

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, April 24, 2023, beginning at 5:00 PM with Athletics and Wellness committee budgetary talks and forecasts, followed by Executive Session at 6:00 PM and the Regular Board 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	Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mr. Chase Ogburn	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mr. Cory Matchett
Mr. Louis Ursitz (via Zoom)	Mrs. Julie Sepesy

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Jeanine Miles

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary (interim)
Mr. Sal Bittner, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

Attendee list is filed with Board Documents

* List of all members that attended virtual session will be filed with official Board minutes

- I. Learning Resource and Athletics & Wellness Committee Meeting (5:00 - 6:00 pm)
- II. **Executive Session** (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:06 pm.
Executive session items discussed were Personnel and Legal issues.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:10 pm

IV. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

V. Remarks by Visitors

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

none

VI. Presentations

- A. A special thank you from Mrs. Andrea Garry and members of the Fort Cherry Chorus for their trip to Disney World in Florida.
- B. Presentation by Magisterial District Judge Louis McQuillan of Coach Marty Schottenheimer memorabilia to the Fort Cherry School District.

VII. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VIII. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Staley reported the Board received a Thank You card for the memorial gift sent to the Allegheny Forest in memory of Renee' Miller's father who passed away. The Board also received a very nice card from the Mr. and Mrs. Putt who visited the greenhouses and were very impressed by the faculty and students they met there. Finally, Butler Area School District notified the fort Cherry School Board that they have removed themselves from the ASHIC consortium.

IX. Treasurer's Actions

- A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

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 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 Budget Control Reports
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 Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mrs. Sepesy shared her positive experience as a chaperone at the Glow Dance. She reported it was wonderful and the students were well-behaved.

Mr. Bianchini reported on the Fort Cherry Foundation. Range Resources has donated a check for \$5,000.00 to the Summer Acceleration Academy for academic acceleration. This will cover nearly 80% of the cost. Mr. Bianchini also reported the Foundation is planning on a fall event. The Board thanked the Foundation for the funds to purchase a large tent that will be used for many sporting and school events. Plans are being made to customize the canopy with "Fort Cherry" and "FC Foundation". Finally, the PA state EITT documents have been prepared that will serve to direct tax monies to the Foundation.

Mrs. Gaskill shared a reminder about the upcoming Band concert.

B. Solicitor's Report

none

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report is included in the Board packet and posted on the Fort Cherry website. Mr. Samosky took this time to thank Mrs. Hoover and Dr. Willyerd for conducting the Horticulture and Vo-Ag program. It was excellent and very well attended.

XI. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Acknowledge the extension of the Maternity Leave Request for Professional Employee #2022-23-05 from May 1, 2023 to May 14, 2023.

President McKay acknowledged the extension of the Maternity Leave Request for Professional Employee #2022-23-05 from May 1, 2023 to May 14, 2023.

- B. Acknowledge the retirement of Ms. Carol Taylor, professional employee, effective June 2, 2023.

President McKay acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Carol Taylor, professional employee, effective June 2, 2023 and thanked her for her many years of dedicated service.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Jason Dorsch, Director of Facilities, effective May 25, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Jason Dorsch, Director of Facilities, effective May 25, 2023 and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

- D. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Eileen Craig, paraprofessional employee, effective June 2, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Eileen Craig, paraprofessional employee, effective June 2, 2023 and thanked her for her contributions to the District.

- E. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Lacie Walker, Varsity Cheer coach, effective April 5, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Lacie Walker, Varsity Cheer coach, effective April 5, 2023 and thanked her for her contributions to the District.

- F. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Marsha Williams, long term substitute High School nurse, effective April 18, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Marsha Williams, long term substitute High School nurse, effective April 18, 2023 and thanked her for her contributions to the District.

- G. Action on the approval of a contract between Fort Cherry School District and Next Evolution Healthcare to provide nursing services as needed at the discretion of the District, subject to solicitor review.

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

Ms. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve a contract between Fort Cherry School District and Next Evolution Healthcare to provide nursing services as needed at the discretion of the District, subject to solicitor review. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- H. Action on the approval of a contract between Fort Cherry School District and Supplemental Healthcare to provide nursing services as needed at the discretion of the District, subject to solicitor review.

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

Ms. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve a contract between Fort Cherry School District and Supplemental Healthcare to provide nursing services as needed at the discretion of the District, subject to solicitor review. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- I. Action on the approval of Mr. Ronald Limmer as School Security Officer contingent on the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve Mr. Ronald Limmer as School Security Officer contingent on the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Buildings and Grounds

none

XIII. Transportation

none

XIV. Finance

- A. Action on the approval of the Budget for the 2023-2024 Western Area Career and Technology Center.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the Budget for the 2023-2024 Western Area Career and Technology Center. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to transfer \$300,000 from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve transfer \$300,000 from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XV. Technology

- A. Action on the approval of the purchase of ID Management software to manage computer user accounts for 3 years at a cost of \$4,455.00.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the purchase of ID Management software to manage computer user accounts for 3 years at a cost of \$4,455.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Athletics

- A. Acknowledge the receipt of the Tull Family Foundation Equipment Grant for \$2,000.00 to benefit Fort Cherry's Softball and Baseball teams. This grant was secured by Mr. Thomas Scarpone.

Mrs. McKay acknowledge the receipt of the Tull Family Foundation Equipment Grant for \$2,000.00 to benefit Fort Cherry's Softball and Baseball teams and thanked Mr. Thomas Scarpone for applying for and securing the grant.

- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Mark Permigiani as a volunteer Strength and Conditioning Coach contingent on the final receipt and approval of any and all new hire paperwork.

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

Ms. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve of Mr. Mark Permigiani as a volunteer Strength and

Conditioning Coach contingent on the final receipt and approval of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Ms. Carolena Gasbarro as a volunteer Track and Field Coach.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve Ms. Carolena Gasbarro as a volunteer Track and Field Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of Ms. Jennifer Spotti as the volunteer Track and Field statistician, contingent on the final receipt and approval of any and all new hire paperwork.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Ms. Jennifer Spotti as the volunteer Track and Field statistician, contingent on the final receipt and approval of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

II. Activities

none

III. Policy

- A. Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 808 - Food Services Department.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 808 - Food Services Department. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 246 - Student Wellness.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 246 - Student Wellness. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of the Special Education Plan effective 2023-2026.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the Special Education Plan effective 2023-2026. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Watson Institute for consultation and training services for the new Elementary Life Skills Support classroom at Fort Cherry Elementary Center at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Contract will be in effect for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Watson Institute for consultation and training services for the new Elementary Life Skills Support classroom at Fort Cherry Elementary Center at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Contract will be in effect for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Acknowledge the \$250.00 grant from the Hickory Lions Club to address student emergency clothing needs.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the \$250.00 grant from the Hickory Lions Club to address student emergency clothing needs.

- D. Action on the approval of the Coordinated Early Intervention Services agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and the Fort Cherry School District.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

- A. Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the Coordinated Early Intervention Services agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and the Fort Cherry School District. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

II. Executive Session

No executive session was necessary.

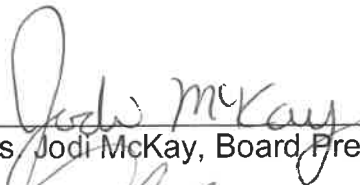
III. Adjournment

1st: Ms. Schwab


2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary