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

Present: Paul Brinsky, Lena Hannah (arrived at 7:02 PM), Alex Czaplicki, Alan Vezzi, Jen Iriti, Bill Newcomer

Absent: Len Fornella, Todd Petrillo, Teresa Burroughs

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead; Director of Finance Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Aguilar; High School Principal Aaron Skrbin; High School Assistant Principal Laura Hartzell; Middle School Principal Dave Deramo; Middle School Assistant Principal Kristin Deichler; Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray; Elementary/Intermediate School Assistant Principal Tyler Geist; Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens; Facilities Director Gene Manzini; Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Davis Skerbetz; Athletic Director Mark Keener; Custodial Shift Supervisor Steve Timmins; Director of Maintenance Dean Stewart; Teachers Ben Laughton and Sarah Manly; Doug Brown, PJ Dick; David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; John Pappas, PJ Dick; Jim Spezialetti, Raj Urs, Jyothi Urs, Joe Cavanaugh, Ashumi Rokadia, Nick Wilke, Prateek Jukalkar; Kristin Pierce, Shayne Zeta Pierce, Matt Pierce, Greg Malosh, Lisa Malosh, Kellie Coll, Noelle Gagliardino, Jane Bahl, Joe Gagliardino, Nidhi Shrivastava, Marissa Malosh, Sydney Scott, Ella Gagliardino, Francisco Souki, Parv Shrivastava, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

President Newcomer thanked the students for taking time from their summer vacation to attend the meeting.

Dr. Rondinelli also thanked the students for attending the meeting and participating in the Summer Institute as co-facilitators. She continued one of the District’s partnerships is with Schell Games who worked with Sarah Manly’s 5th grade class. Ms. Manly and students Sadie Mohnkern, Alexandra Pierce, Viraj Urs, and Vishram Urs explained how using project based learning and the theme Connectivity and Transformation they created a game to help the upcoming 5th grade students learn the standards of adding and subtracting fractions. The students explained the title of the game is World Wide Fractions which uses geography and math, the phases of creating the game from the blue print and beta testing to using the 3D printer to create the game pieces. Dr. Rondinelli thanked Francisco Souki, Advanced Game Designer from Schell Games for his collaboration with the students by presenting him with a plaque. She also had a plaque for Jesse Schell, Founder and CEO of Schell Games, who was unable to attend. Mr. Souki thanked the District for this learning experience. Dr. Rondinelli recognized and thanked the parents in attendance.

Dr. Rondinelli congratulated Ben Laughton, 5th grade teacher and his students for winning the Student Treasures Publishing Grant in the amount of $500. Mr. Laughton explained the narrative writing
competition had his students writing personal narratives, which were published by Student Treasures Publishing Company into a collection book. In honor of the students’ work the company offered a $500 grant. Student Marrisa Malosh won the contest to design the cover of the book and explained the idea behind the cover design. Student Sydney Scott explained some of the topics and special moments in their lives from getting a new kitten to breaking an arm. Student Elle Gagliardino added the money will be donated to the Intermediate School Library because it promotes reading and also the Elementary School Library where the 5th grade students were involved in a project of helping kindergarten students to learn to read. Tom Kaminski, Intermediate School Principal thanked Mr. Laughton on behalf of Mrs. Skerbetz, Intermediate/Elementary School Librarian for the donation of money to the libraries.

Dr. Rondinelli proudly introduced Aileen Owens and the BusBudE Team of Parv Shrivastava, Ashumi Rokadia, Anish Thangavelu, Vinay Pedapati, Joe Cavanaugh, Sam Cohen, Nick Wilke, Meghan Banerjee, for receiving a County Proclamation from the County Council for their design of an app for parents to be notified when their children are on the bus. She also added these students have been involved in co-teaching the Summer Institute on subjects such as Raspberry Pie. Dr. Rondinelli also proudly introduced the My Edudex Team of Parv Shrivastava, Prateek Jukalkar, Vinay Pedapati, Matt Antantis, Sam Cohen, Ashumi Rokadia, Nick Wilke who had an article published and visited MIT and Brown University. Ms. Owens thanked the Board for providing the support and opportunities provided for the students to go far beyond what anyone was imagined. The students each thanked the Board for their support and talked about how their interests evolved; their visits to such places as Microsoft and the opportunities that have opened up for them to attend possible universities such as Brown. Dr. Rondinelli added this team of students won a $10,000 Infosys Grant which will be dedicated to the High School for renovating the Maker Space. Dr. Rondinelli reminded the Board the District received $78,000 in grant money from the Grable Foundation to conduct the Summer Institute.

Doug Brown, PJ Dick and John Pappas, Eckles Architecture provided the Board with an update on the High School Additions and Alterations project. Areas reviewed included:

- High School front sidewalks are in the process of being torn up with the Snowmelt system installed next week
- Administration areas under reconstruction began
- Existing stairwells being torn down
- Area E has soil problems and waiting for a recommendation from the design team as how to proceed
- Wrestling area needs more work, one change order still awaiting size and cost for HVAC unit
- Pending change orders one including the recommendation to reuse building fill
- Immediate progress including the field turf, all regular green areas made and shipped, the end zones are being made possibly come next week
- Power outage in the High School only on Friday to upgrade the switch gear
- Stage floor refinish complete
- Area E poor soil – awaiting recommendations from the soil engineer and structural engineer
- Paving of the Administration/stadium parking lot will begin next week
- Change orders were reviewed including a $30,000 credit from Yarborough which needs further review for the final cleaning of the High School after completion of the project
- Theatre lobby heat pipe issue
- Upgraded paving in front
- Water retention tank change order
- Owner request final cleaning

Dave Esposito, Eckles Architecture reviewed the PlanCon G and PlanCon H documents for submittal to the PDE. He explained PlanCon G is the project accounting based on the bids received and PlanCon H is refinancing as prepared by our financial advisor, Jamie Doyle and will lock in the reimbursements. The Board discussed the total refinishing of the High School gym floor and whether to use the water based or oil based finish and also whether to complete it this year with the dust from the construction
Mr. Pappas explained the difference between the two finishes and how the graphics will help determine which finish to use. He continued holding off until next year would be a good decision. The Board agreed to hold off on the total refinish and just complete a scrub and recoat this year.

Brian Tony and Maria Aguilar reviewed the following for the 2016-2017 Final Budget:

- Changes made since the May presentation including revenue, staffing, and operating expenses
- PDE Budget calendar, the Board needs to approve a 2016-2017 Final Budget at the June 28 meeting
- Proposed budget scenarios of no millage increase, increase by .5000 mill, or the increase of .8357 mills (to the index of 3.2%) and the impact on the fund balance
- 2015-2016 contingency fund use
- Major increases including additional staffing, PSERS, salary increases, 1:1 leases, debt service, Parkway tuition (due to increased enrollment) and transportation leases (due to additional buses)
- How millage affects the taxpayers and the value of a mill
- Student and revenue growth
- Expenditures - proposed new staffing, as needed/contingency items, as needed positions, as needed special education placements
- Future year considerations

The Board discussed keeping in mind the contingency funds when deciding on the millage rate for 2016-2017. The staffing required for the opening of the High School addition, transportation leases, 1:1 leases and PSERS were also discussed. The Board requested a 5 year projection of proposed budgets.

**Minutes**

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

- Committee Meeting of the Board Tuesday, May 17, 2016
- Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2016

**Financial Reports**

The Board Summary report for January 2016 was enclosed for Board review and will be included on the Agenda for approval at the Regular Meeting.

The Financial Reports were provided to the Board for review and will be included on the agenda for approval at the Regular Meeting.

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

Dr. Rondinelli reviewed articles in the summer issue of the InCommunity magazine including the Reading Buddies from Mr. Laughton’s class, the Light It Up Blue fundraising event and the ribbon cutting of the new Middle School Digital Learning Studio. She thanked the Board for their diversity on assisting with a variety of issues from technology to human resources. Dr. Rondinelli congratulated Mrs. Hannah on her travel to Washington DC as a guest at the White House to participate in a Women’s Leadership Summit; also as an active member of the community, PTA and GIRLs Night Out program. She thanked the entire Board for their leadership.

**Business Office**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to adopt the Final Budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The final budget revenue of $________________ and expenses of $________________ would balance with a ________ millage rate and borrowing from the fund balance in the amount of $________________.
2. The Board considered the recommendation of the School District Solicitor, the Superintendent, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to adopt Resolution 16-03, 2016 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion, for the District to reduce property taxes, for qualified homestead/farmstead properties by $149.06 per home. 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, 2016.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to adopt revised Resolution 16-04 for the 2016-17 school year permitting taxpayers to pay their real estate taxes in three (3) installments.

4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to renew the following insurance policies for 2016-17 as proposed by the Wright Risk Management (WRM) and Highmark (HM) through the Gleason Agency, Inc. a division of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services Inc.

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Sports and Student Accident Insurance – Bollinger Insurance Company, as follows:

- Athletic Plan AAA – Primary $16,800 $18,312 $19,528
- Student Plan – School Time Coverage $30 $30 $30
- Student Plan – 24-hour coverage $113 $113 $113

Informational: The District was approved to receive their Annual Safety Committee Certification Renewal, which entitles the District to receive a 5% discount on their Worker’s Compensation rate for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Tony added the increased enrollment impacts all packages, but the overall coverage cost went down by $11,000.

5. The Board considered 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.

6. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to enter into an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit d/b/a Waterfront Learning Services to provide virtual and hybrid needs for students for the 2016-2017 school year.

7. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to enter into a services contract with Interim Healthcare Services, Inc., to provide skilled nursing services for a student, effective from June 2016 through August 2017. (The dates of the contract are for more than a year to align with contracts with the same provider.)
8. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the following 2016-2017 tuition rates for non-resident students. This amount is determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education accordance with the requirements of Section 2561 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

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<td>Grades 7 through 12</td>
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<td>Grades K through 6</td>
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<td>Kindergarten (1/2 elementary)</td>
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9. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Maintenance Dean Stewart for Board approval to renew the 1-year Service Contract Agreement with Simplex Grinnell to perform annual fire alarm inspections, cleaning and sensitivity readings for the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, Elementary School, and Stadium.

10. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to enter into an agreement with the Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn to hold the 2017 Senior Banquet on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

**Personnel**

For Minute purposes, the Superintendent proudly announced that tenure had been earned by the following teachers who have been employed since February 2013, July 2013, and August 2013 and have fulfilled all requirements as set forth in Pennsylvania School Code, Title 24, PS 11-1108.

- Emily Masa, Elementary/Intermediate School Art teacher
- Lauren Dornish, Elementary School teacher
- Jacqueline Yakish, Elementary School teacher
- Samantha Bozzer, Intermediate School teacher
- Amy Krappweis, Intermediate School teacher
- Ben Laughton, Intermediate School teacher
- Sarah Manly, Intermediate School teacher
- Lorraine Young, Intermediate School teacher
- Jeanne Tupper, Intermediate/Middle School Strings teacher
- Shad Wachter, Intermediate School teacher
- Elizabeth Poluszejko, Intermediate School teacher
- Steven Klein, High School Social Studies teacher
- Shannon Roche, High School Math teacher
- Tanya Brehm, Middle School Speech and Language teacher

Dr. Rondinelli thanked Dr. Loughead for his service to the students of South Fayette and wished him luck in his new position as Superintendent of the Hampton School District.

Personnel were discussed in Executive Session.

**Education**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval for Felix Yerace and approved chaperones to accompany students to Washington, DC for the annual 11th grade trip from Friday, May 19, 2017 through Sunday, May 21, 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 will be no cost to the District.
2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens for Board approval to permit the South Fayette team listed below to attend the Maker Ed Training for the Infosys grant in San Francisco, California on Monday, August 1, 2016 through Tuesday, August 2, 2016. All expenses for the High School teachers will be paid for by the Infosys Foundation. The cost for the Principal and Elementary STEAM teacher will include registration, travel, lodging, and meals and will not exceed $2,500:

- Jim Hausman, High School English teacher
- Courtney Rabi, High School English teacher
- Laura Hartzell, High School Assistant Principal
- Melissa Unger, Elementary STEAM teacher

Dr. Rondinelli thanked Aileen Owens for applying for and being granted a grant in the amount of $1,500 from the Sprout Fund to help offset some of the costs of this trip.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to conduct the following clubs in the High School for the 2016-2017 school year:

- GSA
- Interact Club

4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to conduct a trial Girls STEAM Team club in the High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Transportation**

1. The Board consider the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman for Board approval to award the bids to lease/purchase busses. The busses will be purchased through an additional lease schedule with ___________. The terms will be for sixty (60) months with a $1.00 buyout at the end, taxable interest rate will be ___% and total purchase price of the five busses will be $___________.

Dr. Rondinelli informed the Board all 56 buses and 2 van inspections were completed and all vehicles passed. She thanked Ms. Harshman and the bus garage for their hard work on keeping the buses in good condition.

**Athletics**

Personnel were discussed in Executive Session.

**Construction**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the PlanCon G documentation for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the High School Additions and Alterations Project.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the PlanCon H documentation for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the High School Additions and Alterations Project.
**Miscellaneous**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for retroactive Board approval to accept the provided list of gifts/donations.

2. The Board considered appointing delegates to participate in the PSBA Delegate Assembly meeting to be held the afternoon of Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the conclusion of the regularly scheduled events of the main PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA.

**Expenditures**

Expenditures were submitted for Board review and will be placed on the agenda for approval at the Regular Board Meeting.

**SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS**

There were no comments at this time.

Brinsky seconded Vezzi to suspend the meeting at 8:53 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

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

Voice Vote – All Yes

Executive Session convened at 9:05 PM.

Brinsky seconded Vezzi to exit Executive Session at 10:28 PM and return to the committee meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Czaplicki seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Kristen Deichler as the Middle School Principal at the salary rate of $92,000 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Roll Call – All Yes

Hannah seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the salaries for administrators and non-union support employees.

Roll Call – All Yes

Brinsky seconded Iriti to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary