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, Lena Hannah, Jen Iriti, Bill Newcomer, Todd Petrillo (arrived at 7:19 PM), Len Fornella

Absent: Alan Vezzi, Paul Brinsky

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 Associate Principal Laura Hartzell; Director of Technology and Innovation Coordinator Stephanie DeLuca; Athletic Director Mark Keener; Teachers: Felix Yerace, Brittany Hambelton, Vickie Slater, Dana Diulus, and Lauren Windstein; Construction Liaison Gene Manzini; David Esposito, Eckles Architecture; Joe Brennan, PJ Dick; Lindsey Bagwell, Alana Kulesa, Javon Hines, Kristin Pierce, Robert Owen, Jacob Meyer, and Cynthia Geisler, Superintendent’s Assistant/Board Secretary

Alana Kulesa, Director of Strategic Education Initiatives presented the Dr. Rondinelli with a plaque recognizing the District as a Distinguished Pathway Partner of the Carnegie Science Center, STEM Pathways Program. Ms. Kulesa explained with the help of Dr. Rondinelli, Dr. Loughead, several other regional education leaders and financial support from the Heinz Endowments, the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathways Program was developed to support the strategic planning process for schools; with 200 pathway partners in 18 states and training other science centers to support schools in other states.

Felix Yerace, explained because South Fayette is the largest MiniTHON/Four Diamonds partner in Western Pennsylvania, the District has been asked to host a regional mini conference for approximately 12 schools who are not able to attend the Four Diamonds Leadership Summit in Hershey. He added the event would be a half day event on Sunday, October 15 in the High School and conducted by representatives from the Four Diamonds Fund. Dr. Rondinelli added two motions on the agenda are for Mr. Yerace to chaperone students to the PASC State Conference in Red Lion, PA and for the District to host the National PASC Conference in the summer of 2019. Mr. Yerace added the only reason the District was not considered for the 2018 conference was due to geographic reasons and he was strongly encouraged to apply again.

Mrs. Hannah thanked Mr. Yerace and the Student Government for donating snacks for the GIRLS Night Out event held every spring.

Joe Brennan, PJ Dick provided the Board with an update of the High School Construction Project. Areas reviewed included:

- Financials, including the total value of current contracts to date, remaining contingency amount, current payment amount due, approved change orders to date, and the following change orders pending Board approval for a total amount of $80,024.27:
✓ Remove and Replace Rubber Stair Treads, Risers and Flooring at Landings at Stairs #2 and #3
✓ Remove and Replace Carpet at Elementary School Library and Adjacent Rooms

Mr. Brennan added there is not enough remaining carpet from the High School project to complete the Elementary School and will be turned into attic stock to be used if any carpet is damaged or needs replaced for any reason.

✓ Added Signage Throughout the Building

The Board discussed the errors in the original signage that were approved by the High School Principal in labeling/renumbering of classrooms and other signs that were coding issues. The Board asked if a walkthrough would have determined the errors. Mr. Brennan added the original signs are reviewed as part the submittal process and after installation the errors were noticed.

Mr. Petrillo arrived at 7:19 PM.

Dr. Skerbetz added some rooms were designated as Special Education Room/Resource which is illegal. Other rooms that were identified as being incorrectly labeled included the following:
  - Locker rooms
  - Guidance
  - Ticket office
  - Refreshments
  - Theatre occupancy
  - Early Leaning Academy
  - SRO
  - Student Activity
  - 6 that are no cost to the District

✓ ASI #62 – Modify Frame Type 22 and Counter At Guidance Attendant
✓ Kitchen Exhaust Interlock
✓ Install Four (4) Drops of Surface Raceway for Copiers
✓ Remove and Replace Five (5) Light Pole Bases per Revisions to Detention Tank and New Work
✓ Provide New Floor Box Covers in Library
✓ Disconnect and Reconnect Two (2) Pieces of Equipment not shown on FSE Drawings
✓ Relocate Horn Strobe in Kitchen
✓ Remove Lights at Serving Line and and Rework Switches
✓ Furnish and Install Two (2) Shunt Trip Breakers for Combi Oven
✓ Install One (1) 2-Pole Breaker and Wire Plug For Kitchen Equip #XR12
✓ Conduit Repairs at Roadway Reconstruction

The Board discussed the locations of the conduit and if they were installed to code during the original construction and why the electrical inspector did not catch that if they were not. Mr. Manzini added the areas involved were two in front of the High School leading from the sidewalk to the two parking areas and at the rear of the building near the loading dock where it crosses to the parking lot.
✓ Electrical Work to Conduit and Circuits to Existing Unit Ventilators
✓ Add One (1) G09 Fixture in Corridor E124
✓ Delete Occupancy Sensors in Corridors
✓ Eliminate One (1) Run of Conductors from Switch Gear Room to Area E
✓ Additional Data Reels Needed in Labs

Mr. Brennan added work that continues; the glass handrail with the artwork and the terrazzo steps in stairway #9. Mr. Brennan reviewed pictures of the finished construction.

Dr. Rondinelli added the following still need completed, some are due to lack of materials to finish:
  - 11 doors 2 with card access
  - Installation of door in circle design room in fab lab no track and no door handles for both circle design rooms
  - Installation of murals
  - Installation of tack boards below murals and other areas
  - Directional signs need installed
- Handrails for the mezzanine in the Fab Lab and coming out of the Theatre
- Depending on approved change orders:
- Two main stair towers tread replacement
- Light coming out of Theatre
- Elementary carpet replacement
- Replacement of incorrect signage
- Plus punch list items
- Flooring after stair treads are installed in center stair tower
- A1 Electric is scheduled September 30 and October 14 to work on the crossed neutral
- Installation of all of the interactive TVs
- The mounting brackets arrived today
- Fume hood for chemistry hood was delivered but needs installed

Mr. Brennan indicated some of the items are due to delivery or items that still need training; with a 100% completion date of September 22, but will likely not happen; the exterior punch list is being worked on during the day and the interior has to be done at night or in between classes.

Dr. Rondinelli commented the dedication plaque has a misspelled name and the replacement plaque is being donated by Lee Toddy.

The Board requested to get a quote for the carpet to be replaced in the Arts Alive room in the Elementary School.

**Minutes**

Considered approval of Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

- Committee Meeting
  - August 15, 2017
- Regular Meeting
  - August 22, 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 thanked everyone who attended the High School Rededication, particularly the Little Green Machine, students and staff. She reported the following:

- Current Middle School fundraiser
- Senior/Senior Night and Dinner was a wonderful event
- Girls Rock Science event at Science Center
- Youth Night
- PTA Donation Drive
- PMEA Honors Band Auditions
- Festival of Bands on October 7

Dr. Rondinelli reviewed the following items discussed at the AIU Superintendent’s meeting today:

- Reauthorization of ESSA and the four categories judged on; proficiency (PSSA testing), academic progress (PVAAS), graduation rate (5 years) and ELL; and career readiness (339 Plan)
- Updated immunization requirements which the District is prepared for
- Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation supporting prescription drug/opiod safety curriculum

Dr. Rondinelli concluded activities are in full swing.
1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Tax Collector Anne Beck 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**

At the Committee Meeting of the Whole on September 19, 2017, the Board of School Directors approved the following items:

Czaplicki seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens for Board approval to permit Shad Wachter to attend the Maker Faire in New York City, New York to participate in the NSF IC4 Grant Meeting from Friday, September 22, 2017 through Sunday, September 24, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to collaborate with the IC4 Team from the New York Hall of Science with South Fayette’s team. The cost of the trip includes travel, lodging, and meals and will be covered by National Science Foundation. There will be no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent for Board approval to permit Aileen Owens, Director of Technology and Innovation to attend a meeting with Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) at BitSource in Pikeville, Kentucky from Sunday, September 24, 2017 through Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to continue exploring grant opportunities. The cost of the trip includes travel, lodging, and meals and is included in the 2017-2018 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Technology and Innovation Aileen Owens for Board approval to permit six students to attend the 2017 Conference on Pen and Touch Technology in Education (CPTTE) at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois from Thursday, October 12, 2017 through Saturday, October 14, 2017. 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 conference includes travel, lodging, and meals and planned to be part of the 2017-2018 Ready to Learn Grant.

**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

1. 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 apply for consideration for the District to host the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Conference in June 2019.

2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Middle School Principal Kristin Deichler, and Intermediate School Principal Tom Kaminski for Board approval to conduct the following clubs in the Middle School and Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year:
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- Screen Printing Club
- FLL Robotics Club
- 8th Grade Celebration
- Lions Hearts Club

3. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, High School Principal Aaron Skrbin, and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to dispose of textbook holders from the business classes in the High School as per Board Policy 706.1. The holders are 15 years old, have minimal value, and are no longer necessary or used. The holders will be posted on eBay as appropriate prior to disposing.

4. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and High School Principal Aaron Skrbin for Board approval for Felix Yerace to travel with students to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) State Conference from Thursday, November 2, 2017 through Saturday, November 4, 2017, at the Red Lion Senior High School in Red Lion, PA. A portion of the costs are included in the 2017-2018 budget and the remaining costs will be funded by Student Government. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration.

**Transportation**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Transportation Donna Harshman for Board approval of the bus stops and routes for the 2017-18 school year. For audit purposes, the records will be kept in the transportation office.

**Athletics**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval of the quote from Institutional Specialties for the purchase and installation of a Daktronics scoreboard for the softball field. The cost is included in the 2017-2018 budget.

2. The Board consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director, Mark Keener for Board approval to permit Head Varsity Track Coach Scott Litwinovich and the Varsity Track Team to travel to Orlando, Florida from Thursday, March 8, 2018 through Monday, March 12, 2018, to compete in an invitational at Osceola High School. Students will be responsible for all school work during their absence. Appropriate adult to student ratios for supervision will be assured by the administration. Costs to the District will be for transportation to and from the Pittsburgh International Airport and for six substitute teachers for three days.

Personnel items were discussed in Executive Session.

**Construction**

1. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony for Board approval to purchase Reading Benches from Keystone Ridge Designs for the High School at the quantity and cost options listed below. The total cost will be covered from the High School Additions and Alterations Construction Budget.

The Board discussed the options listed below and agreed to purchase 10 benches.

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2. The Board considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Construction Liaison Gene Manzini for Board approval to replace stair treads, risers, and landings at stair 2 and 3 in the existing High School as a change order for the High School Additions and Alterations construction Project in the amount of $30,000.00.

**Student Representative Report**

Ms. Davis reported the language classes are also using the Maker Spaces which is great and the flow of student traffic is much better.

**Miscellaneous**

There were no items to discuss.

**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**

Javon Hines, Gneiss Drive, as President of the Oakdale Youth Sports League he thanked the Board for giving the League another chance to use the Stadium facilities for their remaining games. He addressed the following:

- Stipulations in maintain the quality of the facilities
- Pay additional clean-up fees and refundable deposit indicating our valued partnership and reputation
- Refundable deposits for any future use of the facilities
- Required to be financially responsible to have two South Fayette Police in addition to one security guard working the events at a cost of approximately $1,200 to $1,300, which the League is unable to absorb
- Use the security guards to minimize expenses as advised by the police and to notify police if any issues arise
- 100% commitment to keep the facility clean and left in the same condition
- Assigned volunteers in shifts for each game to observe and monitor each area to assure guidelines and expectations are met
- Held multiple and mandatory parent meetings to ensure compliance and commitment from all attendees
- Due to financial constraints paramedics will be on site for the games

Mr. Hines is asking the Board if the security guard and assigned parent volunteers be enough to police the remaining games. He added as President of the League, communications were sent out at the league level that there will be absolutely no smoking any substance or drinking on the premises.

Robert Owen, Walnut Ridge Circle, commented he has two students in the District, a son new to football and all positive things from the terrific program and doing a terrific job teaching sportsmanship. The parents appreciate getting a second chance and confident there will not be any issues.

Dr. Rondinelli informed the Board 4 additional signs need purchased for the campus indicating it is a tobacco/alcohol free campus at a cost of $4,555 for the large size. She continued $4,000 of the cost is budgeted for and the remaining costs will come from communications.
Burroughs seconded Newcomer to suspend the meeting at 8:17 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

Executive Session convened at 8:24 PM.

Petrillo seconded Newcomer to exit Executive Session at 9:19 PM and return to the committee meeting.

    Voice Vote – All Yes

Hannah seconded Newcomer to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

    Voice Vote – All Yes

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Cynthia Geisler, Board Secretary