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 President Len Fornella with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Alex Czaplicki, Teresa Burroughs, Jen Iriti, Paul Brinsky, Todd Petrillo (arrived at 7:29 PM), Len Fornella

**Absent:** Alan Vezzi, Lena Hannah, Bill Newcomer

**Others:** Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Bille P. Rondinelli, Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent David Deramo; Student Representative Kristen Davis; Director of Finance/Human Resources Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Aguilar; Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz; High School Principal Aaron Skrbin; High School Associate Principal Laura Hartzell; Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Athletic Director Mark Keener; Teachers: Angela Hoffman and Victor Iagnemma; Construction Liaison Gene Manzini; David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; Joe Brennan, PJ Dick; Lindsey Bagwell, Bob Sharp, Kenny Morgan, Jacob Meyer, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent's Assistant/Board Secretary

Joe Brennan, PJ Dick reported to the Board the punch list items are 70 to 75% complete and reviewed the following:

- Financials, including the total value of current contracts to date, remaining contingency amount, current payment amount due, approved change orders to date, being below budget
- No pending change orders at this time; upcoming Intertech change order to reduce the number of cord reels would be a credit
- Yarborough pulled workers from doing punch list items to hang TV screens and brackets
- Major punch list items remaining: over 16 doors on backorder, stair treads near commons, and KIVA and Fab Lab marker boards
- Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and landscaping punch list asked to be completed by October 31

The Board discussed the quote from Yarborough for the carpet replacement in the Arts Alive room in the Elementary School for the amount of $9,452.00. The Board agreed to replace the carpet and made the following motion:

Iriti seconded Czaplicki on the motion to approve the quote from Yarborough Development to replace the carpet in the Arts Alive room in the Elementary School at a cost of $9,452.00. The cost will be part of the High School Additions and Alterations Project.

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

There were no comments at this time.
Voice Vote – All Yes

Ken Morgan and Bob Sharp proposed to the Board to begin a freshman baseball team. Areas discussed included:

- Currently 55 students have signed up and of those, 20-21 are freshman
- Not wanting to turn any students away, this would be a feeder program for the junior varsity and varsity programs
- Boosters pay for uniforms, district costs for hats and baseballs
- Practices, approximately 3 per week would be together until the official start of baseball season on March 5, afterwards the freshman team would practice after junior varsity and varsity practice or at another field
- All games would be away eliminating costs for umpire fees; transportation provided by parents or District depending on game start times
- Playing approximately 8 to 10 games against teams from current section schools that have a freshman team; two games per week, Wednesday and Saturday
- Coaches would be paid for by the Boosters and utilize assistant varsity coaches
- Based on enrollment, may be a yearly team

The Board also discussed having other freshman teams for boys and girls sports, and increased trainer services and costs for freshman teams. The Board asked Mr. Keener to provide a cost proposal for baseball for the Board to consider at the October 24 meeting. The Board also asked Mr. Keener for a cost proposal for other girls and boys’ freshman sports teams.

Brian Tony reported the 2018-2019 PDE Budget index for South Fayette is 3.1%, which when applied to our current 26.7 mills, would be a maximum .8277 millage increase or a millage of 27.5277 mills. He added if the Board decides to pass a resolution to not exceed the index, it would have to be in December 2017 or January 2018. He concluded the 2016-2017 revenues and expenditures should be available in November after the AFR is submitted and the formal audit report will be presented in January or February 2018.

Minutes

Considered approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

- Committee Meeting  September 19, 2017
- Regular Meeting  September 26, 2017

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 reported the following:

- Thanked all the bands who participated in the successful Festival of Bands including the LGM and the South Fayette Alumni Band
- Thanked Vicki Kaine and Maureen Pedzwater for organizing the Pink Out for the Pink Out football game on October 13 where cancer survivors were recognized
- Various Pink Out days throughout October support a variety of cancer organizations
- October 19 – Homecoming Carnival
- October 20 – Homecoming Football game
- October 21 – Homecoming Dance
• November 7 – Election Day
• November 9 – Powder Puff game
• Two students were nominated for scholarships at Westminster University
• CCAC Labor and Management Institute is holding a discussion titled ‘State of the State’ on October 27 if any Board member is interested in attending
• Parkway update: HVAC system needs replaced which will affect our budget; 844 total students attending Parkway and of those, 78 from South Fayette
• Division of Federal Programs has determined the district has maintained fiscal effort when comparing fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016
• Food Service had a surprise inspection of the concession stands and kitchens and reported an outstanding inspection
• Elementary and Intermediate Schools fundraising for two students with severe health issues
• Upcoming Halloween festivities
• MS Lion Hearts held a Halloween dance and the IS group is supporting Beverly’s Birthdays
• Congratulated Kristen Davis for giving an outstanding interview to Jacob Meyer regarding her role as the Student Representative and the importance of having a student voice on the Board

**Student Representative Report**

Ms. Davis reported the following:
• High School Concert and Show Choirs participated in the Festival of Choirs held at the Carnegie Music Hall along with choruses from Shaler and Pittsburgh Public Schools
• Thanked Mr. Skrbin and Mrs. Hartzell for coordinating the freshman and seniors to attend an Anti-Defamation League presentation on how to start a conversation regarding hate and discrimination and how it would affect the community; the date for the sophomores and juniors, who were taking the PSATs will see the presentation before Thanksgiving

The Board asked Ms. Davis to present a more detailed summary of the students’ views on those discussions and what issues they are concerned about.
• November 18 – High School Showcase highlighting students artists

Dr. Rondinelli added herself and the Administrators attended the Anti-Defamation League session at Mt. Lebanon in the summer and discussed how to present it to the high school students.

**Business Office**

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

**Personnel**

Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**Education**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to permit Felix Yerace to attend the 2017 National Conference on Student Activities sponsored by the National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors (NASSCED) from Thursday, November 30, 2017 through Sunday, December 3, 2017, in Spokane, Washington. The costs are for registration, travel, lodging, and meals and are part of the 2017-2018 budget. The costs to the District will be for one substitute teacher for two days.
Transportation

There were no items discussed.

Athletics

Coaching personnel were discussed in Executive Session.

Construction

Mr. Manzini commented the punch list may not be completed by the end of October.

Miscellaneous

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

Dr. Rondinelli reported the dips in the enrollment numbers are due to students who are absent for 10 or more days due to extended international trips are required to be withdrawn and re-enrolled when they return.

Mr. Skrbin explained the monetary donation is from a man whose grandfather was on the School Board when the original Lafayette high school was built and whose name is on the plaque. The man’s father, who graduated in 1936, was at the School Board meeting when the school was accepted from the building contractor in 1929. The family paid for the plaque to be restored and proposed it to be hung in the new High School. Mr. Skrbin added the man’s father was an anti-aircraft gunner during World War II and how to commemorate his father’s war efforts the family made a donation to restore the lead plane that dropped paratroopers during the Normandy Invasion and is scheduled to fly at the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2019. The aircraft's logbook will contain his father’s name and South Fayette High School will be represented at this historic event.

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 Iriti to suspend the meeting at 7:44 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

President Fornella announced votes will be taken after Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Executive Session convened at 7:50 PM.

Brinsky seconded Petrillo to exit Executive Session at 8:24 PM and return to the committee meeting.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Iriti seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire the following substitute (call-as-needed) support personnel for the 2017-2018 school year:
• Karen Behling, as a Classroom Paraeducator at the rate of $9.65 per hour, Personal Care Paraeducator at the rate of $10.65 per hour, Clerical at the rate of $9.65 per hour, and as a Student Monitor at the rate of $10.00 per hour, pending receipt of required documents

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Brittney Lunn as a Permanent Substitute teacher in the Intermediate School at the Master’s Step 1 rate of $49,300, prorated, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

There were no comments at this time.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Brinsky seconded Iriti to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary