The Committee 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 Alan Vezzi with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Teresa Burroughs (arrived at 7:33 PM), Jen Iriti, Todd Petrillo, Bill Newcomer, Alex Czaplicki, Len Fornella, Paul Brinsky, Alan Vezzi

Absent: Lena Hannah

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; Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Davis Skerbetz; High School Principal Aaron Skrbin; Teachers Samantha Bozzer and Sandy Fiumara; SRO Jeff Sgro; Lindsay Bagwell, Abigail Phillips, Lynn Robb, Ron Posteraro, Ryan Eggleston, Mike Benton, Nick Nickolas, Maria ???, Cassandra Renninger, Eckles Architecture; Josh Smith, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

Mike Benton, South Fayette Township Engineer presented information on the proposed storm water and paving project on Sygan Road which would result in the Township routing storm water onto District property below the constructed wetlands adjacent to Sygan Road. The Board discussed ponding, the affects of the trails and impact if the property would be needed by the District for an access road in the future, which Mr. Benton said that would not be an issue. Dr. Rondinelli asked Cassandra Renninger, Eckles Architect, if they and Pashek reviewed the proposal. Ms. Renninger, Eckles Architect commented the proposal was discussed with the Township who made adjustments to a few of the areas. Ms. Renninger indicated the proposal has no impact on the High School Additions and Alterations Project. The Board agreed to allow the Township to proceed and will take action on the motion. Dr. Rondinelli concluded the District will provide the Township with a letter of approval as part of the grant application.

Brian Tony revisited the Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) for the High School Additions and Alterations Project. The Board discussed the options; quote method or direct bid and concluded they will make a motion for minute purposes to direct Eckles Architect to prepare the High School Alterations and Additions Project using the direct bid method of OCIP.

Cassandra Renninger, Eckles Architecture updated the Board on the High School Additions and Alterations Project. Areas discussed included:

- Stadium turf graphic options with the Board asking for pricing on the following:
  - Option A – with the word ‘lion’ on the end zones
  - Option B – with the word ‘lion’ on the end zones
  - Option C – not considered, put want pricing on painting the lion logo on the track aprons as an alternate
- Option D – as is
- Option E – not considered
- Adding the lacrosse lines

- Land Survey
- Updated Bidding/Construction Timeline
  - November 9 – project out to bid
  - November 19 – Contractor Pre-Bid Meeting
  - December 22 – Award Bids at Special Board Meeting
  - January 4 – Construction begins
- Municipal meeting on October 21 to approve the project to proceed

Mrs. Burroughs arrived at 7:33 PM.

- Board approval of:
  - PlanCon E – previously approved, no issues from PDE
  - PlanCon F and F20 Certification on October 27
  - PlanCon F-Attachment C – same night as bid awards
  - PlanCon G & H – February 23, 2016

Brian Tony and Maria Aguilar reviewed the 2016-2016 Budget Timeline and Index. He continued the timeline is aggressive due to the Presidential Election year. Mrs. Aguilar added the 2016-2017 index is 3.2% or .8357 mills and is higher than previous years. She continued if the Board wants to go above the index, the preliminary budget would have to be prepared by January 7. If the Board agrees to not exceed the index, the Business Office would not apply for the exceptions, the preliminary budget would not have to be adopted as early, and the Board would adopt a resolution to not exceed the index. Dr. Rondinelli added the Business Office recommends not exceeding the index of 3.2%. Mrs. Aguilar added last year taxes were raised .9024 mills.

**Minutes**

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

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**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.

President Vezzi announced a few items from the Business Office need to be voted following the public comment section at the end of the meeting.

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

Dr. Rondinelli announced the upcoming events:
- Required Pupil Services Audit
- October 17 ES PTA Vendor and Craft Show went well
- ES Science Fair
- October is Fire Prevention Month
- October 23 – Pink Out game
- October 22 – Pink Out District wide
October 25-27 – League of Innovation Schools Fall Meeting in Pittsburgh with 70 leaders from schools from all over the country

She reported the following from the buildings/departments:

- Inclement weather procedures have been distributed to parents and staff
- High School – SRO Grant Application will be sent
- MOU with the South Fayette Police Department for Board approval
- UPMC Sports Performance reports significant use of the facilities
- Transportation – emergency evacuations complete
- Middle School working with Inventionland and InventorCloud
- Local Auditors have completed their audit

**Business Office**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to permit the South Fayette Township to route collected storm water to School District property as a result of the repaving of Sygan Road. Any governmental permits required are the responsibility of the Township. The School District shall have no responsibility or liability for work or permits.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Network Systems Administrator Gene Manzini for Board approval of the Comcast Services Agreement to provide a second fiber internet connection, effective retroactive to September 30, 2015. The cost is included in the approved 2015-2016 budget.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the South Fayette Police Department and the South Fayette Township School District.

4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead, and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval to enter into an agreement with eSpark Learning to provide electronic resources to support student learning, pending final review of the agreement.

5. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board retroactive approval from October 15, 2015, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the South Fayette Township and the South Fayette Township School District to reapply for the School Resource Officer Grant through the PDE.

Mrs. Iriti and Mrs. Burroughs requested electronic copies of the MOUs with the South Fayette Township regarding the School Resource Officer and the South Fayette Township Police Department.

6. The Board considered 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.

7. The Board consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval for John Casey, PlanCon J Consulting Services to complete the PlanCon J document required by the PDE for final reimbursement on the Intermediate School Project, at a cost of $2,500.
Personnel

Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

Education

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Interim Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval of the Intermediate School Media Club. The trial period was completed at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval to permit SRO Jeff Sgro to attend the 2016 National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Conference in Anaheim, California from Sunday, July 10, 2016 through Friday, July 15, 2016. The cost of registration will be covered by the Pennsylvania School Resource Officers Association (PASRO), with costs to the District for travel, lodging and meals.

3. The Board considered 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 Buffalo, New York from Friday, December 4, 2015 through Sunday, December 6, 2015, at a cost to include registration, travel, lodging, meals and a substitute teacher. The costs are included in the approved 2015-2016 budget.

4. The Board considered 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 ASCD LILA Conference in Washington, D.C. from Sunday, January 24, 2016 through Tuesday, January 26, 2016. The costs for the District will be for a substitute teacher, with all other costs covered by ASCD.

Transportation

Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

Athletics

Coaching personnel were discussed in Executive Session.

Construction

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the PlanCon F documentation for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the High School Additions and Alterations project.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval of the Certification in Lieu of Agency Approvals, Permits & Service Availability Letters as indicated on page F20.

Miscellaneous

There were no items discussed.
**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.

Newcomer seconded Czaplicki on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to permit the South Fayette Township to route collected storm water to School District property as a result of the repaving of Sygan Road. Any governmental permits required are the responsibility of the Township. The School District shall have no responsibility or liability for work or permits.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for the Board to direct Eckles Architect to prepare the High School Alterations and Additions Project using the direct bid method of OCIP.

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

Iriti seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Network Systems Administrator Gene Manzini for Board approval of the Comcast Services Agreement to provide a second fiber internet connection, effective retroactive to September 30, 2015. The cost is included in the approved 2015-2016 budget.

**Roll Call – Brinsky, Fornella, Czaplicki, Newcomer, Petrillo, Iriti, Vezzi – All Yes**

Abstained - Burroughs

Brinsky seconded Fornella to suspend the meeting at 8:00 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 8:05 PM.

Newcomer seconded Petrillo to exit Executive Session at 8:48 PM and return to the committee meeting.

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

Newcomer seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Natalie Macek as a Classroom Paraeducator, split between the Intermediate and Elementary Schools effective pending receipt of required documents at a probationary rate of $12.71 per hour. After completion of a successful 60 day probationary period the rate will be $15.88 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval for Rachelle Abelson, a student at the University of Pittsburgh, to complete her student teaching with Rebecca Rudy, High School Learning Support teacher during the 2015-2016 school year, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the resignation of Elizabeth Boutilier, Paraeducator in the Elementary School effective October 21, 2015.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Elizabeth Grodin as a Long Term Substitute Learning Support teacher in the Intermediate School effective October 21, 2015.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Brinsky seconded Newcomer to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary