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 Jen Iriti with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Iriti announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel/and or legal issues.

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

Others: Fred Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg, P.C.; Student Representative Julian Pikras; Assistant Director of Finance Maria Aguilar; Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz; High School Principal Aaron Skrbin, Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler; Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski; Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray; Athletic Director Mark Keener; Teachers: Diane Lally, Linda Twedt; Robert Kurta; Charles Banks, Lindsey Bagwell, Tom Iagnemma, Brad Hundt, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

President Iriti announced Dr. Lockette, Dr. Evancho, and Mrs. DeLuca were attending the League of Innovative Schools conference.

The following 2019-2020 Budgets were presented:
- Athletics – Mark Keener

The Board discussed the use of helmets for the girls' lacrosse team, which are not required. The Board requested Mr. Keener to gather data on the number of concussions in lacrosse and to purchase a couple of the concussion helmets for girls' basketball.

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

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

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And on 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
And to authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of $649,374.05 beginning with check number 64804 through check number 65014, the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of $84,145.17 beginning with check number 7757 through check number 7773, and the Construction Fund for the amount of $39,324.25 beginning with check number 591 through 595.

Voice Vote – All Yes

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

Lindsey Bagwell, Wheatland Circle; I opposed the GSA Club in the High School and am now here to oppose the GSA Club in the Middle School. I am sad and angered that this is being considered. Middle school age children lack the maturity and emotional and mental capacity to handle issues regarding the choice of homosexuality. Life changing issues need to be talked about at home at this age. Truth is truth and sometime when our time is over on this earth, we will be held accountable to the Lord for the choices we make for ourselves and who we are responsible for. I can say with certainty that the Lord does not approve or promote homosexuality and the affects thereof. Thank you.

Old Business
No old business discussed.

New Business
No new business discusses.

Superintendent’s Monthly Report – Dr. Kenneth F. Lockette
Dr. Lockette was not in attendance.

Student Representative Report
Mr. Pikras reported the following:

- Penny Challenge ended March 25 and will share results when money is counted
- Thirteen students attended the NASSP Conference in Chicago where Rachel Dorfner and Josh Milteer did a presentation on the conference being held in the District in June 2019.
- MiniThon on April 12 and already has $40,000 and on track to exceed $150,000 in donations
- Report cards issued March 29
- Seniors met to add an additional speech to graduation; any student can apply to give a speech and will be selected by a panel of teachers, 97 students voted in favor of this
- Kindergarten registration March 26 and 27
- Voter registration drive on March 28; Rachel Dorfner and Emily Kluklarno volunteering to speak to eligible voters on civic engagement and the meaning of citizenship
- HS Musical, The Wedding Singer, March 29, 30 at 7:30 PM and March 31 at 2:30 PM
- Recognized Hailey Bair for winning the Lion Hall art contest and will give a speech at graduation

President Iriti recognized Julian for his TedX talk on March 5 and his statements: “Wedding soup isn’t Italian and leaders aren’t always the ones in charge”.

Business Office

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on 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).
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz 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.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Personnel**

Petrillo seconded Hannah on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals Aaron Skrbin and Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval of the retirement/resignation of Christine Siegel, Guidance Administrative Assistant in the High School effective July 1, 2019. Mrs. Siegel has been employed by the District since July 2002.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval to hire the following as an after school tutor effective retroactive to March 18, 2019:

- Alycia Dorsey, Keystone Exams Algebra I

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval of the leave of absence request for Dana Populo, Grade 5 teacher effective retroactive to February 26, 2019.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval to hire Julie Trout as a Grade 5 Long Term Substitute teacher at the rate of $130.00 per day, effective retroactive to February 26, 2019. Ms. Trout has been a day to day sub since 2013.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval of the retirement/resignation of Marilyn White, Paraeducator in the Intermediate School effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. White has been employed in the District since August 2009.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire Donna Buckholt as the Aquatics Director effective March 27, 2019, at the rate of $15.50 per hour. Ms. Buckholt has been an Assistant Aquatics Director since July 2018.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Food Service Director Tricia Wood for Board approval of the personal necessity leave of absence request for Karen Nicodemus, Food Service employee effective retroactive from March 7, 2019 to approximately April 7, 2019.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie for Board approval of the intermittent personal necessity leave of absence request for Joyce Miller, Bus Driver with an effective date to be determined.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Track Coach Scott Litwinovich for Board approval of Julia Denison as an Assistant Boys and Girls Cross Country Coach effective for the 2019-2020 season, and as an Assistant Middle School Boys and Girls Track Coach effective retroactive to March 13, 2019. Ms. Denison has been a Volunteer coach since August 2017.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Football Coach Joe Rossi for Board approval of James Wilson as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach effective for the 2019-2020 fall sport season.
And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Dr. Mandi Skerbetz for Board approval for the District to post for a Life Skills/Autistic Support Special Education teacher in the High School for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a new position and will be included in the 2019-2020 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the personal necessity leave of absence request for Cynthia O’Korn, Food Service employee in the High School effective retroactive to March 12, 2019, through approximately March 27, 2019 or April 10, 2019.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval to hire the following substitute (call-as-needed) teachers for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Marion Gibson, Smart Start Program

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Education**

Czaplicki seconded Hannah on 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.

And on 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.

And on 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.

And on 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.

Voice Vote – All Yes
Czaplicki seconded Hannah on 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.

The Board asked for clarification on the interest level and who initiated the proposal of this club. Ms. Deichler responded there was a core group of students who have been working to develop this club and obtain a sponsor for over a year and it gives the approximately 20 students a safe space to meet and to be together in that space.

All Yes – Hannah, Czaplicki, Brinsky, Burroughs, Fornella, Vezzi, Iriti
All No – Petrillo, Quam

Czaplicki seconded Hannah on 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.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principals Aaron Skrbin and Dr. Laura Hartzell for Board approval to permit Christine Elek to accompany three students to participate in the PMEA All-State Chorus Festival at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from Wednesday, April 3, 2019, through Saturday, April 6, 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, and meals and are included in the 2018-2019 budget.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Transportation**

There were no items discussed.

**Athletics**

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on 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.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener and Head Girls Softball Coach Olesia Stasko for Board approval of Chelsea Martini as an Assistant Middle School Softball Coach effective March 27, 2019.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Construction**

There were no items discussed.
**Miscellaneous**

Brinsky seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the first reading of revised Board Policy 246 Student Wellness.

Voice Vote – All Yes

**Solicitor’s Report**

Mr. Wolfe reported they continue to work on the agreement with Hayes Design Group and will be filing the application for property tax exemption on the recently purchased property.

**Board Comments**

Mr. Fornella read the following statement for the record:

Last month the Superintendent and/or Solicitor negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the PSEA regarding what I view as the settlement of potential litigation. The MOU was apparently signed by the Superintendent on behalf of the District. It is my personal belief that this MOU is required to be submitted to the entire Board, and/or should be submitted to the entire Board, for formal approval; and that in the absence of such Board approval, the attempt to enter into the MOU on behalf of the District is *ultra vires*. Despite my prior request, the MOU is not being placed on the agenda of the Board for formal approval. I therefore wish for the official minutes to formally record my dissent as the MOU and as to the failure of the Board to formally vote on the MOU. I further wish for the official minutes to reflect my personal disclaimer of the MOU and of any involvement in the negotiation of or in the District’s attempted entry into the MOU.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee Report**

President Jen Iriti

President Iriti had nothing to report.

**South Fayette Foundation**

Len Fornella/Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah reported the annual golf outing will be on July 22; and a save the date for another fundraiser on July 27. The name of this event is still in question, but ultimately a barbeque to be held at the Farmer’s Market from 1-5 PM with local businesses and possibly student performances.

Mr. Fornella asked for his name to be removed as a Representative for the South Fayette Foundation, with Mrs. Hannah consent, as he is not able to attend the meetings on a regular basis.

**PSBA/Legislative Committee Report**

Lena Hannah

Mrs. Hannah reported emails were distributed regarding the cyber charter legislation, SB34 and HB526, which would allow districts to have their own cyber charter school program of which she gave a brief overview. The Board inquired how many students are enrolled in cyber charter schools. Dr. Skerbetz reported approximately 38-45 students this year and budgeted $537,000 for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Skerbetz will follow-up with additional numbers.

**Parkway West**

Alan Vezzi

Mr. Vezzi reported Open House was held last month and attendance is still growing.
Mrs. Hannah reported the Student Forum held on March 14 showcased students K-12 with South Fayette students doing their TedX talks. The SHASDA Spring Conference will be on April 27.

Mr. Czaplicki commented his niece plays WPIAL lacrosse and her team has had one concussion each year, with two of the players being goalies.

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

There were no comments at this time.

Fornella seconded Petrillo to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary