South Fayette Township School District

Committee Meeting of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
7:30 PM

The Committee Meeting of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:39 PM in the Pride Room of the Administration Building by Vice President Paul Brinsky with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Brinsky announced the Board held an Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

Present: Todd Petrillo, Lena Hannah, Teresa Burroughs, Len Fornella, Arik Quam, Paul Brinsky

Absent: Alex Czaplicki, Alan Vezzi, Jen Iriti

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; Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Davis Skerbetz; Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler; Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie; Network Systems Administrator Rob Warfield; Staff Training Specialist Kim Sahady; Teachers and Support Staff: Jennafer Vuono, Vee Ellis, Carol Capozzoli, Kara Miles, and Mandi Evans; Tom Iagnemma, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

The following 2019-2020 Budget were presented:

- Pupil Personnel – Dr. Mandi Skerbetz
- Technology – Rob Warfield/Aileen Owens
- Transportation – Brandon Soubie
- Assistant Superintendents – Stephanie DeLuca, Dr. Jeff Evancho

Consent Agenda (includes common items, such as but not limited to: Minutes, Financial Reports, Tax Refunds, Gift/Donations, Expenditures)

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

   Committee Meeting of the Board  Tuesday, February 19, 2019
   Regular Board Meeting  Tuesday, February 26, 2019

2. The Board considered approval of the following Financial Reports which have been reviewed by the Superintendent and Secondary Administration:

   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. Board Summary Report  (June 2018 through January 2019)  Maria Aguilar
3. The Board considered to authorize payment of the expenditures which were submitted for Board review to be approved at the Regular Board Meeting.

**Old Business**
There was no old business discussed.

**New Business**
There was no new business discussed.

**Superintendent’s Monthly Report – Dr. Kenneth F. Lockette**

Dr. Lockette reported the following:
- Attended the SXSW Education Conference in Austin March 4-7 with six other local administrators and supported through the Grable Foundation; speakers included Dr. Henry Louis Gates who introduced the upcoming PBS documentary *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*; attended a session on integrating SEL (social emotional learning) into data systems for improvement and how this can be aligned with the Strategic Planning process.
- March 5 – TEDx talks held and were very successful, a video link will soon be available and shared with the Board; Dr. Evancho added the students raised the bar with the diversity of their talks and the professionalism; a few students also presented at the SHASDA Student Forum on March 14
- Central Administration met with the HDG (Hayes Design Group) to begin working on the feasibility study; HDG will meet with the entire leadership team on March 29 to survey administration and tour the campus; HDG will present the schedule to the Board on April 1 at 7:30 following the 6:30 meeting with the Township Commissioners.
- March 12 – briefing for approximately 50 educators from the region, central PA, Kentucky, and New York to see our STEAM and CS programs.
- Hockey team playing Montour in the PHIL finals at the UPMC Lemieux Complex
- MS musical Rock of Ages a success, HS musical *The Wedding Singer* shows on March 29-31
- Noah Kilgus participating in the PMEA state competition in April
- Attending the League of Innovative Schools in Seattle March 24-27 with Dr. Evancho and Mrs. DeLuca
- Aileen Owens will be hosting an educational researcher and meeting with partner districts for a NSF grant and the PA Smart Grant

**Business Office**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval of the proposed 2019-2020 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of $2,144,656.00. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts’ total contribution to the budget is $1,811,545.00. The South Fayette Township School District’s contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be $37,565.00 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Pupil Personnel for 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 2019-2020 school year.

**Personnel**

The following personnel item from the Executive Session agenda was reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting.
Quam seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin recommend Board approval of the following EPR positions for the 2018-2019 school year:

| HS Spring Musical Costume Director | Christine Elek  
| Tyler Smith |

**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

Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**Education**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, High School Principal Aaron Skrbin, and Orchestra Director Jeanne Tupper for Board approval for the South Fayette Township School District to host the 2020 PMEA Junior High District Orchestra Festival on April 3-4, 2020, with a contingency date of April 5, 2020. The costs to the District will be for custodial services and if additional security is requested.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals Aaron Skrbin and Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval to permit Mary Quirk, Maureen Sirc, Patrick McAndrew, and Tyler Smith to accompany 66 students to participate in the 2019 FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from Sunday, April 7, 2019 through Wednesday, April 10, 2019. 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 travel, lodging, meals, and registration fees which are included in the 2018-2019 budget.

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals Aaron Skrbin and Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval to permit Brian Garlick, Lisa Passyn, and an additional chaperone to be determined, to accompany the High School Underwater Robotics Teams (16 students) to participate in the 2019 MATE-PA Northeast Regional UROV Competition, (Marine Advanced Technology Education), at Villanova University in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania from Friday, May 10, 2019 through Saturday, May 11, 2019. 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 travel, lodging, meals, and the conference registration fees which are included in the 2018-2019 budget.

4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals Aaron Skrbin and Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval to permit Mary Quirk to accompany five students on an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC to participate in the National Science Bowl from Thursday, April 25, 2019 through Monday, April 29, 2019. 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.

5. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler for Board approval to conduct a trial GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Club in the Middle School in the 2018-2019 school year.
6. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler for retroactive Board approval to permit AJ Mannarino, Middle School Industrial Technology Education teacher who attended and presented at the Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City, New York, from Friday, March 8, 2019, through Sunday, March 10, 2019. The cost of travel, lodging, and meals were covered by the NSF Grant supporting IC4. The cost to the District was for one substitute for one day.

**Transportation**

There were no additional items discussed.

**Athletics**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval to permit Joe Rossi, Head Football Coach to attend the University of Richmond spring football practice from Thursday, March 28, 2019 through Saturday, March 30, 2019, to learn new trends in college football. The cost of travel, meals, and lodging are included in the 2018-2019 budget with any additional costs over the budgeted amount to be paid for by the Football Boosters. The District cost is for one substitute for two days.

Coaching personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**Construction**

There were no items discussed.

**Miscellaneous**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the first reading of revised Board Policy 246 Student Wellness.

**Board Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS**

There were no comments at this time.

Quam seconded Fornella to suspend the meeting at 8:41 PM and enter into another Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

Vice President Brinsky announced there will not be any votes taken after Executive Session.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary