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South Fayette Township School District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

7:30 PM

High School Studio

REVISED AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – President Alan Vezzi

- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists – Dr. Miller, Dr. Hartzell
 - ✓ Somdatta Basu
 - ✓ Sahishnu Hanumolu
 - ✓ Griffin Hurt
 - ✓ Kedar Manda
 - ✓ Rohan Nag
 - ✓ Smriti Wagle

AGENDA APPROVAL:

1. The Superintendent and Solicitor recommend Board approval of the September 28, 2021, Regular Meeting **revised** agenda. **New motions, which were received and added today, are listed below:**
 - **The Superintendent, Facilities Director, and Custodial Shift Manager recommend Board approval to hire a custodian, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents.**
 - **The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal recommend Board approval of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence request, effective date to be determined.**
 - **The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the Health/Physical Education Department Chair EPR effective for the 2021-2022 school year.**

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the following Board Meetings:

Committee Meeting	August 17, 2021
Regular Meeting	August 24, 2021

2. Approval of the following Financial Reports which have been reviewed by the Superintendent and Secondary Administration:

Athletic Fund	Mark Keener
High School Activity Fund	Rebecca Bruce
Middle School Activity Fund	Rebecca Bruce
Tax Collector Reports	Kevin Biber
(March – June 2021)	

3. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval to accept the provided list of gifts/donations.
4. Authorize payment of monthly invoices from the General Fund for the amount of \$905,391.64 beginning with check number 70648 through check number 70852, the Cafeteria Fund for the amount of \$80,356.89 beginning with check number 8267 through check number 8285, and the Construction Fund for the amount of \$58,830.00 for check numbers 030 and 031.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS

The Board will hear comments from residents and/or taxpayers related to items appearing on the Agenda for action by the Board. The Board will receive comments from residents and/or taxpayers on topics that do not appear on the agenda for action by the Board at the conclusion of the agenda, prior to adjournment. The time limit for comments shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The Board will not respond to questions during this session, but will only hear comments. (As per revised policy 006-Meetings adopted May 23, 2006)

Old Business

New Business

Superintendent's Monthly Report – Dr. Michelle Miller

Student Representative Report

II. BUSINESS OFFICE

At the Committee Meeting on September 21, 2021, the Board of School Directors approved the following items:

Petrillo seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kristin Deichler for Board approval to enter into an affiliation agreement with St. Vincent College. The term of the agreement shall be five (5) years from the date of execution. There is no cost to the District.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Board approval for the District to provide funding to support the Operation Teacher (of Color) Irrigation System (OTIS), at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 for the 2021-2022 school year.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval to enter into an agreement with STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc., to provide 1:1 nursing services for a student, for a term of one year, effective retroactive to September 15, 2021.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Maintenance Manager Reggie Hale for Board approval to replace the hot water boiler in the Middle School by CoStars vendor Tobey Karg, in the amount of \$17,880.00. The cost is included in the 2021-2022 budget.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Maintenance Manager Reggie Hale for Board approval to replace three air condition rooftop units in the High School by CoStars vendor Tobey Karg, in the amount of \$83,880.00. The cost is included in the 2021-2022 budget.

Voice Vote – All Yes

1. The Superintendent and Director of Finance Brian Tony recommend Board approval of a favorable natural gas renewal rate for Peoples Natural Gas for the District. The Renewal Basis Rate will be NYMEX Minus (\$0.44)/Dth for the term of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. This renewal Basis Price will show a savings of \$0.05/Dth compared to our current contract rate of (\$0.39)/Dth.
2. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler recommend Board approval to enter into an agreement with The Watson Institute to provide consultative support for students with autism and transition services, effective retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
3. The Superintendent, Director of Finance Brian Tony, and Athletic Director Mark Keener recommend Board approval for Vance Landscape Supply, Inc. to repair the baseball field as per their quote for a total amount not to exceed \$16,630.00

III. PERSONNEL

At the Committee Meeting on September 21, 2021, the Board of School Directors approved the following items:

Petrillo seconded Iriti on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Administrators for Board approval of the following (call as needed) substitute teachers and support personnel for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Jennifer Ring, School Nurse
- Cathy Reon, School Nurse
- Rachel Scott, School Nurse
- Katie North, School Nurse
- Rachael Leyk, Mathematics
- Angela Ashbery, English 7-12/Spec Ed 7-12/Grades PK-4, pending receipt of required documents
- Janice Billote, Health & Physical Education, pending receipt of required documents
- Charles Metcalf, SmartStart Program, pending receipt of required documents
- Sonia Howarth, Clerical at the rate of \$11.00 per hour

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval of Katelyn Romain as an LEA to authorize services for students with IEPs, effective September 22, 2021.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services Dr. Rachel Andler for Board approval of Leslie Willetts as a Personal Care Paraeducator Extra-Curricular Activity-High School Homecoming Dance effective retroactive to September 18, 2021, at the current rate of \$20.70 per hour.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Intermediate School Principals for Board approval to hire Victoria Anderson as a Special Education Permanent Substitute teacher in the Intermediate School at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of \$48,581, prorated, effective September 22, 2021.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray for Board approval of the status change of Claire Kucerovy, Elementary School Grade 2 Long Term Substitute teacher to an Elementary School Grade 2 Permanent Substitute teacher at the Bachelor's Step 1 rate of \$48,581, prorated for the 2021-2022 school year.

Voice Vote – All Yes

1. The Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kristin Deichler recommend Board approval for Sadie Dayton, a student from St. Vincent College, to complete her Practicum in School Counseling with Justina Perrott, Middle School Counselor from September 29, 2021 through June 9, 2022, pending receipt of required documents. There will be no cost to the District.
2. The Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kristin Deichler recommend Board approval to hire the following as after school tutors for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - Lyndsy Grinko, High School Keystone Biology
 - Kelley Hallett, High School Keystone Algebra I
 - Rebecca Rudy, High School Keystone Algebra 1
 - Maria Capelli, High School Keystone Literature
 - Mike Perrott, Middle School PSSA Tutoring Coordinator
 - Jeremy Hall, Middle School PSSA Math
 - Kathleen Fischer, Middle School PSSA ELA
 - Sarah Sweet, Intermediate School PSSA Tutoring Coordinator
 - Ryan Schoenberger, Intermediate School PSSA Math
 - Shane Coyne, Intermediate School PSSA Math
 - Patricia Cortese, Intermediate School PSSA Math
3. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of following EPR for the 2021-2022 school year:

Mentor Teacher for Victoria Anderson	Amy Krappweis
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4. The Superintendent and Intermediate School Principals recommend Board approval to hire Amat Alshaibani as an Intermediate Building Substitute teacher, at the rate of \$150.00 per day, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the EPR list for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach Connie Iorio recommend Board approval of Michael Jordan as an Assistant Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach effective for the 2021-2022 season, pending receipt of required documents.

7. The Superintendent, Athletic Director Mark Keener, and Head Varsity Baseball Coach Ken Morgan recommend Board approval of Craig Wiltrek as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Baseball Coach effective for the 2021-2022 season, pending receipt of required documents.
8. The Superintendent, High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell, and Director of Innovation, Strategic Partnerships, and Instructional Technology Dr. Matt Callison recommend Board approval of Felix Yerace as a Canvas Implementation Coach in the High School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motions from the September 28, 2021, Executive Session Agenda:

1. The Superintendent and Director of Finance/HR recommend Board approval of the new position titled Assistant Director of Transportation and Facilities effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. The Superintendent, Director of Student Support Services, and Elementary School Principals recommend Board approval to hire a Classroom Paraeducator in the Elementary School, pending receipt of required documents, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. The Superintendent, Director of Student Support Services, and High School Principals recommend Board approval to hire a Certified School Nurse in the High School effective date based on the release date from the previous school district.
4. The Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services recommend Board approval to hire Personal Care Paraeducators for the following after school extra-curricular activities:
 - High School Drama Club, effective September 29, 2021
 - High School Chorus, effective September 29, 2021
 - Best Buddies, effective September 28, 2021
5. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of (call as needed) substitute support personnel **and teacher** effective for the 2021-2022 school year
6. The Superintendent and Director of Food Service recommend Board approval to hire three Food Service employees, effective September 29, 2021, pending receipt of required documents.
7. **The Superintendent, Facilities Director, and Custodial Shift Manager recommend Board approval to hire a custodian, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of required documents.**
8. **The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal recommend Board approval of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence request, effective date to be determined.**
9. **The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the Health/Physical Education Department Chair EPR effective for the 2021-2022 school year.**

IV. EDUCATION

1. The Superintendent and Elementary School Principal Laurie Gray recommend Board approval of the revised report cards for the Elementary School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. The Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kristin Deichler, and Director of Innovation, Strategic Partnerships, and Instructional Technology Dr. Matt Callison recommend Board approval of a Student and Teacher Project Proposal with Duolingo for Schools, an adaptive language learning app, for the Middle School, effective for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be no cost to the District.
3. The Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kristin Deichler, and Director of Innovation, Strategic Partnerships, and Instructional Technology Dr. Matt Callison recommend Board approval for students in grades 6-12 to participate in **a research study conducted by WGU Labs, effective for the 2021-2022 school year utilizing Boost, a tool to remind students of upcoming assignment deadlines, and for the Superintendent to execute any necessary agreements with Boost and/or WGU Labs subject to review and approval by the Solicitor.**
4. The Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell recommend Board approval to conduct a trial Stand Together Club in the High School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. The Superintendent and Intermediate School Principals recommend Board approval for the South Fayette Township Intermediate School to co-host the PMEA Stringfest on April 22, 2022. The event will be held at East Allegheny School District. The cost to the District will be for transporting South Fayette students and teacher to and from the event.
6. Board approval for the Superintendent and Assistant to the Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Kristin Deichler to attend the AASA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from Wednesday, February 16, 2022, through Saturday, February 19, 2022. A portion of the cost will be paid for by the Grable Foundation.
7. The Superintendent and High School Principal Dr. Laura Hartzell recommend Board approval of the Orchestra EPR in the High School effective for the 2021-2022 school year. The trial period was the 2018-2019 school year.

V. TRANSPORTATION

1. The Superintendent and Director of Transportation Brandon Soubie recommend Board approval of the bus stops and routes for the 2021-2022 school year. For audit purposes, the records will be kept in the transportation office.

VI. ATHLETICS

At the Committee Meeting on September 21, 2021, the Board of School Directors approved the following items:

Iriti seconded Petrillo on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval to purchase new uniforms for the Girls Lacrosse Team. The total cost of the uniforms is \$6,741.00 and is part of the 2021-2022 budget uniform rotation program. A total of 90 uniforms (45 white and 45 green) will be purchased through Century Sports.

And on the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director Mark Keener for Board approval to purchase new uniforms for the Boys Lacrosse Team. The total cost of the uniforms is \$8,181.00 and is part of the 2021-2022 budget uniform rotation program. A total of 90 uniforms (45 white and 45 green) will be purchased through Century Sports.

Voice Vote – All Yes

VII. CONSTRUCTION

1. There are no items to discuss.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Superintendent and Administrators recommend Board approval of the first reading of revised Board Policy 239 Foreign Exchange Students.
2. The Superintendent recommends Board approval to endorse the following as PSBA candidates:
 - **David Schapp** as President-elect (1-year term)
 - Allison Mathis as Vice President (1-year term)
 - Edward Brown as East Zone Representative (3-year term)
 - Justin Warren as Section 7 Advisor (two year term)
 - Richard Frerichs as Insurance Trust Trustee (position one, 3-year term)
 - William LaCoff as Insurance Trust Trustee (position two, 3-year term)
 - Nathan Mains as Insurance Trust Trustee (position three, 3-year term)
 - **Jennifer Davidson** as Forum Steering Committee (position one, 2-year term)
 - **Bethanne Zeigler** as Forum Steering Committee (position two, 2-year term)
 - **Jamie Lynn Zimerofsky** as Forum Steering Committee (position three, 2-year term)

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Solicitor's Report

Board Comments

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| A. Executive Committee Report | President Alan Vezzi |
| B. South Fayette Foundation | Lena Hannah |
| C. PSBA/Legislative Committee Report | Lena Hannah |

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D. Parkway West

President Alan Vezzi

E. SHASDA

Jennifer Iriti

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An Executive Session may be held to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.