

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, January 27, 2025, beginning with Executive Session at 6:00 PM, with the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM via Zoom electronic meeting/held in the Learning Commons at the High School located at 110 Fort Cherry Road, McDonald, PA 15057.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Jodi McKay	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Ms. Amanda Herforth	Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mr. Chase Ogburn	Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following members were excused/absent:
Mr. Paul Bianchini

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Renee' Miller, Assistant Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary
Mr. Russell Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

List of all members that attended in person and via virtual session will be filed with official Board minutes

I. Executive Session (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 pm. Personnel, Contracts and Safety & Security were discussed.

II. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:17 pm

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

IV. Remarks by Visitors

(As per Fort Cherry School District Policy for Conducting Meetings of the Board of School Directors)

none

V. Presentations

A. Fort Cherry Musical - Mrs. Andrea Garry and student performers: Brenden Ballard, Aislinn Connors, Sophia Holmes and Violet Longstreth

Mrs. Garry and the students came to the meeting to thank the Board for their contributions and service. They performed a skit including Mr. Samosky, sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and invited everyone to attend the musical February 28 – March 2, 2025.

B. Counseling Department Updates/339 Plan - Ms. Jacelyn Alberts, Ms. Jessica Cole, Dr. Eric Lauver, Mrs. Amy Oberly and Mrs. Erin Wilson

VI. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular/Reorganizational Meeting of December 2, 2024.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the minutes of the Regular/Reorganizational Meeting of December 2, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VII. Secretary's Correspondence

none

VIII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mrs. Miles praised Mrs. Jodie Hoover's efforts to make the FFA jacket presentations meaningful and special.

B. Solicitor's Report

No Solicitor's Report

C. Superintendents Report

The Superintendent's Report is posted on the website and has been made part of the official minutes. Mr. Samosky mentioned the opportunity for \$500.00 teacher grants made possible by the Fort Cherry Foundation. He went on to thank the Foundation and the board for their support and focus on reducing costs.

Mr. Samosky also shared a special thank you to the Board, especially during Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Samosky thanked the Board for their countless hours and dedication to provide a better education for our District students. He presented thank you cards from PTO which were signed by all Elementary school students.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

Motion to combine and approve Items X. A. through E.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. A – E as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Zachary Simpson, Director of Facilities, effective January 17, 2025.
- B. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Robert Finney as Director of Facilities, effective January 28, 2025, per the attached employment contract, subject to final review and approval of the District Solicitor.
- C. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Shayne Pierce, paraprofessional, as the Bocce Team paraprofessional. Ms. Pierce will be paid hourly per the FCSD Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- D. Action on the approval of Mrs. Korin Aglio, Long Term Substitute, Elementary Reading Specialist, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement at Bachelor's Level, Step 1, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
- E. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Chrystal Yates, professional employee, Elementary School Nurse, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, Bachelor's level Step 1, effective January 28, 2025.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Items XI. A. through D.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to combine and approve Building and Grounds Items A - D as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- A. Action on the approval of the Combustion Service and Equipment Company annual service contract effective December 1, 2024 - November 30, 2025, per the attached quote of \$2,400.00.
- B. Action on the approval to purchase office furniture from P.E.M.Co. for \$5,526.51 per the attached quote.
- C. Action on the approval of the following payments for the stadium project permits:
 - \$500.00 - Administrative Filing Fee - payable to Washington County Conservation District Clean Water Fund

\$700.00 - Disturbed Acre fee (\$100 each) - payable to
Commonwealth of PA Clean Water Fund
\$2,200.00 .00 - E&S Fee - payable to Washington County
Conservation District

- D. Action on the approval to seek bids for the District-wide masonry repair project.
- E. Action on the approval of the one year contract renewal with FMX for work order and facility usage software for \$5,734.37.

XII. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the attached quote from Siemens Industry for the purchase of fourteen (14) 5-camera video systems, to be installed in the contractors' buses that transport District students, in the amount of \$68,495.00.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve the attached quote from Siemens Industry for the purchase of fourteen (14) 5-camera video systems, to be installed in the contractors' buses that transport District students, in the amount of \$68,495.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the following additional G G & C Bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon the receipt, review and final approval of any and all clearances and new driver paperwork:
-James Faiella

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve Mr. James Faiella, additional G G & C Bus driver, for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon the receipt, review and final approval of any and all clearances and new driver paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval to adopt Resolution #1 - 2025-01-27 - Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for Budget Year 2025-2026.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve to adopt Resolution #1 - 2025-01-27 - Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for Budget Year 2025-2026. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0. Mr. Bianchini was absent.

- B. Action on the approval to adopt Resolution #2 - 2025-01-27 - Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve to adopt Resolution #2 - 2025-01-27 - Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0. Mr. Bianchini was absent.

XIV. Technology

none

XV. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval of Mr. Mitchell Nordstrom, Volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve Mr. Mitchell Nordstrom, Volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Activities

None

XVII. Policy

- A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 204 - Attendance

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the reading of Policy 204 – Attendance.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Items XVIII. A. through D.

1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVIII. A – D as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- A. Action on the approval for Mr. Thomas Scarpone, Athletic Director, to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) conference in Hershey, PA from March 17 - March 21, 2024.
- B. Action on the approval of the agreement between AMCA Systems, LLC and the Fort Cherry School District for ACA compliance reporting as attached.
- C. Action on the approval of the following Real Estate Tax refunds (resulting from assessment reduction - receipt of over payment confirmed by tax collector):
 - CNX RCPC LLC -- \$9,865.75
 - Michele G & John T Ley -- \$1,002.91
 - Theodore R & Debra L Ullom -- \$67.79
- D. Action on the approval of an affiliation agreement Fort Cherry School District and Wheeling University.
- E. Action on the approval to nominate _____ as a candidate to serve on the Intermediate Unit I Board of Directors for (up-to) a three (3) year term. The IU1 Board of Directors will be elected at the March 25, 2025 IU1 Annual Convention.
Item XVIII. Failed due to lack of nomination. Fort Cherry will not have a candidate on the Intermediate Unit I Board of Directors nominated at the March 25, 2025 IU1 Annual Convention.
- F. Action on the approval of Mrs. Leslie Maxin to serve as a representative on the Western Area CTC Joint Operating Committee for the balance of the three (3) year term, effective January 22, 2025 through December 2026.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve Mrs. Leslie Maxin to serve as a representative on the Western Area CTC Joint Operating Committee for the balance of the three (3) year term, effective January 22, 2025 through December 2026. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIX. Public Comment

(As per Fort Cherry School District Policy for Conducting Meetings of the Board of School Directors)

none

XX. Executive Session

none

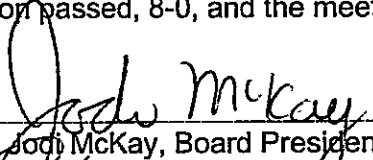
XXI. Adjournment

1st: Ms. Schwab

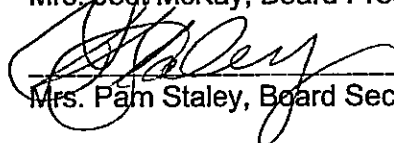
2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025. Motion passed, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary