The Committee Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:08 PM in the Pride Room of the Administration Building by Acting President Len Fornella with the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting President Fornella announced the Board held an Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

**Present:** Teresa Burroughs, Jen Iriti, Todd Petrillo, Bill Newcomer, Alex Czaplicki, Lena Hannah, Paul Brinsky, Len Fornella, Alan Vezzi (arrived at 7:35 PM)

**Others:** Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead; Student Representative Paige Franjione; Director of Finance Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Brewer Aguilar; High School Associate Principal Aaron Skrbin; Acting Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Elementary Principal Laurie Gray; Facilities Director Gene Manzini; Athletic Director Mark Keener; Jamie Doyle, PFM; Anthony Ditka, Dinsmore; David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; Jeremy Beatty, Eckles Architecture; John Taormina, PJ Dick; Becky Stephan, Lindsay Bagwell, Terry Kis, Lisa Carney, Alex Felser, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

Jamie Doyle, PFM announced Moody’s Investors Service changed the District’s outlook to positive. She explained there was no previous outlook, which in not a bad thing, but changed it to positive, bypassing the stable rating. Ms. Doyle then reviewed the results of the bids for refunding of the General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2010 and new money for the high school construction project. Bids were received from 16 financial institutions with the lowest bid from Robert W. Baird with a rate of just below 3.12%, generating a net savings of approximately $462,000. Ms. Doyle recommends the Board accept the bank qualified proposal from Robert W. Baird. 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.

Acting President Fornella suggested the Board vote on the motion to approve the resolution now.

**SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS ON THE ITEM BELOW.**

There were no comments at this time.

Petrillo seconded Newcomer on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for the Board to approve Resolution 15-09, presented by Bond Counsel, authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the South Fayette Township School District, through the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015 and its General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2015 for the purpose of (a) refunding all or a portion of the School District’s outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2010 and (b) paying a portion of the costs of the design, acquisition, and construction of improvements and renovations to the School District’s high school facility.

**Roll Call – All Yes**
David Esposito, Eckles Architecture presented the Board with the High School Construction update. Areas reviewed included:
- Act 34 Hearing held on July 20 had modest attendance by the public. The public comment period expires August 20, 2015.
- PlanCon D & E scheduled for approval in August

John Taormina, PJ Dick, reviewed the Design Development Costs. Mr. Esposito continued to review:
- Existing condition reports from CEC regarding the underground sanitary scoping, pavement evaluation, and the geotechnical evaluation summary due July 22, 2015.
- Awaiting the final land survey
- List of potential alternate bids

President Vezzi arrived at 7:35 PM.

- Upcoming Municipal meeting schedule

Cassandra Renninger, Eckles Architecture added her and President Vezzi just arrived from the Township EAC meeting where everything went fine with Township not identifying any problems with the project.

Dr. Rondinelli reminded the Board the Township Zoning meeting is being held on July 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building.

Dr. Rondinelli reviewed the 2015-2016 Organizational Planning meeting that occurred in June included:
- Dignity and Respect session provided by Candi Castleberry, UPMC
- World Affairs Council regarding the theme of Connectivity & Transformation
- Goals setting for the Administrative Team
- One to One Initiative and transformation of teaching and learning
- Visited the Warhol Museum and participated in silk screening which will become part of the Middle School curriculum
- Visited the TechShop and discussed hands on learning and innovation in the High School

**MINUTES**

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

- Committee Meeting June 16, 2015
- Regular Meeting June 23, 2015

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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 the current and projected enrollment figures. At the end of June enrollment was 2,885, presently it is 2,942 and with the enrollment packets still out, the projected enrollment will be 3,015 by the start of the 2015-2016 school year.
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2. The Board considered 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 Laurel Capital Corporation. The terms will be for sixty (60) months with a $1.00 buyout at the end. Taxable interest rate is 3.31%, and total purchase price of the seven busses is $524,041.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray for the Board to approve the rent for Extended Day Services for the 2015-16 school year. The rates will be reviewed and a recommendation will be provided to the Board.

4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Property Services/Facilities Director Gene Manzini for Board approval to advertise for bids for sealing of the roadways and parking lots on campus.

5. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Property Services/Facilities Director Gene Manzini for Board approval to advertise for bids for tar and chip of the transportation parking lots.

6. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Maintenance Dean Stewart, and Director of Facilities Gene Manzini for Board approval to enter into the annual (1-year) service agreement with Knight Sound and Lighting Inc., to provide service for our Microlite Relay System at the cost of $750.00. This is the same cost as last year.

7. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Nanci Sullivan for Board approval of an Enrollment Contract with The University School to provide services for students for the 2015-2016 school year.

8. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Nanci Sullivan for Board approval to enter into an agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute to provide student services effective August 1, 2015.
9. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Nanci Sullivan for Board approval to enter into an agreement with the Bradley Center to provide student services effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

10. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Nanci Sullivan for Board approval to enter into an agreement with the DePaul Institute to provide student services effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

**PERSONNEL**

Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session

**EDUCATION**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead for Board approval to adopt and purchase the following textbooks and resources as listed. The textbooks were on display for one month in the Administration offices as required.

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2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead for Board approval of the following textbooks. The textbooks will be on display for 30 days in the Administration offices for public view.

     Title: Working With Young Children
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The Board agreed to vote on the above two motions at the end of the meeting.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead, and High School Principal Scott Milburn for Board approval to run 3-hour delay days in the High School for the administration of the Keystone Exams during the December 2015 and May 2016 testing windows. Only the students being tested will report to school at the regular start time and the remainder of the high school students would report on a 3-hour delay schedule starting at 10:20 AM.

The Board discussed the changes to the handbooks regarding tobacco discipline, homework assignments, PTA homework agendas and the homework hotline.

4. The Board considered changes to the 2015-2016 Parent-Student, and Faculty Handbooks for the Elementary, Intermediate, Middle, and High Schools.
**TRANSPORTATION**

The Board discussed and requested the Pupil Personnel Department be listed in the transportation handbook.

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman for Board approval of the changes to the 2015-2016 Transportation Handbook.

**ATHLETICS**

The Board discussed the changes to the Athletic Handbook based on Mr. Hoffman’s recommendation that participating in an extracurricular activity is a privilege and not a right for students. The Board also discussed the District adopting a district-wide policy that applies to every activity and not just athletic events.


Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**CONSTRUCTION**

There were no items discussed.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. The Board considered appointing delegates to participate in the PSBA Delegate Assembly meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, prior to the regularly scheduled events of the main PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Scott Milburn for Board approval to accept the provided list of gifts/donations.

**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.

Burroughs seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Food Service Director Tricia Wood for Board approval of the following increased lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year.

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Voice Vote – All Yes

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Voice Vote – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Iriti to suspend the meeting at 8:34 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

President Vezzi announced votes will be taken after Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Executive Session convened at 8:40 PM.

Mr. Petrillo exited the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Brinsky seconded Newcomer to exit Executive Session at 10:08 PM and return to the committee meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the resignation of Scott Milburn as the High School Principal effective July 30, 2015.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Kristen Deichler as the Middle School Assistant Principal at the salary of $77,000 effective August 3, 2015.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Tyler Geist as the Intermediate/Elementary Assistant Principal at the salary of $64,000 effective August 10, 2015. This is a 10 month position.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval of Brittany Miller as the Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach for 2015-2016 season.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to hire Aaron Skrbin as the High School Principal/Director of District Safety, at the salary of $107,000, effective August 3 2015.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to increase the School Psychologist annual salary to $58,230 effective August 3, 2015.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Newcomer seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to hire Dr. Mandi Skerbetz as the Director of Pupil Personnel; pending agreement of terms and conditions; effective date to be determined.

Roll Call – Iriti, Newcomer, Hannah, Czaplicki, Fornella, Brinsky, Vezzi – All Yes
Burroughs – No

Hannah seconded Newcomer to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

_________________________________  Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary