

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, February 24, 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. Pam Staley, Board Secretary
Mr. Russell Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price
Mr. Salvatore Bittner, 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 student matters were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:13 PM

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025 with the following changes:

XII. B. amended to read; Action on the approval to award the masonry restoration project Lump Sum Base Bid to Arch Masonry in the amount of \$777,300.00, funded by the 2022 Bond Fund.

XII.C. will be omitted. The item read "Action on the rejection of the Masonry Restoration Project Base Bids #2"

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. J. Martin & Associates, LLC presented the 2023-2024 Financial Audit

VI. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of January 24, 2025.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2025. 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. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, 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: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

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

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

none

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 gave special thanks to Dr. Katelyn Willyerd and Mrs. Jodie Hoover for the success of Vo-Ag Career Day. The event was well received by both the employers and students who attended. Thank you for a job well done.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager, effective June 30, 2025.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Mrs. Mary Burford's retirement and thanked her for her service.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

A. Action on the approval to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Siemens for security camera servicing and camera replacement, at a cost of \$73,395.00, per the attached quote. The agreement will be effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ogburn

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Siemens for security camera servicing and camera replacement, at a cost of \$73,395.00, per the attached quote. The agreement will be effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to award the Masonry Restoration Project Lump Sum Base Bid to Arch Masonry in the amount of \$777,300.00, funded by the 2022 Bond Fund Action on the rejection of the Masonry Restoration project Base Bids #2.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve to award the Masonry Restoration Project Lump Sum Base Bid to Arch Masonry in the amount of \$777,300.00, funded by the 2022 Bond Fund Action on the rejection of the Masonry Restoration project Base Bids #2. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval for A-1 Concrete Leveling & Foundation Repair to level and caulk the Elementary and High School sidewalks for \$20,700.00 per the attached quotes.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve A-1 Concrete Leveling & Foundation Repair to level and caulk the Elementary and High School sidewalks for \$20,700.00 per the attached quotes. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Transportation

none

XIII. Finance

none

XIV. Technology

Motion to combine and approve Technology Items XIV. A. through B.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to combine and approve Technology Items XIV. A – B as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- A. Action on the approval to purchase 150 touchscreen Chromebooks and Google licenses from BDJtech at a cost of \$40,500.00, per the attached quote.
- B. Action on the approval to purchase four-year device warranties, cases, and provisioning services for 150 Chromebooks from AGiRepair, Inc. at a cost of \$18,300.00, per the attached quote.

XV. Athletics

Motion to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. A. through B.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ogburn

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. A – B as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- A. Action on the approval for the Varsity Boys Basketball Team to attend a Cleveland Cavaliers basketball game March 2, 2025. Trip expenses to be paid by the Boosters.
- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Zachary Vincenti, Volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach.

XVI. Activities

None

XVII. Policy

- A. Action on the approval of the Administrative Regulation (AR) regarding bed bugs. This AR will be associated with Policy 209.

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 Administrative Regulation (AR) regarding bed bugs. This AR will be associated with Policy 209. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of the District K–12 Counseling 339 Plan as

attached.

1st: Ms. Herforth

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the District K-12 Counseling 339 Plan as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to execute a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) letter of intent with BAI Group, LLC subject to final review and approval of the District Solicitor.

Motion to Table.

1st: Mr. Ogburn

2nd: Mrs. Gaskill

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, that the Board table the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) letter of intent with BAI Group, LLC. Motion to table passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of a one year contract with LinkIt! for \$14,803.00 per the attached quote, with the funds to be paid from the PCCD School Safety Grant.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve a one year contract with LinkIt! for \$14,803.00 per the attached quote, with the funds to be paid from the PCCD School Safety Grant. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of a three (3) year contract with Munetrix for \$6,216.75, per the attached quote, with the funds to be paid from the PCCD School Safety Grant.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Maxin

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve a three (3) year contract with Munetrix for \$6,216.75, per the attached quote, with the funds to be paid from the PCCD School Safety Grant. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval of an affiliation agreement between Fort Cherry School District and PennWest University.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve an affiliation agreement between Fort Cherry School District and PennWest University. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the approval to host Senator Camera Bartolotta's community

shredding event on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the High School parking lot.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve to host Senator Camera Bartolotta's community shredding event on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the High School parking lot. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIX. Public Comment

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

Mr. Greg Matyuf of Mount Pleasant Township

Mr. Matyuf questioned who hires our management candidates. He wanted to know if each person was vetted. Mr. Samosky assured Mr. Matyuf that the Fort Cherry staff verifies all new hires and does a complete background check.

XX. Executive Session

none

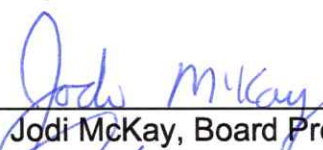
XXI. Adjournment

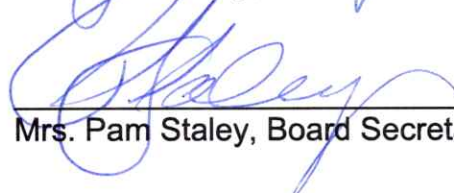
1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Maxin

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025. Motion passed, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.


Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President


Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary