

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, May 22, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM with Executive Session and followed by 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. Chase Ogburn
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill
Mr. Louis Ursitz

Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mr. Cory Matchett
Mrs. Julie Sepesy

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. 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. **Executive Session** (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:10 pm.
Executive session items discussed were Personnel, Finance and Program issues.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:10 pm

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of May 22, 2023

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2023. 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. A special thank you from the Board to Mr. Jason Dorsch and Mr. John Sullivan for their years of service to the District. Mrs. Sepesy and Mr. Samosky presented both with cards and bundt cakes.

VI. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023. 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. 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: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

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

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

Ms. Schwab attended the 6th grade Science Camp. She had a nice time and reported it was well worth it.

Mrs. Sepesy reported attending the Prom Grand March. It was very well organized. It was also a good idea to crown the Prom King and Queen there. Mrs. Sepesy also attended the Spring Choral concert. It was very nice.

Mr. Matchett had a very nice evening attending the National Honor Society evening at the Lion's Club.

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 did take this time to mention that Fort Cherry's Baseball, Softball and Track teams had all made the playoffs.

Mr. Samosky also took a moment to thank Mrs. Eva Kramer and Mrs. Lauren Cieply, and all who helped with prom. The event was a huge success.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval of summer work hours for educational purposes from June 5 to August 18, 2023:

1. Sr High Guidance: 100
2. Jr High Guidance: 100
3. Elem Guidance: 80
4. Elem Nurse: 80
5. HS Nurse: 80

6. Elem Student Support: 80

7. HS Student Support: 80

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the summer work hours for educational purposes from June 5 to August 18, 2023:

1. Sr High Guidance: 100

2. Jr High Guidance: 100

3. Elem Guidance: 80

4. Elem Nurse: 80

5. HS Nurse: 80

6. Elem Student Support: 80

7. HS Student Support: 80

Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Education Association regarding Block Scheduling subject to the review and approval of the District Solicitor.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Education Association regarding Block Scheduling. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the employment of 2023 Summer District Cleaners as needed per District Administration.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the employment of 2023 Summer District Cleaners as needed per District Administration. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the approval to purchase new 2023 Ford F-350 XL 4x4 SRW Pickup with Snow Control Equipment from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. through Co-Stars, not to exceed \$61,650.00 (funds coming from 2022 Bond Fund).

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the purchase new 2023 Ford F-350 XL 4x4 SRW Pickup with Snow Control Equipment from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. through Co-Stars, not to exceed \$61,650.00 (funds coming from 2022 Bond Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Transportation

none

XIII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval to raise breakfast/lunch prices \$0.40 for the 2023/2024 school year:

Elm Breakfast: \$2.20 (\$1.80 current price)

Elm Lunch: \$3.30 (\$2.90 current price)

HS Breakfast: \$2.25 (\$1.85 current price)

HS Lunch: \$3.40 (\$3.00 current price)

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 6-2 opposed

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve raising breakfast/lunch prices \$0.40 for the 2023/2024 school year. There was a discussion wherein Mr. Samosky explained that the food service department used the paid lunch equity tool to determine the acceptable limit for raising meal prices. \$0.40 was within the limit. The motion failed as it was voted down 6-2. Affirmative votes were placed by Mrs. Gaskill and Mr. Matchett. Negative votes were placed by Mr. Ogburn, Mrs. Sepesy, Mr. Ursitz, Mrs. Miles, Ms. Schwab, Mrs. McKay.

- B. Action on the approval of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2023-2024 school year with expenditures of \$21,892,471 and a millage rate of 14.7398.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Proposed Final Budget for the 2023-2024 school year with expenditures of \$21,892,471 and a millage rate of 14.7398. The final budget will be approved at the June 26, 2023 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIV. Technology

- A. Action on the approval to purchase 210 Chromebook 2-in-1 tablets for grades K-2 at a cost not to exceed \$73,500.00 (funds from the Technology Fund).

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the purchase 210 Chromebook 2-in-1 tablets for grades K-2 at a cost not to exceed \$73,500.00 (funds from the Technology Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to purchase a 4-year device warranty for all new K-2 Chromebook tablets with a cost not to exceed \$27,300.00 (funds from the Technology Fund).

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the purchase of a 4-year device warranty for all new K-2 Chromebook tablets with a cost not to exceed \$27,300.00 (funds from the Technology Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action of the approval to purchase 210 cases for the K-2 Chromebook tablets from AGiRepair, Inc. for \$6,927.90 (funds from the Technology Fund).

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the purchase of 210 cases for the K-2 Chromebook tablets from AGiRepair, Inc. for \$6,927.90 (funds from the Technology Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval to purchase provisioning services from AGiRepair, Inc. for all new K-2 Chromebook tablets for \$2,940.00 (funds from the Technology Fund).

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the purchase of provisioning services from AGiRepair, Inc. for all new K-2 Chromebook tablets for \$2,940.00 (funds from the Technology Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval to purchase 145 touchscreen Chromebooks for Grades 3 and 8 and a Google Chrome Academic license from Amcom Office Systems at a cost of \$47,597.70 (fund from the Technology Fund).

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the purchase of 145 touchscreen Chromebooks for Grades 3 and 8 and a Google Chrome Academic license from Amcom Office Systems at

a cost of \$47,597.70 (fund from the Technology Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the approval to purchase a 4 year device warranty and clamshell case for all new grade 3 and 8 Chromebooks from AGiRepair, Inc. at a cost of \$23,055.00 (funds from the Technology Fund).
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve the purchase a 4 year device warranty and clamshell case for all new grade 3 and 8 Chromebooks from AGiRepair, Inc. at a cost of \$23,055.00 (funds from the Technology Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- G. Action on the approval to purchase server storage upgrades from CCL at a cost of \$4,910.00
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the purchase server storage upgrades from CCL at a cost of \$4,910.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- H. Action on the approval to purchase operating system upgrades from CCL to replace end-of-life operating systems at a cost of \$2,816.00.
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the purchase of operating system upgrades from CCL to replace end-of-life operating systems at a cost of \$2,816.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- I. Action on the approval of a 3 year agreement between Fort Cherry School District and CCL Technologies at a cost of \$39,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year, \$39,780.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, and \$40,560.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, pending solicitor review.
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the 3 year agreement between Fort Cherry School District and CCL Technologies at a cost of \$39,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year, \$39,780.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, and \$40,560.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, pending solicitor review. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Education Association regarding the addition and compensation of the Girls' 7th and 8th grade Softball team.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Education Association regarding the addition and compensation of the Girls' 7th and 8th grade Softball team. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Mackenzie Biggs, Varsity Girls' Volleyball head coach, effective May 5, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Ms. Biggs resignation and thanked her for her contributions to the successful Girls' Volleyball team.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Megan Uht, Varsity Girls' Volleyball assistant coach, effective April 24, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Ms. Uht's resignation and thanked her for her contributions to the Girls' Volleyball team.

- D. Action on the approval of Ms. Jenna Granatire as the Varsity Volleyball head coach per the FCEA bargaining agreement contingent on the final receipt and review 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, to approve Ms. Jenna Granatire as the Varsity Volleyball head coach per the FCEA bargaining agreement contingent on the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval of Ms. Abigail McCarty as a volunteer Varsity Volleyball coach.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Ms. Abigail McCarty as a volunteer Varsity Volleyball coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the approval of Ms. Jadyn Hartner as a volunteer Varsity Volleyball coach.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Ms. Jady Hartner as a volunteer Varsity Volleyball coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

II. Activities

- A. Action on the approval of the revisions to the Majorette handbook.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the revisions to the Majorette handbook. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Ms. Courtney McIntyre, Varsity Cheer Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve Ms. Courtney McIntyre, Varsity Cheer Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

III. Policy

none

I. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of granting School Board Members and Administrators the ability to attend seminars/conferences during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$900 per conference, such amount to include all costs associated with the event.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve granting School Board Members and Administrators the ability to attend seminars/conferences during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$900 per conference, such amount to include all costs associated with the event. Individual conferences will still need to be approved as they arise. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the 2023-2024 IU1 Educational Services Agreement.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the 2023-2024 IU1 Educational Services Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2023-2024 school year

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of a lease agreement with Blueprints Early Learning Programming as the Lessee and Fort Cherry School District as the Lessor effective July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve a lease agreement with Blueprints Early Learning Programming as the Lessee and Fort Cherry School District as the Lessor effective July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval of a one year meal service agreement with Blue Prints for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve a one year meal service agreement with Blue Prints for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the approval of the Letter of Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Outside In School of Experiential Education for counseling services provided to Fort Cherry Students for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Letter of Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Outside In School of Experiential Education for counseling services provided to Fort Cherry Students for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- G. Action on the approval to participate in the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program at no cost to the District.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve participation in the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program at no cost to the District. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- H. Action on the approval of Washington Physicians Group, Dr. Robert W. Koschik, MD as District Physician for the 2023-2024 school year.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve Washington Physicians Group, Dr. Robert W. Koschik, MD as District Physician for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- I. Action on the approval of Cherry Valley Smiles, Dr. Sarah Ogburn, DMD, as District Dentist for the 2023-2024 school year.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve Cherry Valley Smiles, Dr. Sarah Ogburn, DMD, as District Dentist for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed, 7-0-1. Mr. Ogburn abstained. Abstention paperwork is filed with the Board documents.

I. Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

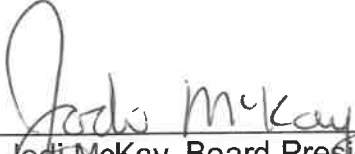
II. Executive Session

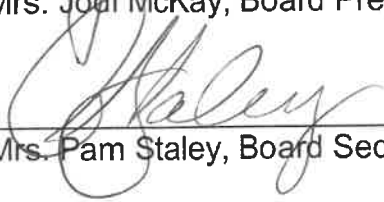
No executive session was necessary.

III. Adjournment

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.


Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President


Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary