, LLC to provide security services for the campus, effective August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2027.
2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist of the rent for Extended Day Services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Program	Per Month Rate	\$ Amount Increase
Before and After School Program (ES)	\$ 995.00	\$ 35.00
Before and After School Program (IS)	\$ 995.00	\$ 35.00
Kindergarten Program	N/A	N/A
Summer Program	\$3,025.00	\$110.00

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to accept the 2024-2025 IDEA 619 Pass Through Funds in the amount of \$4,598.00 through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit DART Early Intervention Program. These federal funds will support school-age students, age 5, in Kindergarten receiving special education programs and services.

## PERSONNEL

Fornella seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval to hire Alexander Bowman as a Math Teacher at the High School at the Master's step 3 rate of \$55,320, effective date to be determined, pending required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Erin Crimone for Board approval to hire Lauren Beck as the 50% Middle School Math Teacher at the Master's step 2 rate of \$54,195, effective date to be determined. This recommended approval would transition Lauren Beck from a half-time to a full-time employee. Lauren Beck was hired as a 50% teacher at the Middle School beginning in the 2023-2024 school year (STEAM Applications).

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of Camilo Jauregui for the 2024-2025 EPR position of Assistant Band Director.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist for Board approval to hire Kristal Morton as an Elementary School Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$34,000, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Student Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval to hire the following paraeducators for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of required documents.

- Kaylee Fisher, high school classroom paraeducator, replacement
- Cheryl Graves, intermediate school personal care paraeducator, replacement
- Melissa Gallerani, elementary school personal care paraeducator, replacement
- Meghan Hartman, middle school personal care paraeducator, new hire, included in the 2024-2025 budget

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach Maggie Conosciuto for Board approval to hire Kelsey Deutsch as Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach Nick Rosser for Board approval to hire Alexandria Rosser as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Football Coach Marty Spieler for Board approval to hire Terry Stites as Volunteer Assistant Middle School Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of required documents.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to hire William Burgoon as a bus driver, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of required documents, at the probationary rate of \$24.47 per hour. After completion of a successful probationary period, the rate will be \$30.59 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Andler for Board approval the resignation of Angela Vogel, Paraeducator, retroactive to June 25, 2024.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval of the following EPR for the 2023-2024 school year, effective retroactively.

Mentor Teacher for Delaney Mangis	Colleen English
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And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director for Board approval the resignation of the Boys Head Volleyball Coach effective July 14, 2024.

Voice Vote - All Yes

## **EDUCATION**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Natasha Dirda for Board approval for Dr. Felix Yerace and approved chaperones to accompany 6 to 14 students attending the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsored National Student Council Conference in Chicago, Illinois, from January 31, 2025, to February 2, 2025. The cost of the trip includes registration, travel, lodging, and meals, with a portion paid for by the students; a portion is included in the 2024-2025 budget with the remaining costs covered by Student Government.
2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval to run asynchronous days, virtual instructional days, if needed, in the High School for the administration of the Keystone Exams during the December 2024 testing window.
3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and High School Principals for Board approval to have May 14, 15, and 16, 2025, as asynchronous, virtual instructional days for all High School students in order to administer the Spring Keystone Exams.
4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval to have a date to be determined in October 2024 as an asynchronous, virtual instructional day for Seniors during PSAT testing. Students in grades 9-11 will report to the high school on this date.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

There were no items to discuss.

## **ATHLETICS**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval of the changes to the 2024-2025 Athletic Handbook for Students, Parents, and Coaches.
2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Cross Country Coach Joe Winans for Board approval for the boys and girls varsity cross country teams to travel to the Youngstown State University Cross Country Meet on September 21, 2024, in Youngstown, Ohio. The school district will supply transportation to and from the meet.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Cross Country Coach Joe Winans for Board approval for the boys and girls varsity cross country teams to travel to the Legends Cross Country Meet on October 5, 2024, at Trumbull County Fairgrounds in Cortland, Ohio. The school district will supply transportation to and from the meet.
4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval of the following official fees for the 2024-2025 school year:

	<u>2023-2024</u> <u>Fees</u>	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>Fees</u>	
Varsity Football	\$99.00	\$101.00	(6 Officials)
Junior Varsity Football	\$65.00	\$ 65.00	(4 Officials)
8th Grade Football	\$55.00	\$ 55.00	(4 Officials)
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football	\$55.00	\$ 55.00	(4 Officials)
Football Clock Official	\$62.00	\$ 65.00	(1 Official)
Football Workers (Varsity: 5:00 PM To 10:00 PM)	\$67.00	\$ 70.00	(Varies)
Ticket Booth	\$52.00	\$ 55.00	(Varies)
Boys & Girls Varsity Soccer	\$80.00	\$ 83.00	(3 Officials)
Boys & Girls Junior Varsity Soccer	\$55.00	\$ 57.00	(2 Officials)
Boys & Girls JV/Varsity Volleyball (2 Games)	\$90.00	\$ 95.00	(2 Officials)
Boys/Girls Cross Country (Dual & Tri-Meets)	\$60.00-\$75.00	\$ 60.00-\$75.00	(1 Official)
Boys & Girls 7/8th Grade Soccer (1 Game)	\$50.00	\$ 50.00	(2 Officials)
Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8th Grade Volleyball (2 Games)	\$68.00	\$ 70.00	(1 Official)
Boys & Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8th Grade Girls Basketball (2 Games)	\$68.00	\$ 73.00	(2 Officials)
Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball	\$99.00	\$101.00	(3 Officials)
Boys & Girls Junior Varsity Basketball	\$65.00	\$ 65.00	(2 Officials)
Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming	\$82.00	\$ 85.00	(3 Officials)
Boys/Girls 7/8th Grade Swimming	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	(1 Official)
Varsity Wrestling	\$87.00	\$ 90.00	(1 Official)
Junior High Wrestling	\$65.00	\$ 65.00	(1 Official)
Varsity Baseball & Softball	\$80.00	\$ 85.00	(2 Officials)
Junior Varsity Baseball & Softball	\$65.00	\$ 70.00	(2 Officials)
Varsity Track & Field (Dual & Tri-Meets)	\$80.00-\$99.00	\$ 80.00-\$99.00	(1 Official)
7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track & Field (Dual & Tri-Meets)	\$60.00-\$75.00	\$ 60.00-\$75.00	(1 Official)
Boys & Girls Varsity Lacrosse	\$87.00	\$ 89.00	(3 Officials)
Boys & Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse	\$69.00	\$ 71.00	(2 Officials)
Junior High Basketball	\$60.00	\$ 60.00	(2 Officials)
Junior High Baseball	\$65.00	\$ 70.00	(2 Officials)
Middle School Softball	\$65.00	\$ 65.00	(2 Officials)

### **CONSTRUCTION**

There were no items to discuss.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

There were no items to discuss.

### **SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS**

There were no comments from residents and/or taxpayers.

Pantakar seconded Welch to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Voice Vote – All Yes