



South Fayette Township School District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
7:30 PM

REVISED AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Tom Iagnemma

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Update – 2024-2025 Final Budget – Brian Tony

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meetings:

Committee Meeting	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Regular Meeting	Tuesday, May 28, 2024

2. 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 Aperia
Middle School Activity Fund	Sharon Aperia
Board Summary Report (May 2024)	Brian Tony

3. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Tax Collector Kevin Biber recommend Board approval of the provided list of Real Estate Refunds due to reduction in assessment and/or overpayment. *(information provided)*
4. **Authorization for payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of \$930,395.08 beginning with check number 77724 through check number 77944 and the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of \$25,756.62 beginning with check number 8700 through check number 8727.**

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

The Board will hear comments from residents and/or taxpayers related to items appearing on the Agenda for action by the Board. The Board will receive comments from residents and/or taxpayers on topics that do not appear on the agenda for action by the Board at the conclusion of the agenda, prior to adjournment. The time limit for comments shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The Board will not respond to questions during this session, but will only hear comments. (As per revised Policy 006-Meetings adopted April 26, 2022)

Old Business

New Business

1. Upon recommendation of the Solicitor, motion to add the following to Section III (Education) of the agenda that arose within the last 24 hours, is de minimus in nature and does not involve the expenditure of any District funds: “6. The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board Approval for Agreement with Student.”

II. BUSINESS OFFICE

At the Committee Meeting on June 18, 2024, the Board of School Directors acted on the following two items:

Gray seconded Fornella on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the following increase/decrease in Fund Balance designations to be effective retroactive to June 1, 2024.

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
• Commitment for OPEB	\$7,763,473.00	\$7,763,473.00
• Administrative Assignment - Commitment for 2023-2024 Budget Deficit	\$5,804,614.00	\$5,804,614.00
• Commitment for Capital Projects	\$8,949,924.00	\$9,655,502.00
• Commitment for PSERS	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00
• Restricted (Healthcare)	\$ 527,489.00	\$ 527,489.00
• Unassigned	\$5,216,049.00	\$4,510,471.00

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval of the AIU Comprehensive Services Agreement, including Addendum A: Special Education Services, with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2024-2025 school year.

Voice Vote – All Yes

1. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval to adopt the Final Budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The final budget revenue of \$_____ and expenses of \$_____ will balance with a _____ millage rate and borrowing from the fund balance in the amount of \$_____.

Roll Call Vote

2. The Superintendent recommends for Board approval of the following 2024-2025 tuition rates for non-resident students. This amount is determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with the requirements of Section 2561 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Grades 7 through 12	\$14,785.74
Grades K through 6	\$11,023.49
Kindergarten (1/2 elementary)	\$ 5,511.94

3. The School District Solicitor, the Superintendent, and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval to adopt Resolution 24-01, 2024 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion, for the District to reduce property taxes, for qualified homestead/ farmstead properties by \$206.21. In accordance with the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006) the District must reduce property taxes beginning July 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote

4. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend for Board approval to adopt revised Resolution 24-02 for the 2024-2025 school year permitting taxpayers to pay their real estate taxes in three (3) installments. *(information provided)*
Roll Call Vote
5. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler recommend Board approval to enter into an agreement (solicitor completed review) with The Watson Institute to provide classroom planning, observation and direct consultation services, effective to July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. *(revised information provided)*
6. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler recommend Board approval to enter into an Internship Agreement (per solicitor's review) with Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) for students to complete their practical experiences, effective for one year from the date of the final signature of the Agreement. There will be no cost to the district. *(information provided)*
7. The Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler recommend Board approval to enter into a Post-Secondary Program/Public School District Service Agreement (per solicitor's review) with St. Anthony School to provide placement of a student at Duquesne University, effective August 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025. *(revised information provided)*
8. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Technology Rob Warfield recommend Board approval to enter into an agreement with Consolidated Communications for local and long distance phone service for a period of 36 months with the beginning date to be determined. The monthly cost will be \$1,352.55 plus applicable taxes and is included in the 2024-2025. *(information provided)*
9. **The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Facilities Director Steve Timmins recommend Board approval of a 4-year Service Contract Agreement with Johnson Controls, to perform annual fire alarm inspections, cleaning, and sensitivity readings for the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, Elementary School, and Stadium, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. *(information provided)***
10. **The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Facilities Director Steve Timmins recommend Board approval of a 4-year agreement with Johnson Controls to monitor the Panic Alarm System in the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, Elementary School, Student Support Services building, and the Administration Building/Field House, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. The total cost will be \$3,500.00 per year and is included in the 2024-2025 budget. *(information provided)***
11. **The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Facilities Director Steve Timmins recommend Board approval of an Addendum to the current three-year agreement with Cintas (through US Communities) to supply mats, dust mops, and mechanic uniforms at an annual cost of \$35,000, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. This cost is included in the 2024-2025 budget. *(information provided)***
12. **The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Curriculum Cristine Wagner-Dietch recommend for Board approval to purchase the updated EnVision Math 2.0 workbooks and online resources for grades K through 5. The costs are included in the 2024-2025 budget. *(information provided)***

III. PERSONNEL

At the Committee Meeting on June 18, 2024, the Board of School Directors acted on the following six items:

Iriti seconded Welch on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval to hire Mary Josey as the High School BCIT teacher, at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of \$51,750, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required documents. This is due to a resignation.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of three Shuttle Drivers for the commencement ceremony, retroactive to June 4, 2024.

- Lorie Mebane
- Bob Meehan
- Wendy Williams

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of four Parking Attendants for the commencement ceremony, retroactive to June 4, 2024.

- Andrew Schnelbach
- Steve Hennon
- Sharon Matrazzo
- Judi Bedillion

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist for Board approval of the resignation of an Pratima Jukalkar, Elementary School Breakfast Monitor, Student Monitor, and Paraprofessional-Classroom Monitor, retroactive to June 4, 2024.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Aquatics Co-Directors for Board approval of four new swim instructors, retroactive to June 15, 2024.

- Cloey Barnes
- Caroline Stoecklein
- Carrie Fisher
- Addison Bowers

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Aquatics Co-Directors for Board approval of three lifeguards, retroactive to June 15, 2024.

- Kevin Wang
- Camille Berg
- Jayla Alex

Voice Vote – All Yes

1. The Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler recommend Board approval for the following EPR positions for the ESY summer program.
 - Terry Oberst, Substitute Paraeducator/Personal Care Paraeducator
 - Lauren Crossan, Personal Care Paraeducator
2. The Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski recommend Board approval to accept the sabbatical leave of absence request for Brittainy Hambelton, 4th Grade teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. The Superintendent and Facilities Director Steve Timmins recommend Board approval of the FMLA request for Anthony Beregi, Custodian, retroactive from May 28, 2024, to May 31, 2024.
4. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to hire the following personnel for the Summer Orchestra Camp which will be held from Monday, July 29, 2024, through Thursday, August 1, 2024. They each will be paid for 5 hours of instruction per day, 1 additional hour for the concert and 7 hours of planning/preparation.
 - IS Orchestra Camp Director Christina Crivelli
 - MS Orchestra Camp Director Jeanne Tupper
5. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler recommend Board approval for Faith Miller, a student from Robert Morris University, to complete her student teaching with Tomasina Crapis-Breth, Biology teacher at the High School, from August 28, 2024 to December 13, 2024. There will be no cost to the District.
6. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Varsity Football Coach Marty Spieler recommend for Board approval to hire Demetrious Cox as Assistant Varsity Football Coach effective for the 2024-2025 season.
7. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda recommend Board approval of the coaches for the following sports for the 2024-2025 season.

Boys Baseball

Head Coach - Ken Morgan
Assistant Coach - Craig Wiltrek
Assistant Coach - Andrew Barney
Assistant Coach - James Trainor
Assistant Coach - Jonathon Kletzli
Assistant Coach - Marc Snider
Assistant Coach - Ben Murray
Assistant Coach - Luke Paulson
Volunteer Assistant Coach - Brett Wilner
Volunteer Assistant Coach - Nick Yaworski

Girls Softball

Head Coach - Olesia Stasko
Assistant Coach - Courtney Blocher
Assistant Coach - Judy Kirkpatrick
Assistant Coach - Autumn Mozick
Head 7/8th Grade Coach - Samantha Hartman
Volunteer Assistant 7/8th Grade Coach - Samantha Baker

Girls & Boys Swimming/Diving

Head Coach - Todd Clark
Assistant Coach/Diving Coach - A.J. Mannarino
Head 7/8th Grade Coach - Todd Clark
Assistant 7/8th Grade & Varsity Coach - Melanie Miller
Assistant 7/8th Grade & Varsity Coach - Gianna Boburka
Volunteer Diving Coach - John Gray

Track

Spring Head Coach/Track Coordinator - Scott Litwinovich
Spring Assistant Track Coach - Joe Winans
Spring Assistant Track Coach - Elizabeth Kline
Spring Assistant Track Coach - Robert Reynolds
Spring Assistant Track Coach - Wes Chappel
Head 7/8th Grade Track Coach & Assistant Varsity Coach - William Finnerty
Assistant 7/8th Grade Track Coach - Julia Kuczynski (Denison)
Assistant 7/8th Grade Track Coach - Matt Timcheck
Assistant 7/8th Grade Track Coach - Sean McCreery
Assistant 7/8th Grade Track Coach - Alexis Podgorski (Deyarmin)
Winter Head Coach/Track Coordinator - Scott Litwinovich
Winter Assistant Track Coach - Joe Winans
Winter Assistant Track Coach - Elizabeth Kline
Winter Assistant Track Coach - William Finnerty

Girls 7/8th Grade Volleyball

Head Coach - Scott Sundgren
Assistant Coach - Tara Savisky
Assistant Coach - Justina Yanosik
Volunteer Assistant Coach - Danielle Rudolph

Boys Tennis

Head Coach - Brian Garlick
Assistant Coach - Victoria Chagnon

Boys Volleyball

Head Coach - Ron Kelly
Assistant Coach - Adam Diodata
Assistant Coach - Alex Verlinich
Assistant Coach - Ryan Miller

Girls Lacrosse

Head Coach - Michael Jordan
Assistant Coach - Mike Young
Assistant Coach - Breanna Martini
Assistant Coach - Mackenzie Shaak

Boys Lacrosse

Head Coach - Shawn Leydig
Assistant Coach - Jack Halley
Assistant Coach - Granville Wagner
Assistant Coach - John Dunn
Assistant Coach - Dan Senisi

Cheerleading

Head Coach - Maggie Conosciuto
Assistant Coach - Elizabeth Frambes
Assistant Coach - Amanda Moon
Assistant Coach - Christine Stilley
7/8th Grade Coach - Stephanie Harris
7/8th Grade Coach - Laura Nagel

8. The Superintendent recommends Board approval for Jenna Mozzocio, a student at the University of Pittsburgh, to complete a minimum of 90 hours with Dr. Miller, as part of her intern requirements for the Superintendents' Letter of Eligibility program, effective through the 2024-2025 school year. There will be no cost to the District.

New Motions from the June 25, 2024, Executive Session agenda

1. The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval to hire an Elementary School Special Education Teacher (life skills/autistic support), at the Bachelor's Step 2 rate of \$53,195 effective for the 2024-2025 school year. *(information provided)*
2. The Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda recommend Board approval to hire a High School Art teacher, at the Bachelor's step 1 at the rate of \$51,750, effective date to be determined. This is due to a resignation. *(information provided)*
3. The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval of the resignation of a Second Grade Teacher, effective June 21, 2024.
4. The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval to accept the sabbatical leave of absence request of a STEAM Teacher for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.
5. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend retroactive Board approval of the following EPR for the 2023-2024 school year:

High School - Stage Crew Sponsor	
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6. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to renew the contract of the Director of Innovation and Strategic Partnership, from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029. *(information provided)*

III. EDUCATION

At the Committee Meeting on June 18, 2024, the Board of School Directors acted on the following two items:

Burroughs seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Dr. Matt Callison for Board approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with Stanford University to provide professional development services during the 2024-2025 school year as part of the data science component of Project ASCENT. The cost will be paid from the PASmart grant.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, Director of Curriculum Cristine Wagner-Deitch, and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda for Board approval for an optional honors credit program for the Cybersecurity 2 course. Students taking this course may choose to receive honors credit if they complete an additional capstone project.

Voice Vote – All Yes

1. The Superintendent, Director of Curriculum Cristine Wagner-Deitch, and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval to dispose of the attached list of High School science and social studies books as per Board Policy 706.1. The District will attempt to resell the textbooks; if not, they will be donated. *(information provided)*

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2. The Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda recommend Board approval for Adrienne Endy and approved chaperones to accompany the High School Social Studies Travel Group on an international trip to France in the summer of 2026. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There will be no cost to the District. *(information provided)*
3. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler recommend Board approval to renew the agreement with TeachFX to provide an app-based professional development tool effective for the 2024-2025 school year. The cost is not to exceed \$10,000 and will be covered by the 2023-2024 Ready to Learn Grant funds.
4. Consider Board approval for the Superintendent to attend the League of Innovative Schools Fall 2024 Convening in Lindsay, California, from September 30, 2024, through October 2, 2024. The conference is for superintendents only. The cost is included in the 2024-2025 budget.
5. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristin Deichler, and High School Principal Dr. Natasha Dirda recommend Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Robert Morris University to offer college in high school (CHIS) courses for the 2024-2025 school year. There will be no cost to the District. *(information provided)*
6. **The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board Approval for Agreement with Student. *(information provided)***

IV. TRANSPORTATION

At the Committee Meeting on June 18, 2024, the Board of School Directors acted on the following item:

Burroughs seconded Gray The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie recommend Board approval for the District to provide one 72-passenger school bus for the 2024 South Fayette Township Touch-a-Truck event scheduled for Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Fairview Park. The cost to the District is estimated at \$246.63, and includes driver salary/benefits and fuel.

Voice Vote – All Yes

1. **The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval for the District to provide four school buses and drivers, and six drivers for golf carts for the South Fayette Community Day scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost to the District is estimated at \$3,494.01, and includes drivers' salary/benefits and fuel.**

V. ATHLETICS

1. **The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval of a 3-year UPMC Performance Specialist Agreement, pending solicitor approval, beginning with the start of the 2024-2025 school year and will conclude at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. The annual costs will be as follows. *(information provided)***

2024-2025	\$121,859
2025-2026	\$125,514
2026-2027	\$129,279

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VI. CONSTRUCTION

1. There are no items to discuss.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. There are no items to discuss.

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Solicitor's Report

Board Comments

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee Report	President Tom Iagnemma
B. South Fayette Foundation	Jen Iriti
C. PSBA/Legislative Committee Report	Prajakta Patankar
D. Parkway West	Tom Iagnemma
E. SHASDA	Joe Welch

Suspend

An Executive Session may be held to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.