South Fayette Township School District  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Pride Room, Administration Building  

AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Len Fornella

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recognition – Group 1 - Gabriella Mariano, Tyler Sharp, Kasey Smith, Parth Sutariya;  
  Group 2 – Jay Abraham, Suraj Bokil, Matthew Detar, Michael Kugler, Joshua Milteer,  
  Christopher Rodi, Ashumi Rokadia, Anish Thangavelu; winners of the National Digital  
  Promise filmMAKER Challenge
- Penny Challenge Check Presentations – Mrs. Helen Cardillo
- Furniture Update – Eckles Architecture
- 2017-2018 Budget Update – Brian Tony, Director of Finance/HR; Maria Aguilar, Assistant  
  Director of Finance

I. MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting of the Whole  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

II. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following Financial Reports were submitted for Board review and have been reviewed by  
the Superintendent and Secondary Administration:

1. Aquatics Fund  
   Melissa DeGeorge
2. Athletic Fund  
   Mark Keener
3. High School Activity Fund  
   Harriet Dausch
4. Middle School Activity Fund  
   Harriet Dausch
   Maria Aguilar
   Jordan Tax

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

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

The Board will hear comments from residents and/or taxpayers related to items appearing  
on the Agenda for action by the Board. The Board will receive comments from residents  
and/or taxpayers on topics that do not appear on the agenda for action by the Board at the  
conclusion of the agenda, prior to adjournment. The time limit for comments shall not  
exceed three (3) minutes. The Board will not respond to questions during this session, but  
will only hear comments. (As per revised policy 006-Meetings adopted May 23, 2006)
III. BUSINESS OFFICE

1. The Superintendent, Director of Maintenance and Grounds Dean Stewart, and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval of a 1-year extension to the lawn maintenance contract with Shamrock Lawn Maintenance, as per the bid specifications from the original contract, effective date June 1, 2017. The cost is included in the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

2. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval to enter into a 1-year Extended Services Plan with Daktronics for the electronic scoreboard effective retroactive to March 24, 2017 through March 23, 2018. This is part of the 2016-2017 budget.

3. The Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Davis Skerbetz recommend Board approval of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2017-2018 Services (Special Education) Agreement and addendum to the 2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Services (Special Education) Agreement.

4. The Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Davis Skerbetz recommend Board approval of the adoption of policies, procedures, and use of IDEA-Part B funds by the School District per the agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2017-2018 school year.

5. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval of the School Resource Officer Interagency Agreement between the District and South Fayette Township. The Township will provide the District with a Police Officer for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for a period of 3 years beginning on April 15, 2017 through April 14, 2020. The costs/excess costs allocated for the SRO Program will be 70% from the District and 30% from the Township.

IV. PERSONNEL

1. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval for Scott Litwinovich, 7th Grade Science teacher to fill the vacant position of 8th Grade Science teacher created due to the resignation of Olivia Grenter effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Litwinovich’s salary will remain commensurate with current status.

2. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to hire Emily Sharro as the High School Career Guidance Counselor at the Master’s Step 1 rate of $48,950 prorated for the 2016-2017 school year, effective date to be determined and pending receipt of required documents.

3. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the following reappointments:

   a) Dr. Alene D’Alesio, Program Director, Pediatric Dentistry, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, as School District Dentist for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of $3.00 per student and $18.00 per hour for dental health education. Additional dentists are: Heather Baumhardt, Katelyn Woods, and Brian Martin.

   b) Dr. Michael Speca and Preferred Primary Care Physicians, as School District Physician for the 2017-2018 school year at the rate of $130.00 per hour. This is the same rate for the past 8 years.
4. The Superintendent, Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray, and Elementary/Intermediate School Assistant Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval to hire Cara Fornella as the coordinator for the 2017 Little Lions Academy. Ms. Fornella will be paid $1,055.00 to coordinate the academy.

5. The Superintendent and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman recommend Board approval to hire Allison Sukolsky as a Bus Aide effective retroactive to April 10, 2017, at the probationary rate of $13.86 per hour. After successful completion of the 30 day probationary period, the rate will be $17.33 per hour.

6. The Superintendent and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman recommend Board approval to hire Anitha Kotte as a Bus Aide effective April 26, 2017, at the probationary rate of $13.86 per hour. After successful completion of the 30 day probationary period, the rate will be $17.33 per hour.

7. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the following (call as needed) teacher substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year:
   - Kevin Joyce, Secondary Social Studies, pending receipt of required documents
   - Melissa Egan, Pre K-4/K-8 Special Education, pending receipt of required documents
   - Katy Phillippi, Math 7-12, pending receipt of required documents
   - Lauren Kimicata, Pre K-4, pending receipt of required documents
   - Kristen Tunno, Pre K-4, pending receipt of required documents
   - Ellie Oxenreitter, Pre K-4, pending receipt of required documents


10. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the following EPR position for the 2016-2017 school year:
    
    | 6th Grade Camping Trip – alternate chaperone | Stephanie Harris |

11. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, High School Principal Aaron Skrbin, and the head winter season coaches recommend Board approval of the following coaches for the 2017-2018 season:

    **Girls Basketball**
    - Head Coach: Matt Bacco
    - Assistant Coach: Colleen Hough
    - Assistant Coach: Steve Maiolo
    - Assistant Coach: Colleen Graeser
    - 7th Grade Head Coach: Colleen Graeser
    - 8th Grade Head Coach: Colleen Hough
12. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Track Coach Scott Litwinovich recommend Board approval of the following as Volunteer Assistant Boys & Girls 7th/8th Grade Track Coaches effective retroactive to March 29, 2017:

- Caroline Hanlon

13. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Rob Eldridge recommend Board approval of the following for the 2017-2018 fall season:

- Josh Martincic, status change from Assistant Coach to Volunteer Assistant Coach

14. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Football Coach Joe Rossi recommend Board approval of the following for the 2017-2018 fall season, pending receipt of required documents:

- Christopher McKillop, Assistant Varsity Football Coach

15. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Kate Munnell recommend Board approval of the following for the 2017-2018 fall season, pending receipt of required documents:

- Nick Rosser, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Erin Cook, Assistant Varsity Coach (revised resume provided)
- Chelsea Faynor, Head 7th/8th Grade Coach (all required documents received)
- Elizabeth Kline, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Coach (all required documents received)
- Sarah Nee, Assistant Varsity Coach
- Zachary Hamilton, Assistant Varsity Coach

16. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval for Meaghan Sherer, a student at Seton Hill University, to complete her student teaching with Scott Sundgren, Intermediate School teacher and Amy Krappweis, Special Education teacher in the Intermediate School during the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year, pending receipt of documents. There will be no cost to the district.
17. New personnel items will be discussed in Executive Session.

V. EDUCATION

1. The Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Davis Skerbetz recommend Board approval to conduct the Special Olympics Track and Field Club effective retroactive to April 2, 2017. The trial year ran from April 2016 through March 2017.

2. The Superintendent recommends Board approval for the Administration to submit for applicable federal and state grants, such as but not limited to: Title I; Title II; Title III; Safe Schools Initiatives; Drug Free Schools; Dual Enrollment; STEAM; and Pennsylvania Ready to Learn Grants for the 2017-2018 school year.

3. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent David Deramo recommend Board approval to enter into an affiliation agreement with Duquesne University for a period of 5 years beginning July 1, 2017 through July 1, 2022. There is no cost to the District.

4. The Superintendent, Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski, and Intermediate/Elementary Assistant Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval to hold an Intermediate Summer STEAM Camp in the summer of 2017. The camp will be held from Monday, July 10, 2017 through Thursday, July 13, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM and will be open to students entering grades 4, 5, and 6. The registration fee of $100 per child will cover the cost of all staffing and programming.

5. The Superintendent, Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski, and Intermediate/Elementary Assistant Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval to hold a Summer Strings Camp in the summer of 2017. The camp will be held from Monday, July 31, 2017 through Thursday, August 3, 2017. The morning session will run from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM and will be open to orchestra students entering grades 4 and 5. The afternoon session will run from 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM and will be open to orchestra students entering grade 6. The $30.00 registration fee will cover the cost of all staffing and programming.

6. The Superintendent, Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski, and Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray recommend Board approval to hold an Elementary Summer STEAM Camp in the summer of 2017. The camp will be held from Monday, July 10, 2017 through Thursday, July 13, 2017 between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM and will be open to students entering grades 2 and 3. The Elementary STEAM Camp will supplant the second week of the Little Lions Academy, which was previously Board approved to be held June 26 through 29, 2017. The registration fee of $100 per child will cover the cost of all staffing and programming.

7. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent David Deramo recommend Board approval to offer a hybrid online Summer Remediation course for Geometry. The program will run from June 19, 2017, through July 27, 2017. The cost to parents would be $240.00 for residents and $260.00 for non-residents. Salary would be at the current contract EPR rate for 40 hours of instruction. If there are 6 students enrolled, the fees would cover the costs; if fewer than 6 students are enrolled, the District would fund the difference.

8. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent David Deramo recommend Board approval to offer a hybrid online Summer Remediation course for Algebra I. The program will run from June 19, 2017 through July 27, 2017. The cost to parents would be $240.00 for residents and $260.00 for non-residents. Salary would be at the current contract EPR rate for 40 hours of instruction. If there are 6 students enrolled, the fees would cover the costs; if fewer than 6 students are enrolled, the District would fund the difference.
9. The Superintendent, Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray, and Elementary Assistant Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval for the following staff to attend the International Literacy Conference in Orlando, Florida from Saturday, July 15, 2017 through Monday, July 17, 2017: Jacqueline Yakish, Norene Sarnowski, Jen Sander, Karalee Nelson, and Tyler Geist. The estimated cost per staff member would be $1,500.00. This will be paid with Title I funds.

10. The Superintendent, Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray, and Intermediate/Elementary Assistant Principal recommend Board approval to conduct tutoring for 24 Title I reading students during the summer of 2017. The tutoring will run from June 19, 2017 through July 20, 2017, not including July 4, 2017. The first session will run from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and the second session will run from 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM. The costs for the reading specialists will be covered with Title I funds.

11. The Superintendent, Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray, and Intermediate/Elementary Assistant Principal Tyler Geist recommend Board approval for the District to use Title I Parental Involvement funds to pay for one elementary school Title I parent to attend the PDE State Parent Conference at Seven Springs Resort from Monday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 12, 2017. The cost will be approximately $414.00 and paid with Title I funds.

12. The Superintendent, Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler, and Middle School Assistant Principal Kevin Maurer recommend Board approval to conduct a trial Screen Printing Club in the Middle School, under the direction of Frank Kruth, STEAM teacher, effective retroactive to October 5, 2016.

At the Committee Meeting of the Whole on April 18, 2017, the Board of School Directors approved the following items:

Hannah seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to permit Jim Hausman and Maureen Pedzwater to accompany five students to participate in the 2017 Governor's STEM Team State Competition being held at the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster, Pennsylvania from Thursday, May 18, 2017 through Friday, May 19, 2017. Students would be responsible for making up all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. The cost of the trip includes lodging, transportation, meals, and conference registration fees and is included in the 2016-2017 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to permit Jim Hausman and Melissa Unger to accompany four students to San Francisco, California from Friday, May 19, 2017 through Monday, May 22, 2017 to attend the MakerFaire. The students will be formally recognized at the MakerFaire for winning first place in the Digital Promise Filmmakers Video competition. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. The cost of the trip includes travel, lodging, and meals and will be covered by Digital Promise. The cost to the District will be for two substitute teachers for two days.

Voice Vote – All Yes

VI. TRANSPORTATION

1. There are no items to discuss.
VII. ATHLETICS

1. There are no items to discuss.

VIII. CONSTRUCTION

1. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval to purchase furniture for the High School Additions and Alterations Project, Middle School Library and the High School Maker Space at a total cost of $680,634.59. The breakdown is:

- Middle School Library - $29,761.09
- High School Maker Space - $44,608.32
- High School Additions and Alterations - $606,265.18

2. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Joe Brennan, Project Manager, PJ Dick recommend Board approval of the following change orders for the High School Additions and Alterations Project for a total amount of $26,254.88:

- GC-011-1 Added Wood Blocking at Area E Roof $4,072.00
- GC-011-2 ASI #44 Library Makerspace Option #2 $9,477.96
- PC-004-1 ASI #44 Library Makerspace Option #2 $5,119.92
- EC-006-01 ASI #44 Library Makerspace Option #2 $7,585.00

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the first reading of revised Board Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying in accordance with PSBA.

2. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to accept the provided list of gifts/donations.

Solicitor’s Report

X. EXPENDITURES

1. Authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $572,914.95 beginning with check number 57789 through check number 57964, the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $59,414.60 beginning with check number 7189 through check number 7205, and the Construction Fund for the amount of $1,027,633.87 beginning with check number 00173 through check 00181.

Board Comments

Student Representative Report

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee Report

President Len Fornella
B. South Fayette Foundation Len Fornella
C. PSBA/Legislative Committee Report Lena Hannah
D. Parkway West Alan Vezzi
E. SHASDA Alex Czaplicki

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Suspend

An Executive Session will be held to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.