The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Pride Room of the Administration Building by President Newcomer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Paul Brinski, Len Fornella, Alex Czaplicki, Alan Vezzi, Todd Petrillo, Jen Iriti, Bill Newcomer

Absent: Lena Hannah, Teresa Burroughs

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent David Deramo; Student Representative Katie Kenawell; Director of Finance/HR Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Brewer Aguilar; High School Principal Aaron Skrbin; Teachers: Megan Leslie, Emily Rupprecht, Felix Yerace, and Patrick McAndrew; Katie Drozynski, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

Felix Yerace presented information pertaining to the District possibly hosting the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Conference in June 2018. He asked the Board for preliminary approval to submit the application to be considered to host the event which is due in December. Mr. Yerace continued money would be raised through traditional fundraisers and business sponsorships; the District responsibilities would be for facilities costs, food and t-shirts for the volunteers, and transportation for the attendees. He concluded this would be great opportunity for many of our students to attend and to be involved in the planning process. The Board discussed potential costs to the District and agreed to vote on the motion to submit the application to be considered to host the event at the end of the agenda.

Brian Tony provided the 2017-2018 Budget Timeline which requires the District to have the Proposed Preliminary Budget on public display for 20 days in January and the Preliminary Budget approved in February. He added the Board meeting dates in February do not match with the February 15, 2017 date the Preliminary Budget would need to be approved by the Board. Mr. Tony asked the Board to consider moving the Committee Meeting scheduled on February 21 to the previous week, to schedule an additional meeting to approve the Preliminary Budget prior to February 15 or to move both meetings up to February 14 and 21. The Board discussed the request and agreed to hold the Committee meeting on Monday, February 13 and the Regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21. The Board inquired about the 5 year budget information that was requested. Mr. tony responded it will be available to the Board in January. He added the ratings call was held for the final borrowing for the High School Construction Project and the credit rating for the District was upgraded from an A1 to AA3 rating which should help with the bids on the 30th.

Minutes

Petrillo seconded Vezzi on approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting October 18, 2016
Regular Meeting October 25, 2016

Voice Vote – All Yes
Financial Reports

Petrillo seconded Vezzi on approval of the following Financial Reports:

1. Athletic Fund Mark Keener
2. High School Activity Fund Harriet Dausch
3. Middle School Activity Fund Harriet Dausch
4. Tax Collector Reports (September/October 2016) Anne Beck/Jordan Tax

Voice Vote – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

There were no comments at this time.

Superintendent’s Monthly Report – Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli

Dr. Rondinelli announced Tricia Wood applied for and received a grant in the amount of $250.00 from the Allegheny County Food Service Directors which will be used to host a Senior Citizens Dinner at the Senior Citizen’s Center in January. She thanked Mrs. Iriti and all those involved in the Science and Innovation Fair. Mrs. Iriti added innovation was added as part of the District’s Operational Theme and also thanked the high school and middle school student and teachers who helped and the custodians. She concluded they are hoping to add a fair in the Middle School. Dr. Rondinelli announced the following:

- November 22 – Beaver Valley IU visit
- November 23 – Middle School Turkey Bowl
- December 1 – Middle School Holiday Chorus Concert
- November 29 – Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive begins
- District Holiday Cards are made from student drawings
- December 5 – Board Reorganization Meeting, 5:45PM High School tour and new Board picture
- December 8 – Middle School Holiday Band Concert
- December 10 – Breakfast with Santa
- December 12 – Senior Graduation Projects
- December 15 - High School Holiday Band and Chorus Concert

Business Office

Petrillo seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to continue participation in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Board for 2017-2018 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, Tax Collector Anne Beck, and Jordan Tax for Board approval of the provided list of Real Estate Refunds due to reduction in assessment and/or overpayment.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to designate the following from Unassigned Fund Balance retroactive to June 30, 2016.

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And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide telephone voice interpretation for non-English speaking parents and families for the period effective February 10, 2017 through February 10, 2018. The cost is an annual fee of $120 with payment of actual usage costs at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per minute.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for the Board to authorize participation of the South Fayette Township School District in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee for the purchase of natural gas from UGI Energy Services, LLC. The terms of the agreement are December 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019 at the agreed upon rate of NYMEX-Minus ($0.48)/Dth. This rate should result in an estimated annual savings of approximately $10,000, an estimated savings increase of $1,600 of the current agreement. This agreement also extends the savings period beyond the previous agreement.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Personnel

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Maura Schmidt as a One Semester Permanent Substitute Special Education teacher in the High School at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of $46,950, prorated, effective retroactive to October 31, 2016.

Dr. Rondinelli added Ms. Schmidt was previously approved as a day to day substitute and has been substitute in that position.

Voice Vote – All Yes with the exception of Fornella – No

Iriti seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence request for James Thornburg, Custodian effective retroactive from September 29, 2016.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Amy Beck as the Personal Care Paraeducator for Extra-Curricular Activity– Middle School Chorus effective for the 2016-2017 school year at the current contractual rate.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Savannah Buhite, a student at Robert Morris University to complete her student teaching with Jim Hausman, High School English teacher during the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Ellie Oxenreiter, a student at Duquesne University to complete her student teaching with Rebecca Colangelo, Elementary School teacher during the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Brenda Cischke, a student at Geneva College to complete her internship with Molly Kuczinski, Elementary Guidance Counselor during the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, along with Head Football Coach Joe Rossi, Head Volleyball Coach Scott Sundgren, Head Golf Coach Bob Ruffolo, Head Boys Soccer Coach Rob Eldridge, Head Girls Soccer Coach Wayne Capra, Head Cross Country Coach
Joe Winans, Head Girls Basketball Coach Matt Bacco, and Head Cheerleading Coach Maggie Conoscuito for Board approval of the following compensations for the fall 2016 season:

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Assistant Athletic Director
Matt Bacco should receive half of his pay in December 2016 which is $3,417.50 (half of $6,835.00), and the other half to be paid in June 2017.
**Cheerleading**  
**Competitive Cheerleading**

Maggie Conoscuito  
Should receive half of her pay in December 2016 which is $1,020.00 (half of $2,040.00). The other half will be paid in June 2017.

Tawnya Shrewsbury  
Should receive her full pay in December 2016 which is $1,000.00.

Maura McCarthy  
Should receive half of her pay in December 2016 which is $1,010.00 (half of $2,020.00). The other half will be paid in June 2017.

**Team Cheerleading**

Maggie Conoscuito  
Should receive half of her pay in December 2016 which is $2,760.00 (half of $5,520.00). The other half will be paid in June 2017.

Morgan Harouse  
Should receive half of her pay in December 2016 which is $1,800.00 (half of $3,600.00). The other half will be paid in June 2017.

Nicole Bobrzynski  
Should receive half of her pay in December 2016 which is $1,100.00 (half of $2,200.00). The other half will be paid in June 2017.

Tawnya Shrewsbury  
Should receive her full pay in December 2016 which is $1,200.00.

Maura McCarthy  
Should receive half of her pay in December 2016 which is $1,067.50 (half of $2,135.00). The other half will be paid in June 2017.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Girls and Boys Varsity Indoor Track Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval of the following for the 2016-2017 season:

- Joe Becker, hire as an Assistant Varsity Track Coach (Winter Season)
- Marissa Kalsey, hire as an Assistant Varsity Track Coach (Winter & Spring Seasons)

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to grant a leave of absence request to Charlotte Austin, Special Education teacher in the Middle School effective March 31, 2017.

Voice Vote – All Yes

New personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**Education**

Vezzi seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dave Deramo, and Curriculum, Technology, and Innovation Coordinator Stephanie DeLuca for Board approval to conduct a trial Girls Who Code club in the Intermediate, Middle, and High Schools depending on enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to permit Dr. Mandi Skerbetz, Director of Pupil Personnel to attend the National Counsel for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from Wednesday, April 19, 2017 through Saturday, April 22, 2017. The cost of the trip will be paid through the RISE Grant from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Education.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval for Band Director Eryn Carranza and Assistant Band Director Adam Wazenegger to travel with the band to Nashville, Tennessee from Thursday, March 16, 2017 through Sunday, March 19, 2017 for their annual Band Trip. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There would be no cost to the district.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to permit Felix Yerace, High School Social Studies teacher to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C. from Wednesday, February 1, 2017 through Sunday, February 5, 2017. The costs of the trip will be covered by the NASSP. The costs to the District will be for a substitute teacher.

And on the motion for Board approval to permit Felix Yerace, High School Social Studies teacher to apply for consideration for the District to host the 2018 National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Conference to be held in June 2018.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Transportation
There were no items discussed.

Athletics

Vezzi seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Varsity Swim Coach Matt Tucker for Board approval to permit the Boys and Girls Varsity Swim teams to travel to York, Pennsylvania to participate in a swim meet from Friday, January 13, 2017 through Saturday, January 14, 2017. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Varsity Wrestling Coach Rick Chaussard for Board approval to permit the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Bedford, Pennsylvania to participate in a wrestling tournament from Thursday, January 26, 2017 through Sunday, January 29, 2017. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Junior High Wrestling Coach Stefan Chaussard for Board approval to permit the Junior High Wrestling team to stay overnight (if necessary) at the Southwest Regional Tournament (Norwin, PA) on Friday, February 17, 2017. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. The District will supply transportation to the tournament. The District will not be responsible for the cost of the overnight accommodations.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Girls Varsity Softball Coach Olesia Stasko for Board approval to permit the Girls Varsity Softball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to participate in a softball tournament. The tentative plans are to travel from Wednesday, March 22, 2017 through Sunday, March 26, 2017. Students will be responsible for all
school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Girls and Boys Varsity Indoor Track Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval to permit the Indoor Track teams to travel to Penn State to compete in the Kevin Dare Invitational. Tentative travel plans are from 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 6, 2017 through 12:00 AM on Sunday, January 8, 2017 (dependent on length of event). Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Girls and Boys Varsity Indoor Track Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval to permit the Indoor Track teams to travel to the following indoor track meets. The District will supply transportation to and from the meets:

- Spire Scholastic Open on January 13, 2017 at Geneva, Ohio
- Youngstown State Open on January 21, 2017 at Youngstown, Ohio

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Construction**

There were no items discussed.

**Miscellaneous**

Petrillo seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the DRAFT version of the 2017-2018 school calendar.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Wolfe reported the LERTA application for the Gateway Shops at Newbury there was no new assessment issued for the new improvements, if a new assessment is issued, it will be brought to the Board for approval subject to issuance of final assessment. The Board briefly discussed if they are broken into multiple lots.

**Expenditures**

Brinsky seconded Petrillo to authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $987,538.96 beginning with check number 56653 through check number 56924, the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $70,057.41 beginning with check number 7083 through check number 7103, and the Construction Fund for the amount of $1,616,405.01 beginning with check number 00137 through check number 00142.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Board Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee Report

President Newcomer had nothing to report.
Mr. Fornella had nothing to report.

PSBA/Legislative Committee Report

Mrs. Hannah was absent.

Parkway West

Mr. Vezzi reported the Parkway Budget has been prepared and will be presented on December 19; Parkway will receive a supplemental equipment grant for $31,269 to be used for educational capital equipment replacement;

SHASDA

Mr. Czaplicki reported legal updates on transgender students, medical marijuana, changes in truancy law, and Right to Know Law were presented. Dr. Rondinelli added the annual Student Forum will feature students from Career and Technical Schools and one of the keynote speakers may be Bill Flanagan.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

There were no comments at this time.

Petrillo seconded Vezzi to suspend the meeting at 7:36 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

President Newcomer announced votes will be taken following Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Executive Session convened at 7:40 PM.

Petrillo seconded Vezzi to exit Executive Session at 8:20 PM and return to the regular meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Fornella seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Krystle Carlisle as a Personal Care Paraeducator in the Elementary School pending receipt of required documents effective November 29, 2016 at the probationary rate of $14.28 per hour. After completion of a successful probationary period the rate will be $17.86 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire the following substitute (call-as-needed) support personnel:

- Stacey Byerly, Bus Driver at the rate of $15.00 per hour

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the correction in the pay rate for Jonene Suskiewicz as she was previously approved as a Personal Care Paraeducator and is working as a Classroom Paraeducator. The correct probationary rate is $13.09 per hour effective retroactive October 19, 2016. After completion of a successful probationary period the rate will be $16.36 per hour.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Kevin Joyce, a student at Robert Morris University to complete his pre-student and student teaching with the Social Studies Department in the High School from January 9, 2017 through April 21, 2017, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Spencer Girman, a student at Slippery Rock University to complete his practicum with Mark Keener, Athletic Director from December 15, 2016 through January 13, 2017, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Amanda Garrity, a student at Liberty University to complete her internship with Justina Perrott, Middle School Guidance Counselor for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Brinsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary