The Regular Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Pride Room of the Administration Building by President Alan Vezzi with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Vezzi announced an Executive Session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

**Present:** Todd Petrillo, Lena Hannah, Paul Brinsky, Teresa Burroughs, Len Fornella, Jen Iriti, Arik Quam, Alan Vezzi

**Absent:** Alex Czaplicki

**Others:** Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Dr. Kenneth F. Lockette, Superintendent; Student Representative Julian Pikras, Director of Finance/Human Resources Brian Tony; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Aguilar; Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Education Stephanie DeLuca; Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Jeff Evancho; Athletic Director Mark Keener; Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler; Teachers/Support Staff: Rhonda Fratto; Sandy Hanich, Jake Hanich, Andre Rondon, Brent Rondon, Barbara McConnell, Brad H., and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

Dr. Lockette introduced Anthony Piscioneri, PSBA, Member Services Manager, (West) who presented Mrs. Hannah a Certificate of Recognition for her eight years of service as a Board Member. He added Mrs. Hannah not only has a genuine concern for the students of South Fayette but all students in the public school system. President Vezzi congratulated Mrs. Hannah.

Dr. Lockette and Kristin Deichler presented the following regarding the PA Future Ready Index:

- New measurement of a school district’s success, beyond assessments
- Three indicators:
  - State Assessments
  - On-track Measures
  - College & Career
- New dashboard

Mark Keener presented the following estimated costs for the proposed girls’ lacrosse team for the 2019-2020 season:

- Head coach and assistant coaches
- Start-up equipment including helmets/goggles, goalie equipment, game and practice goals, and balls
- Officials

He presented the following estimated costs for the proposed boys’ lacrosse team for the 2019-2020 season:

- Head coach and assistant coaches
- Start-up equipment the same as the girls, but additional pads, as the boys are allowed to make
- Official
Mr. Keener added the uniforms are still in good condition and the District currently pays for the transportation costs. President Vezzi commented the equipment currently used by the club teams would be donated to the District to help alleviate the costs to the District.

Dr. Lockette proudly announced the District has been awarded a $77,000 grant from the Grable Foundation for the District to again host the Summer STEAM Institute and additional funding for the Agency by Design learning group.

**Minutes**

Brinsky seconded Iriti on approval of the Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

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Voice Vote – All Yes

**Financial Reports**

Petrillo seconded Iriti on approval of the following Financial Reports:

1. Aquatics Fund
   - Sara Cremonese
2. Athletic Fund
   - Mark Keener
3. High School Activity Fund
   - Harriet Dausch
4. Middle School Activity Fund
   - Harriet Dausch
5. Tax Collector Monthly Report (October 2018)
   - Kevin Biber

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. Kenneth F. Lockette**

Dr. Lockette reported the following:
- November 28 - Middle School Schools to Watch re-designation meeting
  - Ms. Deichler added the panel consists of Pennsylvania Association for Middle-Level Education (PMLE), but it is a re-designation at the national level

**Student Representative Report**

Mr. Pikras reported the following:
- November 13 – 12 students participated in Model UN
- Mr. Yerace chaperoned 14 students to Hershey for the Student Council Conference
- November 27 through December 14 – Stuff-a-Bus toy drive, over $40,000 collected last year
- December 7 – Holiday Celebration at the Cuddy Fire Hall with sleigh rides
- December 11-12 – National Student Government to visiting
- December 10 – Graduation Project presentations
- December 15 – Breakfast with Santa in the HS Commons
- November 29 – first meeting regarding the TEDEX event being held in March, Dr. Lockette is Julian’s mentor
- Aubrey Lutz organized a Halloween costume drive which was a huge success
**Business Office**

Iriti seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Tax Collector Kevin Biber for Board approval of the provided list of Real Estate Refunds due to reduction in assessment and/or overpayment.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide telephone voice interpretation for non-English speaking parents and families for the period effective February 10, 2019 through February 10, 2020. The cost is a one-time annual fee of $120 with payment of actual usage costs at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per minute.

And on the motion for Board approval and in accordance with Act 1 of 2006 of the resolution for any property tax increase for the 2019-2020 fiscal year not to exceed the District’s base index of 3.0%. A copy of the approved resolution will be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with the provision of Act 1 of 2006. By doing so, the Board adopts Resolution 18-09 Not to Exceed the Index.

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

**Personnel**

Hannah seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to hire Scott Palfreyman as a substitute Bus Driver at the prevailing rate of $26.39 per hour effective November 28, 2018.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following EPR position for the 2018-2019 school year:

| Drama Club    | Christine Elek (1/2) |

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Food Service Director Tricia Wood for Board approval of the following CCAC Dietetic Program students to complete their internship with Tricia Wood during the 2nd semester of the 2018-2019 school year, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the district.

- Renee Gordon
- Katrina Forrester

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

**Education**

Quam seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent, High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell, and Band Director Eryn Carranza for Board approval for the South Fayette Township School District to host the Western Allegheny County Area Honors Band on Tuesday, January 15 and Wednesday, January 16, 2019. There will be no cost to the district.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Jeff Evancho, and High School Principals for Board approval to conduct the following trial clubs in the High School effective for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Link Crew Club
- String Ensemble
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals for Board approval to permit Felix Yerace, High School Social Studies teacher and a female chaperone to be determined to travel with 5-6 students to the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) LEAD Conference in Chicago, Illinois from Friday, March 22, 2019 through Sunday, March 24, 2019. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. The costs of the trip will be paid for by Student Government and the costs to the District will be for two substitute teachers for 1 day.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals for Board approval to permit Eryn Carranza, Band Director to attend the Midwest Clinic – International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, Illinois from Wednesday, December 19, 2018 through Saturday, December 22, 2018. The costs of the trip include registration, travel, lodging, and meals and are included in the 2018-2019 budget.

Voice Vote – All Yes

Transportation

Petrillo seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval to take the following buses to auction. Four of the six were identified to be taken to auction during the 2018-2019 budget presentation.

- 3 – 72 passenger
- 2 – 48 passenger
- 1 – 19 to 24 passenger

Voice Vote – All Yes

Athletics

Hannah seconded Brinsky on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Varsity Boys Golf Coach Bobby Ruffolo for Board approval to add a Girls Varsity Golf Team effective for the 2019-2020 school year; with the District to contribute 100% of the estimated costs of $11,900.00 for coaches, start-up equipment, uniforms, and transportation.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval to add a Boys Volleyball Team effective for the 2019-2020 school year; with the District to contribute 100% of the estimated costs of $23,700.00 for coaches, start-up equipment, uniforms, and transportation.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach Maggie Conoscuito for Board approval to permit the Varsity Cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in The UCA High School Nationals in Walt Disney World. The team would depart South Fayette tentatively on Thursday, February 7, 2019, and tentatively return on Monday, February 11, 2019. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Swim Coach Matt Tucker for Board approval to permit the Boys and Girls Varsity Swim teams to travel to York, Pennsylvania to participate in a swim meet from Friday, January 11, 2019 through Saturday, January 12, 2019. 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 is no cost to the District.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Girls and Boys Varsity Indoor Track Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval to permit the Indoor Track teams to travel to the following indoor track meets. The District will supply transportation to and from the meets:

- Youngstown State Open on January 5, 2019, at Youngstown, Ohio
- Spire Scholastic Open on January 11, 2019, at Geneva, Ohio
- Youngstown State Open on January 19, 2019, at Youngstown, Ohio
- Youngstown State Open on February 9, 2019, at Youngstown, Ohio

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

**Construction**

There were no items discussed.

**Miscellaneous**

Quam seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to accept the provided list of gifts/donations.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval of the first reading of revised Board Policy 806 Child Abuse.

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

**Solicitor’s Report**

Mr. Wolfe had nothing to report.

**Expenditures**

Quam seconded Petrillo to authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $856,452.06 beginning with check number 63875 through check number 64130, and the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $73,396.88 beginning with check number 7696 through check number 7714.

**Voice Vote – All Yes**

**Board Comments**

Mrs. Hannah asked the Board members to wear the #bethekindkid t-shirts for the new picture to be taken at the Reorganization Meeting on December 3. Mr. Fornella commented the Board should take more time to consider the boys and girls lacrosse teams. Mrs. Iriti asked for an update on the number of students from the Hastings Plan and to compare that to the projected numbers and the total number of occupied homes in that plan.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee Report  
President Alan Vezzi

President Vezzi reminded the Board the Reorganization Meeting will be held on December 3.

South Fayette Foundation  
Len Fornella

Mr. Fornella had nothing to report.
PSBA/Legislative Committee Report  Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah reported she sent an email regarding the various subjects and programs for All Access training for Board members and a reminder there is a session at Seneca Valley on December 11.

Parkway West  President Alan Vezzi

President Vezzi had nothing to report.

SHASDA  Alex Czaplicki

Mr. Czaplicki was absent. Dr. Lockette reported the meeting focused on social media and good teachers doing bad things.

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Barbara McConnell, Swan Drive, inquired if she heard correctly that the Board approved a girls’ golf team and how will the coach be chosen. She thanked the Board for approving the team. Mr. Keener commented the Head Boys Golf Coach may be an internal candidate.

There were no additional comments.

Brinsky seconded Petrillo to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary