The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:06 PM in the Administration Building by President Alan Vezzi with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Paul Brinsky, Len Fornella, Lena Hannah, Bill Newcomer, Jen Iriti, Alan Vezzi

Absent: Alex Czaplicki, Todd Petrillo, Teresa Burroughs (contacted to participate in the vote)

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead; Student Representative Ryan McGowan; Director of Finance Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Brewer Aguilar, Network Systems Administrator Gene Manzini; High School Associate Principal Aaron Skrbin; Teachers Carrie Palmer and Chelsea Marshall; Cassandra Renninger, Eckles Architecture; David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; John Taormina, PJ Dick; Anthony Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl; Jamie Doyle, PFM; Danielle Puhatch, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

Cassandra Renninger and Dave Esposito, Eckles Architecture provided the Board with additional information regarding the High School construction project. The following four classroom reduction options with estimated costs were presented to the Board:

- $36 million – eliminate some maintenance items, do in house; reduce the scope of the commons, but still achieve the goals;
- $34 million - in addition to the elimination of some maintenance items and reducing the scope of the commons, eliminate courtyard infields which includes student activities room and faculty room, revise 11-12 wing addition to two general classrooms and IPC rooms on each floor; the revision to the 11-12 wing eliminates costs associated in redoing the road and sidewalk
- $32 million – in addition to the elimination of some maintenance items, reducing the scope of the commons, and eliminating the courtyard infields, eliminate the 11-12 wing altogether, losing six classrooms; also revise the scope of the fine arts/child care area by eliminating a second art room in that area. The need for three art rooms still exists, so potentially using the general classroom associated with the library would be the third art room.
- $30 million – in addition to the changes associated with the $32 million option, eliminate the 9-10 wing, resulting in a total of 13 general classrooms being eliminated

Ms. Renninger continued to review the Plancon pages reflecting the changes associated with the four different options, including the adjusted FTEs for each option. The Board discussed the options and which one would accommodate the district’s needs. Ms. Renninger reminded the Board they will need to determine budget and scope items in order for Eckles to proceed.
The Board asked for clarification of the miscellaneous high school improvements/equipment and miscellaneous stadium improvement items, which included:

- Marker boards in various classrooms
- Casework in some existing rooms
- New floor finishes
- Stage floor work
- Exterior masonry repair
- Security cameras
- Network upgrades
- Card access readers on exterior of building
- Turf for the football field

Jamie Doyle, PFM reviewed the results of the refunding of the General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2005. She received loan proposals from 6 different banks with the winning proposal from Washington Financial Bank with a rate of 1.875%, generating a net savings of approximately $345,000. The proposal also includes zero bank fees; they are not requiring a depository relationship, no prepayment penalty and did not add any additional terms or conditions outside of what was outlined. Ms. Doyle recommends the Board accept the bank qualified proposal from Washington Financial Bank. Mr. Anthony Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl reviewed the resolution the Board would need to approve to proceed with the refunding. Ms. Doyle then reviewed estimated increased millage requirements to fund the high school construction project with and without state reimbursement.

**Minutes**

Brinsky seconded Newcomer on approval of minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting of the Board Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Financial Reports**

Brinsky seconded Newcomer to approve the following Financial Reports:

1. Board Reports Maria Brewer Aguilar
   (May 2014, September, October, November, and December 2014)
2. Aquatics Fund Sara Cremonese
3. Athletic Fund Mark Keener
4. High School Activity Fund Harriet Dausch
5. Middle School Activity Fund Harriet Dausch

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 congratulated the cast and crew of Fiddler on the Roof. She announced the upcoming events:
• March 28 – Breakfast with the Bunny, 9:00 to 11:30 AM in the High School Commons
• March 28 – Mr. Garlick, nominated for the Champions of Learning in the teacher category
• March 30 – the AIU Learning Together Conference at Station Square with South Fayette presenting and Mr. Fornella running for one of the Board of Directors of positions
• April 17/18 – MiniTHON event, so far the students have raised more money than last year and the actual event hasn’t even occurred yet
• iPad rollout continues and is going well
• April 7 - Digital Fix playground for parents
• March 31 – Alcosan project student presentations at CCAC Allegheny Campus
• Congratulated students for their STEAM presentation at RMU on Friday
• April 3 – 6 – Spring Break
• April 2 – ½ snow make-up day
• Congratulated Mr. Yerace on hosting the PASC Conference with over 800 students on campus
• Celebration of Excellence in April

**Business Office**

President Vezzi indicated the motion below for the lease purchase of the HP Revolves has contractual language change and confirmation of payment dates as requested by the Board at the March 17 meeting.

Vice President Burroughs was called to participate in the voting.

Fornella seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony and Director of Maintenance Dean Stewart for Board approval to authorize the administration to advertise for a trash removal 3-year contract beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to utilize Mockenhaupt Benefits Group to prepare an actuarial valuation for the District’s OPEB amount as of July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2013 for an estimated amount not to exceed $5,800.00. Of the $5,800.00, $5,500.00 would be for the Biennial Actuarial Valuation Report and $300.00 would be for the hypothetical “funded” report. The District utilized Mockenhaupt for our three previous OPEB Valuations in 2009, 2011, and 2013 at costs of $5,100.00, $5,200.00, and $5,400.00 respectively.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the following budget transfers for the 2014-2015 school year:

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And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Tax Collector Anne Beck 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, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board ratification of the revised lease purchase agreement with HP Financial Services for 1600 HP EliteBook Revolve computers for grades 3 through 8 at a cost of $991.00 per device. The revised lease agreement confirms the lease commencement date of April 30, 2015, with the initial payment deferred to July 1, 2015. The three subsequent payment dates with the months and years specified will be:

- July, 2016
- July, 2017
- July, 2018

Voice Vote – All Yes

Anthony Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl, Bond Counsel, reviewed resolution 15-04 regarding refunding the General Obligation Bond Series A of 2005.

Newcomer seconded Fornella on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for the Board to approve Resolution 15-04 authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a General Obligation Note, Series of 2015 in the aggregate principal amount of five million four hundred seventeen thousand dollars ($5,417,000) for the purpose of refunding the School District’s General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2005.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Burroughs on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the proposed 2015-16 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals $4,005,898. There is no increase in the Allegheny County district allocation. The South Fayette Township School District’s expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is $31,558.46. Please see pages three and four of the Program of Services Budget document for a list of savings, services, and programs provided to our district by the AIU.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Food Service Tricia Wood, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to authorize the Business Office to proceed in finalizing a new agreement with Heartland Processing for a revised percentage based program fee structure for the “Myschoolbucks” program, effective for the 2015-2016 school year. The percentage will be 3.95% of the amount charged. American Express will no longer be offered as a credit or debit card paying option.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval for the District to proceed in implementing the Amazon Shop Services via the District website, effective when the implementation process has been completed. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the Application for LERTA tax abatement filed by UPMC’s Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh for the newly constructed facility at 205 Millers Run Road. In accordance with the District’s LERTA Resolution No. 07-03, the assessed value of the improvements are eligible for an abatement of the District’s real estate taxes equal to 80% of the assessed value of the improvements for the 2015 tax year; followed by an abatement equal to 60% of the assessed value of the improvements in 2016, 40% in 2017, 20% in 2018 and 10% in 2019.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to renew the agreement with the Keystone Oaks School District and the Project Succeed Consortium for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

Solicitor Wolfe confirmed resolution number 07-03 with 07 designating the year and 03 the number.

Voice Vote – All Yes
**Personnel**

Brinsky seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Scott Milburn for Board of approval to hire Susan Vasalani as the Administrative Assistant in the main office at the High School at the rate of $30,500 annually prorated for the 2014-2015 school year with an effective date to be determined.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence request for Jaimie Lilly, Paraeducator in the High School effective for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Aquatics Director Sara Cremonese for Board approval of a rate change for Shane O’Donnell, Instructor from $8.00 per hour to $8.25 per hour effective retroactive to March 1, 2015. All expenses are paid through the aquatic fund.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following EPR position for the 2014-2015 school year:

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

- Colleen Jastrzebski, Elementary K-6, Mental and/or Physical Handicapped
- Lauren Holmes, Music K-12
- Kaitlyn Weber, Grades PK-4
- Amy Janoski, Bus Aide at the rate of $16.34 per hour

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Custodial Supervisor Steve Timmins for Board approval to hire the following as substitute custodians at the rate of $9.25 per hour, effective date pending receipt of required documentation:

- James DeThomas
- James Thornburg
- Michael DeMichela
- Robert Faure

Brinsky seconded Hannah to amend the motion to add the two motions below from Executive Session per Mr. Fornella’s request.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the resignation of Dolores Kyle as a Student Monitor in the Intermediate School effective retroactive to March 17, 2015.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Aquatics Director Sara Cremonese for Board approval of Kerry McAdams as an Instructor at the rate of $8.00 per hour effective March 25, 2015. All expenses are paid through the aquatic fund.

**Voice Vote – All Yes**
**Education**

Fornella seconded Newcomer on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Dave Deramo for Board approval for Frank Kruth, Middle School STEAM Coordinator, who was nominated and selected to attend the NAEP Technology and Engineering Operational ALS event in San Antonio, Texas from Sunday, May 31, 2015 through Thursday, June 4, 2015. The cost of registration, travel, lodging, and meals will be covered in the 2014-2015 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead and Middle School Principal Dave Deramo for Board approval of the 2015-2016 Middle School Program of Studies, with the only change being the addition of Orchestra 6 as a 6th grade special.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Nanci Sullivan, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead for Board approval to conduct the Extended School Year (ESY) program in the summer of 2015. The program will run Monday through Thursday beginning the week of June 22, 2015. The cost of the program has been budgeted.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Transportation**

There were no items discussed.

**Athletics**

There were no items discussed.

**Construction**

President Vezzi asked for a motion to direct Eckles Architecture to proceed to the design development stage for the High School Construction Project.

Hannah seconded Newcomer for the Board to approve Eckles Architecture to proceed to the design development stage at the $34 million option for the High School Construction Project.

The Board discussed what reductions are included in the $34 million option and asked Eckles to look at possibly adding the student activities room and the 2 classrooms. Ms. Renninger said options will be explored for that request. President Vezzi confirmed the $34 million budget is established, maximizing the design and staying with the confines of that budget, as previously presented to the Board.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Miscellaneous**

Newcomer seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to accept the provided list of gifts/donations.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School District Solicitor for Board approval of the final reading of PSBA Board Policy 916 School Volunteers.

Voice Vote – All Yes
Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Wolfe reported he will review his written report in Executive Session and will email it to the Board members who are absent this evening.

Expenditures

Newcomer seconded Fornella to authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $1,257,813.76 beginning with check number 52181 through check number 52382 and the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $66,668.79 beginning with check number 6614 through check number 6633.

Voice Vote – All Yes

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report

President Alan Vezzi

President Vezzi had nothing to report.

South Fayette Foundation

Len Fornella

Mr. Fornella announced the Oldies Concert was a huge success and the Golf Outing will be on July 13, 2015 at Southpointe Golf Club.

PSBA/Legislative Committee Report

Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah discussed the handouts regarding school funding and lockdown drills. She thanked everyone involved with the Community Forum and Information Night that was held in collaboration with the South Fayette Township Police Department.

Parkway West

Alan Vezzi

Mr. Vezzi announced the District is hosting Parkway’s NTHS Induction on April 21.

SHASDA

Alex Czaplicki

Dr. Rondinelli announced the Student Forum was held on March 10 with student Meghan Allen attending, the next event is the Vendor Appreciation Dinner on April 24 and the Student Breakfast on April 25.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Danielle Puhatch, Newbury Highland, mother of a first grader and incoming kindergarten student and a developmental pediatric occupational therapist specializing in the development of toddlers, pre-school and elementary aged students. On behalf of many first and second grade parents, I would like to express our concerns regarding the iPad initiative. Financially we are very concerned that the district would to expect a family to pay $500 cash or check up front for a lost or stolen iPad. We are asking the District to develop a payment plan or accept payments via credit card for a lost or stolen iPad. From a child development perspective the current research shows children having more than 2 hours of screen time on any device of having issues with poor attention, sleep disturbances, aggressive behaviors and vision problems. We are asking the district to find a way to monitor and report how much screen time the children are getting everyday so we can adjust and regulate the amount of screen time they get at home. Or report the amount of digital medi time they are getting when our pediatricians request it. Lastly and
most importantly the pediatric medical community and our local pediatricians are recommending our young children to not have long exposure to Wi-Fi devices due to the negative affects the Wi-Fi signals could have on their bodies, including organs and neurological systems. The Wi-Fi and technology being used by these young children is such a new trend that the research really isn’t there to determine what causes it will have on their health later. In order to protect the future health of our young children we ask that you be very safe and error on the side of caution and require each classroom to have a special storage area for the iPads during the day when they are not actively being used. This way our children are not receiving 6 hours of close proximity exposure. We cannot remove the damage to their bodies once it has been done. With the technology moving at such rapid pace into the classroom, South Fayette is in a position to be an example how to properly implement technology. I ask that you be proactive in keeping the health of our children a high priority while advancing the technology in the district.

Hannah seconded Newcomer to suspend the meeting at 8:26 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

President Vezzi announced there will be no votes after Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Executive Session convened at 8:30 PM.

Hannah seconded Newcomer to exit Executive Session at 8:49 PM and return to the regular meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Vice President Burroughs exited the meeting.

Hannah seconded Brinsky to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary