The Regular 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, Len Fornella, Lena Hannah, Alan Vezzi, Todd Petrillo, Jen Iriti, Teresa Burroughs, Bill Newcomer

Absent: Lex Czaplicki

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent David Deramo; Director of Finance Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Brewer Aguilar; High School Principal Aaron Skrbin; High School Assistant Principal Laura Hartzell; Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler; Middle School Assistant Principal Kevin Maurer; Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray; Elementary/Intermediate School Assistant Principal Tyler Geist; Network Systems Administrator Gene Manzini; Curriculum, Innovation & Technology Coordinator Stephanie DeLuca; Custodial Shift Supervisor Steve Timmins; Teachers Mary Quirk, Chuck Herring and Lynette Lortz; Katie Drozynski, David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; Joe Brennan, PJ Dick; Amiena Mahsoob, Shawn Tomaszewski, and Cynthia Geisler

Dr. Rondinelli proudly announced Mary Quirk, High School Enrichment Coordinator as the recipient of the 2016 George C. Oehmler Award presented by the World Affairs Council. Dr. Rondinelli introduced Amiena Mahsoob, Education Director of the World Affairs Council who explained the award is given to an educator who has made a significant contribution to World Affairs Council programs and is an exemplary partner to the Council's educational programs. Ms. Mahsoob added Mrs. Quirk serves as the sponsor of the Model UN Club, Mock Trial, FBLA and others clubs. Mrs. Quirk thanked everyone for this honor.

Brian Tony presented information regarding the security company, Steeltown Security and Investigations, LTD. The Board discussed the services that will be provided and rates and agreed to further discuss legal matters in Executive Session.

Joe Brennan, PJ Dick provided information previously requested by the Board regarding the core borings done throughout the campus prior to the start of the High School Additions and Alterations Project. Mr. Brennan described the areas where the core borings were done, the findings and how that resulted in the change orders that need Board approved.

Dr. Rondinelli announced the new turf on the football field is complete and thanked everyone involved to resolve the issue. The Board discussed the following:

- Congestion on the stairwells and the expected completion date of November 1
- Repairs/repainting of the track
- Tools and paraphernalia laying on campus
- High School guidance door locks
Mr. Deramo reviewed the 2015-2016 academic achievement data which include the following:

- Results of the PSSA testing in Math, English Language Arts and Science and the comparison of District to state proficient percentages
- Results of the Keystone exams in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature and the comparison of District to state proficient percentages
- Results of the Advanced Placement tests and the comparison of District to state and National scores

Mr. Deramo concluded the District has made historical progress and thanked the Board, Dr. Rondinelli and all of the teachers.

Dr. Rondinelli reviewed the District’s 2016-2017 goals which include, Strategic District Goals, Organizational/Team Leadership, and Family and Community Relations to name a few. She added the goals are listed on the website and the Assistant Superintendent and Administrators follow the same categories.

**MINUTES**

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

Committee Meeting

July 19, 2016

Voice Vote – All Yes

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on approval of the following Financial Reports:

1. Aquatics Fund  
   Melissa DeGeorge
2. Athletic Fund  
   Mark Keener
3. High School Activity Fund  
   Harriet Dausch
4. Middle School Activity Fund  
   Harriet Dausch
5. Board Reports – April 2016/May 2016  
   Maria Aguilar
   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 the following:

- August 26 – Senior/Senior Night with the Senior Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 5:00 PM
- August 27 – South Fayette Community Day at Fairview Park with the District providing shuttle transportation
- September 1 – Middle School Open House
- September 15 – Homecoming Carnival
- District-wide Twitter site: SouthFayetteSchools@SFTSDnews
- 1-1 Rollout in the High School going smoothly
- Community/District t-shirt fundraiser in support of a student with cancer
- Scientific American article – Aileen Owens and Melissa Unger quoted
- Annual Report in draft
- Current enrollment at 3,104 which included out placed students
BUSINESS OFFICE

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval to enter into an agreement with Holy Family Institute Specialized Learning to provide educational services effective August 25, 2016.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to enter into a Contract of Service with the PA-Educator.net Clearinghouse. The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and at a cost of $1,950.00. This price has remained the same since the 2014-2015 school year.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent David Deramo, Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to enter into an agreement with eSpark Learning to provide electronic resources to support student learning, effective August 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and pending final review of the agreement.

Vice President Burroughs inquired if the Solicitor had a chance to review the agreement. Mr. Wolfe responded it is a renewal of last year’s agreement with a decrease in costs, but increase in services provided.

Voice Vote – All Yes
Abstained – Burroughs

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on Board approval for Superintendent Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli to attend The Education Advisory Board’s Superintendent Advisor Roundtable on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in Washington D.C., with travel and hotel costs covered by the Education Advisory Board.

And on Board approval for Superintendent Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli to attend the AASA Conference at a cost to include registration, lodging, travel, and meals. The conference is in New Orleans, Louisiana in March 2017. Dr. Rondinelli’s attendance at the conference is part of her approved contract with the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors.

Voice Vote – All Yes

The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval to utilize the security services of Steeltown Security and Investigations, LTD for campus events as needed for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board agreed to table the above motion so that legal matters could be discussed in Executive Session prior to a vote being taken.

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Custodial Shift Supervisor Steve Timmins for Board approval to purchase three ClubCab 2015 golf carts that will replace two 1994 (ClubCab, used by custodians) and one early 90’s (Yamaha, used by the Athletic Department) gas powered carts that require extensive repairs. The cost of $3,700 each is net of trade-in and includes bed, charger, and battery.
The Board discussed if the repairs were done, how long the carts would last, if the repair costs were budgeted for and where in the budget the additional costs would be covered from.

Voice Vote – All Yes
No – Petrillo, Vezzi

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to enter into an agreement with The Watson Institute to provide services for students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**PERSONNEL**

President Newcomer announced votes will be taken after Executive Session.

New personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**EDUCATION**

Vezzi seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent David Deramo for Board approval to purchase a new edition of Calculus: Early Transcendental Functions 6th edition, in addition to additional quantities, and digital access for an additional cost of $2,413.72 above the original cost budgeted in the approved 2016-2017 budget. These resources will be used for all Calculus classes in the High School.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval to conduct a trial Lions Hearts club in the Intermediate School for the 2016-2017 school year.

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 Conference on Student Activities in Madison, Wisconsin from Friday, December 2, 2016 through Sunday, December 4, 2016, at a cost to include registration, travel, lodging, meals and a substitute teacher. The costs are included in the approved 2016-2017 budget.


And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval for High School Principal Aaron Skrbin and High School teachers Felix Yerace and Carrie Palmer to visit Boardman High School in Boardman, Ohio on Wednesday, August 24 to observe their “Link Crew” 9th grade transition program kick-off ceremony. The costs will include travel, meals and two substitutes.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Fornella seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent David Deramo, and Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens for Board approval to permit Stephanie DeLuca, Curriculum, Innovation and Technology Coordinator and teachers Renee McNally and Josh Patterson to attend the World Maker Faire in New York City from Saturday, October 1, 2016 through Sunday, October 2, 2016. The costs will include passes, travel, lodging, meals, substitute teachers, and ground transportation as needed and will be covered by the 2016-2017 Professional Development budget.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent David Deramo, and Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens for Board approval to permit Stephanie DeLuca, Curriculum, Innovation and Technology Coordinator to attend the Project Zero Perspectives Conference in Washington, D.C. from Friday, October 7, 2016 through Sunday, October 9 2016. The costs will include registration, mileage, lodging, meals, and parking and will be covered by the 2016-2017 Professional Development budget.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Tony informed the closing on bus financing was on Monday, August 22, 2016 and delivery of buses began on August 17, 2016. Dr. Rondinelli added transportation for the first day of school went smoothly.

**ATHLETICS**

Petrillo seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval to permit Joe Winans, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach and the Varsity Cross Country Team to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania from September 23, 2016 to September 24, 2016 to compete in the PIAA Foundation Invitational at Hershey Park. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There would be no cost to the District.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**CONSTRUCTION**

Brinsky seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Joe Brennan, Project Manager, PJ Dick for Board approval of the following change orders for the High School Additions and Alterations Project for a total amount of $68,916.00:

- GC-005-1 Add Doors & Hardware in Accordance With ASI #009 $ 3,816.00
- GC-005-2 Add Signage in Accordance with ASI #012 $ 2,040.00
- GC-005-3 Add New Room for Snowmelt System ASI #026 $ 4,400.00
- GC-005-4 Delete Replacement of Stone Sub-base in North Parking Lot (Owner Request) $(9,396.00)
- GC-005-5 Remove Unsuitable Soil in Stadium Parking Lot $68,056.00

The Board asked if there will be any architect fees regarding the doors. The Board agreed to discuss legal issues in Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

The Board discussed the deplorable condition the Middle School sign is in and asked for pricing to repair/refurbish the sign.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board agreed to table the motion below until the September Board meeting.

1. The Superintendent recommends Board approval to endorse the following as PSBA candidates:

   - _________________ as President-elect (one year term)
   - _________________ as Vice President (one year term)
   - _________________ Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2018)
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• __________________ Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2019)
• __________________ Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2017)

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Wolfe had a few items to discuss in Executive Session.

EXPENDITURES

Brinsky seconded Petrillo to authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $1,040,223.68 beginning with check number 55900 through check number 56128, the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $8,796.09 beginning with check number 7003 through check number 7024, and the Construction Fund for the amount of $2,032,262.87 beginning with check number 00109 through check number 00115.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Board Comments

There were no additional comments.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report President Bill Newcomer

President Newcomer had nothing to report.

South Fayette Foundation Len Fornella

Mr. Fornella reported the golf outing made a profit of $11,230 and distributed $6,000 in scholarships and $11,275 in teacher grants to nine teachers. He added the new President is Maureen Pedzwater and the Secretary/Treasurer is Laura LeBlanc.

PSBA/Legislative Committee Report Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah reported information was distributed to the Board regarding standardized testing as a graduation requirement and on a new law regarding substitute teachers. Mr. Wolfe added the new law allows a qualified person to substitute for up to 10 days per year for one individual and up to 20 days per year.

Parkway West Alan Vezzi

Mr. Vezzi reported enrollment continues to increase and looking at new programs, one being a co-op model with BCCC on an aviation program, using the ACE building.

SHASDA Alex Czaplicki

Mr. Czaplicki was absent, but Dr. Rondinelli announced they have not convened yet.

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 8:47 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Executive Session convened at 8:51 PM.

Vezzi seconded Petrillo to exit Executive Session at 10:58 PM and return to the regular meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Brinski seconded Vezzi on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to utilize the security services of Steeltown Security and Investigations, LTD for campus events as needed for the 2016-2017 school year.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Brinski seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of a rate change for Corrine Harkins, Intermediate School Media/Library Aide, to $16.50 per hour and working 41 weeks for the 2016-2017 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Fitness Center Director Vic Iagnemma for Board approval to hire Carrie Palmer as Fitness Center Assistant at the rate of $7.25 per hour effective August 24, 2016.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the resignation of Kelli Lampe, Intermediate School Guidance Counselor effective October 14, 2016 unless a suitable replacement is found prior to that date.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Rob Eldridge for Board approval of Joe Becker as the 7th/8th Grade Assistant Boys Soccer coach effective for the 2016-2017 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman for Board approval of a rate increase for the crossing guard for the 2016-2017 school year from $14.59 per hour to $15.06 per hour retroactive to August 22, 2016. The cost of the crossing guard is shared with South Fayette Township.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Brinski for Board approval on the motion to increase the salary for Superintendent Dr. Bille Rondinelli based on leading the District to high academic achievement and performance including the District’s #1 ranking in the Pittsburgh Business Times for the second consecutive year to $180,000.00, effective retro-active to July 1, 2016.

Roll Call – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Iriti to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary