



South Fayette Township School District

Committee Meeting of the Whole

Minutes – Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2020
7:30 PM

The virtual Committee Meeting of the Whole of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:38 PM using Zoom by President Len Fornella with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fornella apologized for the late start as the Board held an Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

Present: Tom Iagnemma, Todd Petrillo (entered the meeting at 7:45 PM and exited at 8:45 PM), Paul Brinsky, Teresa Burroughs, Lena Hannah, Jen Iriti, Alan Vezzi, Len Fornella

Absent: William Ainsworth

Others: See attached list of attendees.

President Fornella announced the meeting is being recorded.

Dr. Lockette and Dr. Hartzell proudly congratulated seniors Kelsey Go, Kyle Lynch, and Darshan Reddy for being selected as 2020-2021 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. President Fornella congratulated each student on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Petrillo entered the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Joe Brennan, PJ Dick reviewed the following regarding the Middle School Classroom Alterations Project:

- Finances including invoices paid to date; current payment due, and total remaining construction contingency
- Pending change orders totaling \$8,034.00
- Pictures of nearly completed project
- Punch list items almost complete

Dr. Lockette and the principals reflected on the opening school which included:

- Lunches
- Use of cameras in the classrooms
- Recess at the ES and IS
- Hybrid and cyber teaching including teacher prerecorded videos for younger students
- Student resiliency and cooperation with all aspects of the hybrid/cyber learning model
- Positive community responses and patience
- Continuous improvements to the curriculum/learning management system

Dr. Lockette concluded following the state metrics, we are currently still in the moderate stage; information will be sent in mid-October regarding parents choosing to change the learning model for their child(ren); updated COVID-19 information on the District's website.

Mr. Petrillo exited the meeting at 8:45 PM.

The Board discussed the following:

- How innovative practices are being shared among teachers
- Impact of spring learning on students and how students' were assessed to begin school, which included pretests, assessments, and screenings
- When will the District move to the full five days
- Additional support programs for students and staff
- What parents can do if having difficulties at home, reach out to the teacher is the first step

Consent Agenda

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

Special Meeting	August 11, 2020
Committee Meeting	August 18, 2019
Regular Meeting	August 25, 2019

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

Aquatics Fund (no activity since March 13)	Sara Cremonese
Athletic Fund	Mark Keener
High School Activity Fund	Rebecca Bruce
Middle School Activity Fund	Rebecca Bruce
Board Summary Reports (February through April 2020)	Maria Aguilar

3. The Board considered approval of expenditures that were submitted for Board review to be approved at the Regular Board Meeting.

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

Dr. Lockette reported the following:

- Welcomed new High School Assistant Principal Robert Butts who started September 13
- Review the Strategic Plan at the September 22 meeting
- Free meals for all students began September 14
- Congratulated National Merit Scholarship Award semifinalists Kelsey Go, Kyle Lynch, and Darshan Reddy

Business Office

Hannah seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of Resolution 20-09, the Administration's response to the Auditor General's single finding for the Audit Review period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Tony explained the audit finding was Parkway students were being reported as non-public students resulting in an overpayment to PDE, which the District has to reimburse PDE.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS ON THE ABOVE MOTION.

Roll Call – All Yes

Personnel

Brinsky seconded lagnemma on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following (call as needed) substitute teachers and support personnel for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Lauren Cribbs, Special Ed PK-8/Grade PK-4/Library Science PK-12
- Heidi Scholar, Elementary K-6, pending receipt of required documents
- Rebecca Smith, Grades PK-4, pending receipt of required documents
- Deanna McGrail, Grades PK-4, pending receipt of required documents
- Jane Venum, Student Monitor at the rate of \$10.00 per hour
- Caroline Poiche, Student Monitor at the prevailing rate of \$13.74 per hour
- Miranda Broniak, Grades PK-4, pending receipt of required documents

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following teacher and support staff requests for a leave of absence based on the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) with effective dates to be determined:

- Jonene Suskiewicz, Paraeducator, Intermediate School
- Cindy Potts, Bus Driver
- Ray Potts, Custodian
- Melanie Clonan, High School Spanish Teacher

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS ON THE ABOVE MOTIONS.

There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – All Yes

Education

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Jeff Evancho, and High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval to move the PSAT exams scheduled on October 14, 2020, to January 26, 2021, as determined by the College Board.

Transportation

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of the bus stops and routes for the 2020-2021 school year. For audit purposes, the records will be kept in the transportation office.

Dr. Lockette added above motion for next week will read 'revised bus stops' due to a bus stop being added.

Athletics

Mr. Keener provided the following update:

- Golf and tennis have started
- Football had a successful game on September 11
- September 14 – other varsity fall sports started

Construction

There were no additional items discussed.

Miscellaneous

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to endorse candidates for the following PSBA positions:

- _____ as President-elect (one year term)
- _____ as Vice President (one year term)
- _____ as Treasurer
- _____ as Western at Large
- _____ as Section 2 Advisor
- _____ as Section 4 Advisor
- _____ as Section 6 Advisor
- _____ as Trustee (term ends December 31, 2023)
- _____ Form Steering Committee (term ends December 31, 2022)

President Fornella asked Board members to review the candidates prior to next weeks' meeting.

Mr. Vezzi asked for someone to look into having the recycled bins in the District emptied.
Mr. Tony responded it will be taken care of.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

There were no comments at this time.

Iagnemma seconded Vezzi to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary