The Committee 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 Vice President Teresa Burroughs with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Paul Brinsky, Len Fornella, Lena Hannah, Alex Czaplicki, Alan Vezzi, Todd Petrillo, Jen Iriti, Teresa Burroughs

Absent: Bill Newcomer

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent David Deramo; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Brewer Aguilar; Director of Technology Aileen Owens; Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Maintenance Director Dean Stewart; Teachers: Rachel Geis, Samantha Bozzer, Elizabeth Frambes; Jamie Doyle, PFM; Dallas & Vivian Lokay, Terry Tuma, Nancy Smelko, Rich & Mary Heinrich, Margie Smith, Bob & Jeanine Butts, Mike & Joanne Sherba, Dan & Jackie Irwin, Janis Piazza, Todd Rosa, Gloria Duchess, Shirley Petrillo, Michael Sherba, Jerry Martincic, Tom Perpetua, Katie Drozynski, Mary Franko, Matthew Poder (?), Deb Pelescak, Vince Lambert, Anne Beck and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board

Jamie Doyle, PFM presented information regarding new money financing for the High School Additions and Alterations project for the amount of $9,500,000.00 and a refinancing analysis of the Series of 2012 and Series A of 2012 bonds to the Board. She added the District has an excellent A1 credit rating from Moody’s and reviewed the sample motions for Board approval.

Vice President Burroughs asked for a motion to approve the new money financing for the High School Additions and Alterations project and on the refund of the Series of 2012 and Series A of 2012 bonds.

Brinsky seconded Fornella on approval for the Board of School Directors of the South Fayette Township School District (the “School District”) to hereby authorize the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as Independent Financial Advisor and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2017, in the approximate amount of $9,500,000 via a competitive internet auction, for the purpose of providing funding for the High School Project.

And for approval for the Board of School Directors of the South Fayette Township School District (the “School District”) to hereby authorize the Administration to work with PRM Financial Advisors LLC, as Independent Financial Advisor and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2017, for the purpose of currently refunding the Series of 2012 and Series A of 2012 via a parallel track approach between a Bank Loan RFP and a Bond issue with a recommendation to utilize the approach that produces the best economic benefit to the District with a minimum net saving target of $________.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS ON THE ABOVE MOTIONS.
There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – All Yes

Fornella amended the motion on the refund of the Series of 2012 and Series A of 2012 motion to read:

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SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS ON THE ABOVE MOTION.

There were no comments at this time.

Roll Call – All Yes

Aileen Owens, provided information regarding a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in conjunction with Pepperdine University. She explained the District was contacted to participate in this research grant which will involve a team of 10 students, 2 teachers and 1 project manager and will meet afterschool for approximately 120 hours over the school year. She added the Board needs to approve the District’s participation in this grant and to begin the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process. Dr. Rondinelli thanked the Remake Learning Network, Digital Promise and Kyle Peppler for recommending South Fayette for this research grant opportunity.

Minutes

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

- Special Board Meeting: August 4, 2016
- Committee Meeting: August 16, 2016
- Regular Meeting: August 23, 2016

Roll Call – All Yes

Financial Reports

Petrillo seconded Brinsky on approval of the following Financial Reports:

1. Aquatics Fund
2. Athletic Fund
3. High School Activity Fund
4. Middle School Activity Fund
5. Tax Collector Reports – August 2016

Roll Call – 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 proudly announced three high school students, Yuchen Lui, Grace Eckroate, and Sai Bhatte as National Merit semi-finalists. Dr. Rondinelli announced the following:

- 2016 Homecoming King Andres Murguia and Queen Gianna Brandy
- October 7 – Youth Football Night vs New Castle, on ROOT Sports at 7:30PM
- October 28 – Pink Out Football game vs Montour
- Diane Lally – 2016 Pennsylvania Art Education Association Outstanding Middle Level Art Educator of the Year and will receive the award at the PAEA Annual Convention on October 8, in Philadelphia.
- October 25 – Bena Kallick will present the District with the Institute for Habits of Mind International Learning Community of Excellence Award and Certification
- September 20 – US Attorney David Hickton presented Chasing the Dragon video regarding heroine/opioid epidemic to the high schools students; Mrs. Hannah forwarded information on statewide legislation to deal with the epidemic

Mrs. Iriti thanked the District for exposing students to this serious issue at an early age.

- District Attorney and SRO will schedule a cyber bulling awareness session for the Middle School students
- In lieu of the ES Science Fair, there will be a Exploration and Inventiveness Fair using technology and remake learning thinking

Business Office

Petrillo seconded Fornella on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Maintenance Director Dean Stewart for Board approval of the addendum to the agreement with EnerNOC for the PJM Demand Response Program. There is no cost to the District.

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

Roll Call – All Yes

Petrillo seconded Iriti 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.

Roll Call – All Yes

Hannah seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens, and Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler for Board approval of a Board contribution in an amount not to exceed $5,000 to be used as start-up funds for the First Lego League Robotics Club for the 2016-2017 school year.

Roll Call – All Yes

Iriti seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens for Board approval to participate in a National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant titled “Research in Service to Practice: Research on an International Network of STEM Media Making and Student-Led Participatory Teaching” and to begin the Institutional Review (IRB) process. The project will involve a team of 10 students, 2 teachers, and 1 project manager and will meet approximately 120 hours over the year. The teachers will receive stipends for managing the clubs and for participating in research and teacher focus groups.

Roll Call – All Yes
**Personnel**

New personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**Education**

Iriti seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz, and Assistant Superintendent David Deramo for Board approval to conduct the Extended School Year (ESY) program in the summer of 2017. The program will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM beginning June 19 through July 20, 2017. The District will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2017. The cost of the program has been budgeted.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler, and Middle School Assistant Principal Kevin Maurer for Board approval to conduct the following trial clubs in the Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year:

- 8th Grade Recognition and Awards Celebration
- 8th Grade Video Yearbook Club
- First Lego League Robotics Club
- Spectacular Scholars Club

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval for High School Choral Director Christine Elek to travel with the chorus to Nashville, Tennessee from Thursday, March 16, 2017 through Sunday, March 19, 2017 for their annual Chorus 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.

Mrs. Iriti asked for the itinerary for the above trip to include bed checks for Friday and Saturday nights.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval for High School Choral Director Christine Elek and a male chaperone to be determined to travel with 6 students to West Liberty University in Wheeling, West Virginia from Thursday, September 29, 2016 through Saturday, October 1, 2016. The purpose of the trip is educational and to perform with college musicians. 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 Assistant Superintendent David Deramo for Board approval to enter into an agreement with 3RPrep to provide on-site SAT test preparation services effective for the 2016-2017 school year. The District will charge a $20 per hour facility fee. The rate for pre-testing will be paid by parents.

Roll Call – All Yes

**Transportation**

Hannah seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman for Board approval of the bus stops and routes for the 2016-17 school year. For audit purposes, the records will be kept in the transportation office.

Roll Call – All Yes
Athletics

There were no personnel items discussed.

Construction

Petrillo seconded Brinsky 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 $53,979.00:

- GC-006-1 – Temporary Asphalt Patch at Gas Line Relocation (owner request) $ 6,941.00
- GC-006-2 – Remove and Replace Unsuitable Soil at Middle School Drive $29,929.00
- GC-006-3 – Remove and Replace 5 Existing Frost Slabs 6 Light Pole Bases (owner request) $21,108.00
- GC-006-4 – ASI #24 Changes to Electrical Room H-009 $ 787.00
- GC-006-5 – ASI #33 Changes to Folding Fire Doors (owner request) ($ 4,786.00)

Roll Call – All Yes

Miscellaneous

Vezzi seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to endorse the following as PSBA candidates:

- Michael Faccinetto as President-elect (one year term)
- David Hutchinson as Vice President (one year term)
- William S. LaCoff Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2018)
- Kathy K. Swope Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2019)
- Mark B. Miller Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2019)
- Marianne L. Neel Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2017)
- Michael Faccinetto Insurance Trustee (term ends 12/31/2017)

Roll Call – All Yes

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Wolfe had a few items for discussion in Executive Session.

Expenditures

Petrillo seconded Brinsky to authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $792,800.72 beginning with check number 56129 through check number 56430, the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $94,373.01 beginning with check number 7025 through check number 7054, and the Construction Fund for the amount of $1,203,458.47 beginning with check number 00116 through check number 00127.

Roll Call – All Yes
Board Comments

There were no comments at this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report       President Bill Newcomer

President Newcomer was absent and Vice President Burroughs had nothing to report.

South Fayette Foundation         Len Fornella

Mr. Fornella had nothing to report.

PSBA/Legislative Committee Report Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah asked the Board to please respond to their Legislators regarding House Bill 1993 or Senate Bill 877 which takes away the right for school districts to appeal the assessment of a property.

Parkway West                Alan Vezzi

Mr. Vezzi reported attendance is up. Dr. Rondinelli added there is a new Vet Tech program.

SHASDA                      Alex Czaplicki

Mr. Czaplicki reported Dr. Jerry Schuster discussed the upcoming elections and added the next meeting scheduled for November 17 will be legal updates.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Jerry Martincic, Applewood Road referenced a letter sent to the school board a few month earlier regarding his concerns about the ever increase of school taxes which is forcing himself and many other senior citizens to leave the community because of their inability to pay the increased school taxes. If seniors leave the community, the homes will be sold to young couples with children which would result in increased costs for the District because of the cost to teach a child, so it makes sense to try to keep senior citizens in the community. He added when creating a budget, take into consideration the whole community, not just the school district and to work with the township to create more of a balance between residential and commercial property to help keep costs down.

Dallas Lokay, Princeton Drive expressed his concerns that 22.4% of his annual Social Security goes towards his school taxes. He concluded they can't afford it anymore and are being chased out, we need your help.

Terry Tuma, Oakridge Road appealed to the Board by reading a letter requesting school district property tax relief for senior citizens. She continued since her retirement from the District in 2006 her school taxes have increased 75% and the Homestead Exclusion has gone down and in order to pay her 2016 taxes had to acquire a home equity loan.

Petrillo seconded Fornella to suspend the meeting at 7:58 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

Vice President Burroughs announced votes will be taken following Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes
Executive Session convened at 8:05 PM.

Mr. Petrillo exited the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Brinsky seconded Iriti to exit Executive Session at 9:42 PM and return to the regular meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Fornella seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following EPR positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

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<td>Marie Piccirilli</td>
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And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the resignation of Steve Lower as the Food Service Transporter effective October 7, 2016. Mr. Lower has agreed to remain in the position until the position is filled. Mr. Lower is waiving the 30 day period to return to the Food Service Transporter position as per the contract.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Steve Lower as a substitute Food Service Transporter as the rate of $14.47 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Shane Coyne as a Grade 4 teacher in the Intermediate School at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of $46,950 effective for the 2016-2017 school year. This is due to a resignation.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Aquatics Director Melissa DeGeorge for Board approval to hire Jillian Potts as an Instructor at the rate of $8.00 per hour effective September 29, 2016.

Roll Call – All Yes

The Board discussed possibly holding a budget focused educational meeting in November for senior citizens or a tour of the schools. The Board also discussed possibly forming a separate budgetary committee.

Hannah seconded Fornella to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary