



South Fayette Township School District

Special Meeting

Minutes – Virtual Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2020
7:30 PM

The virtual Special Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:54 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. This meeting was properly advertised.

Present: William Ainsworth, Tom Iagnemma, Todd Petrillo, Paul Brinsky, Teresa Burroughs, Lena Hannah, Jen Iriti, Len Fornella

Absent: Alan Vezzi

Others: See attached list of attendees.

President Fornella announced the meeting is being recorded.

Dr. Lockette reviewed the following updated information regarding the 2020-2021 Reopening Plan:

- New PA Metrics released on August 10, 2020:
 - Levels of community transmission in the county to: low is <10, moderate is 10 to <100, substantial is \geq 100
- ACHD County two-week cumulative incidence rate in the medium range (51-200), two-week percent positive rate in the medium range (5.1-9/9%)
- Enrollment results:
 - Green phase – 60.3% in-person five-day brick and mortar, 39.7% SF Cyber Academy; parents able to provide AM/PM transportation – 38.2%; AM only 25.1%, PM only 29.7%
 - Yellow phase (currently in) – 61.5% hybrid model, 38.5% SF Cyber Academy; Parents able to provide AM/PM transportation – 37.2%, AM only 26.4%, PM only 29.7%
- Device and materials distribution, grades 9-12 August 24-27; grades K-8 August 28-September 1
- New Teacher Induction – August 17-21
- All teachers staff development – August 24-September 1
- First day of school – September 2
- Athletics – Governor's/PA DOH recommendation move until January 2021; PIAA start of season moved to August 24; voluntary conditioning continues
- Signage/decals for social distancing and hand washing being applied, hand sanitizer dispensers installed in common areas, 3,500 bottles purchased and being distributed to each classroom
- Lunch will be 'grab 'n go'

The Board thanked the families will to help with transportation.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Lisa Passyn, Sharalyn Drive, thanked the Administration and Mark Keener, appreciate trying to keep sports going for the kids; finally received guidance from the state; after school clubs important for kids.

Nicole Madgich, Thoms Run Road, parent of a senior in soccer and band; band camp ran for three weeks outside preparing for the fall season; they are very proud and want to perform; they are also athletes; critical time for the seniors; thank you for fighting for the kids.

Corrine Harkins, Northridge Drive, work at the IS, hand sanitizer concerns, short hand sanitizer and ES/IS not receiving any; staff bring empty bottles and refill; ES/IS have sinks and soap in those classrooms; how many gallons and how long will it last.

President Fornella added a response will be sent to Ms. Harkins questions separately.

There were no additional comments at this time.

Consent Agenda

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

Regular Meeting Revised	Tuesday, June, 23, 2020
Special Board Meeting	Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Committee Meeting of the Board	Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, July 28, 2020

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

There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – All Yes

Business

Brinsky seconded Ainsworth on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Solicitor, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for a One-Year Contract Extension between the South Fayette Township School District and the South Fayette Education Association PSEA/NEA through the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Lockette added the contract ended with the 2019-2020 school year and with the pandemic, the union agreed to the extension to include step increases, EPR/coach increases and new responsibilities for teachers.

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There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – All Yes

Personnel

Hannah seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Jeff Evancho, and Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler for Board approval to hire for the following positions in the Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Marisa Tracy, 6th Grade Science teacher at the Master’s Step 1 rate of \$49,903. This is due to an internal move.

- Rachel Davis, 6th Grade ELA teacher at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of \$48,081. This is due to an internal move.
- Sarah Pruss, 6th Grade ELA/Social Studies teacher at the Master's Step 1 rate of \$49,903. This is due to an internal move.
- Ramon West, 6th Grade Social Studies Permanent Substitute teacher at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of \$48,081. This is due to a leave of absence.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Education Stephanie DeLuca, and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval to hire Laura Nagel as a Special Education teacher in the Intermediate School at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of \$48,081 effective for the 2020-2021 school year. This is a new position.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of following EPRs for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mentor Teacher for Marisa Tracy	Darcy Kotts
Mentor Teacher for Rachel Davis	Ben Laughton
Mentor Teacher for Sarah Pruss	Bridget Amato
Mentor Teacher for Ramon West	Robert Ruffolo
Mentor Teacher for Laura Nagel	Elizabeth Kline

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following as call as needed substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Megan Carr, PreK-4/Special Ed PreK-8

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Football Coach Joe Rossi for Board approval of Michael Caputo as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach effective August 11, 2020, contingent on the season commencing.

And on 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 hire Marlo Marasco as the Administrative Assistant for Student Center/Attendance/Dean at the salary of \$25,560, prorated, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, with an official start date to be determined. This is due to a vacancy.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the resignation of Janine Gordley as a Nurse at the Middle School effective August 21, 2020.

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There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Lisa Passyn, Sharalyn Drive, know the assistant principal position in the high school was not cut from the budget; provide an update as to what is going on, not enough qualified applicants, interviewing anyone; another body is needed in the high school to support the students and staff at such a critical time.

President Fornella added the situation will be dealt with in short order.

Burroughs seconded Iriti to suspend the meeting at 8:41 PM and enter into another Executive Session to discuss personnel and/or legal matters.

President Fornella announced there may be votes taken after Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Vezi seconded Burroughs to exit Executive Session at 9:42 PM and return to the Special meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Jeff Evancho, and High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell recommend Board approval to hire Robert Butts as the High School Assistant Principal at the salary of \$92,533, prorated for the 2020-2021 school year, with an effective date to be determined.

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

There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – Iagnemma, Petrillo, Brinsky, Hannah,
Fornella - All Yes
Ainsworth, Burroughs, Iriti – All No
Motion passed

Brinsky seconded Ainsworth to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary