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 20, 2024, 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. Cynthia Gaskill Mrs. Julie Sepesy Mrs. Leslie Maxin

Mr. Chase Ogburn Mrs. Jeanine Miles Ms. Beverly Schwab Ms. Amanda Herforth

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. Sal Bittner, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

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. Executive session items discussed were personnel, safety and litigation.

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 20, 2024

2nd: Mrs. Maxin

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024. 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. Retiree Recognition Mr. Samosky recognized and thanked the retirees that were in attendance; Mr. James Brucker, Officer David Buchowski. Mrs. Patricia Fedinetz, Dr. David Narigon, and Mrs. Linda Whalen, Each retiree was presented with a card from the Board and a cherry pie.
- B. School Administrators –

Elementary – Mr. Dan Mayer and Mrs. Brianne Eiler Mr. Mayer and Mrs. Eiler reviewed the year and the goals for next school vear.

High School – Dr. Trisha Craig and Mrs. Lauren Cieply Dr. Craig and Mrs. Cieply began the High School year overview but were cut short due to time constraints. The High School presentation will be continued at a later meeting to be announced.

Copies of the presentations are posted on the website and copies are filed with the Board documents.

VI. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024. 1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

> Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 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. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

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. 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.

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

None

B. Solicitor's Report

No Solicitor's Report

C. Superintendents Report

The Superintendent's Report is attached and has been made part of the official minutes.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval of the employment of 2024 Summer District Cleaners as needed per District Administration

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

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the employment of 2024 Summer District Cleaners as needed per District Administration. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of summer work hours for educational purposes from June 10 to August 19, 2024:
 - 1. Sr High Guidance: 100
 - 2. Jr High Guidance: 100
 - 3. Flem Guidance: 80

4. Elem Nurse: 80

5. HS Nurse: 80

6. Elem Student Support: 807. HS Student Support: 80

8. ESL Teacher - 30 hours

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve summer work hours for educational purposes from June 10 to August 19, 2024 as listed above. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Ryan Osman, Special Education teacher, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Masters Step 1, effective in the 2024–25 school year, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve to hire Mr. Ryan Osman, Special Education teacher, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Masters Step 1, effective in the 2024–25 school year, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Ashley Barghausen, Elementary School Nurse, effective June 7, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mrs. Ashley Barghausen and thanked her for her service.

E. Action on the approval of the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

F. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Ashlyn Whipple as a School Nurse, effective June 10, 2024, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to hire Ms. Ashlyn Whipple as a School Nurse, effective June 10, 2024, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt

and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

G. Action on the approval of Mr. Michael Novak as the High School Junior
 Class Sponsor per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.
 1st: Mrs. Gaskill
 2nd: Ms. Schwab
 Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to hire Mr. Michael Novak as the High School Junior Class Sponsor per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

H. Acknowledge the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2023-24-09, effective May 8, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the medical/FMLA leave.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

A. Motion to rescind the approval granted in Item XII C. from the April 22, 2024 Agenda, and to authorize the Administration to take any action necessary to effectuate this rescission.

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to rescind the approval granted in Item XII C. from the April 22, 2024 Agenda, and to authorize the Administration to take any action necessary to effectuate this rescission. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval to replace the High School gymnasium bleachers with CM Eichenlaub Company. per the attached quote for \$153,695.00.

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

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to replace the High School gymnasium bleachers with CM Eichenlaub Company. per the attached quote for \$153,695.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Transportation

none

XIII. Finance

A. Action on the approval of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2024-2025 school year with expenditures of \$22,234,205.00 and a millage rate of 15.72.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Gaskill

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to approve the Proposed Final Budget for the 2024-2025 school year with expenditures of \$22,234,205.00 and a millage rate of 15.72. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of the 2024-2025 Western Area Career & Technology Center budget totaling \$6,245,470.00 as attached.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the 2024-2025 Western Area Career & Technology Center budget totaling \$6,245,470.00 as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

-C. Action on the approval of Resolution #5 - 2024-05-20 to authorize
Andrews and Price to file real estate tax appeals for the 2025 Tax Year.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Resolution #5 - 2024-05-20 to authorize Andrews and Price to file real estate tax appeals for the 2025 Tax Year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIV. Technology

A. Action on the approval of an agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to provide computer maintenance and repair services on an as needed basis per the attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to provide computer maintenance and repair services on an as needed basis per the attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval to renew the District's electronic signature program at a one-year cost of \$1,176.00 per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve to renew the District's electronic signature program at a one-year cost of \$1,176.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval to purchase 145 touchscreen Chromebooks and Google licenses from BDJtech at a cost of \$41,529.45, per the attached quote, using ESSER funds.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the purchase of 145 touchscreen Chromebooks and Google licenses from BDJtech at a cost of \$41,529.45, per the attached quote, using ESSER funds. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval to purchase four-year device warranties, cases, and provisioning services for 145 Chromebooks from AGiRepair, Inc. at a cost of \$18,268.55, per the attached quote, using ESSER funds.
 1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0
 - Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve to purchase four-year device warranties, cases, and provisioning services for 145 Chromebooks from AGiRepair, Inc. at a cost of \$18,268.55, per the attached quote, using ESSER funds. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.
- E. Action on the approval to renew 175 multi-factor authentication licenses for the upcoming school year at a cost of \$2,800.00, per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to renew 175 multi-factor authentication licenses for the upcoming school year at a cost of \$2,800.00, per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XV. Athletics

A. Action on the approval of Mr. Michael Kinslow as a volunteer Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach pending the final receipt and review of any and all clearances.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve Mr. Michael Kinslow as a volunteer Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach pending the final receipt and review of any and all clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval to purchase the 2023 WPIAL Champion sign from Grand Designs for the Jim Garry Stadium scoreboard at a cost of \$749.00, per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to purchase the 2023 WPIAL Champion sign from Grand Designs for the Jim Garry Stadium scoreboard at a cost of \$749.00, per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Activities

A. Action on the approval for Mr. Matt Nelson, Band Director, to collaborate with the Cornell High School Marching Band on a combined trip to Disney World in Florida on April 1-6, 2025. (exact dates and further details to be determined)

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve Mr. Matt Nelson, Band Director, to collaborate with the Cornell High School Marching Band on a combined trip to Disney World in Florida on April 1-6, 2025. (exact dates and further details to be determined) Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of Mr. Matt Nelson and the marching band to attend West Virginia Weslyan's Band Boot Camp on Monday, July 15, 2024. The event is free.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve Mr. Matt Nelson and the marching band to attend West Virginia Weslyan's Band Boot Camp on Monday, July 15, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVII. Policy

A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 626.1 - Travel Reimbursement - Federal Programs.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the first reading of Policy 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

(Mr. Ogburn stepped out briefly)

A. Action on the approval of granting School Board Members and Administrators the ability to attend seminars/conferences during the 2024-2025 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: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to grant School Board Members and Administrators the ability to attend seminars/conferences during the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$900 per conference, such amount to include all costs associated with the event. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2024-2025 school year

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

(Mr. Ogburn returned to the meeting)

C. Action on the approval of Cherry Valley Smiles, Dr. Sarah Ogburn, DMD, as District Dentist for the 2024-2025 school year.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 7-0-1

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve Cherry Valley Smiles, Dr. Sarah Ogburn, DMD, as District Dentist for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed, 7-0-1. Mr. Ogburn abstained due to a conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork is on file with the Board documents.

D. Action on the approval of Washington Hospital Family Medicine Residency, Dr. Donald Ours, DO as District Physician for the 2024-2025 school year.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve Washington Hospital Family Medicine Residency, Dr. Donald Ours, DO as District Physician for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

E. Action on the approval of Mrs. Jodie Hoover to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN with 10-14 students from October 23-26, 2024. Further details are in the attached document.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mrs. Jodie Hoover to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN with 10-14 students from October 23-26, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

F. Action on the approval to share the cost of the charter bus (half the cost) to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, with McGuffey School District.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve to share the cost of the charter bus (half the cost) to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, with McGuffey School District. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

G. 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, 2024 until June 30, 2025.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve a lease agreement with Blueprints Early Learning Programming as the Lessee and Fort Cherry School District as the Lessor effective July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

H. Action on the approval of a Memo of Understanding with Washington County Children and Youth Services in reference to Transportation Procedures for Foster Care Youth (ESSA federal requirement).

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve a Memo of Understanding with Washington County Children and Youth Services in reference to Transportation Procedures for Foster Care Youth (ESSA federal requirement). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Action on the approval of the 2024-2025 IU1 Educational Services Agreement as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the 2024-2025 IU1 Educational Services Agreement as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

J. Action on the approval of the 2024-25 ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for Administrative Support as needed, per the attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to

approve of the 2024-25 ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for Administrative Support as needed, per the attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

K. Action on the approval of the 2024-25 ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for IU1 based staff as needed, per the attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the 2024-25 ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for IU1 based staff as needed, per the attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

L. Action on the approval to purchase shared services for School Psychologist and Social Worker positions from Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024–25 school year as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the purchase of shared services for School Psychologist and Social Worker positions from Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024–25 school year as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

M. Action on the approval of the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Educational Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024–25 school year as attached. 1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Educational Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024–25 school year as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

N. Action on the approval of the Curriculum Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for Professional Development services in the 2024–25 school year as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the Curriculum Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for Professional Development services in the 2024–25 school year as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

O. Action on the approval to purchase PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Rewards Software for the 2024-2025 school year per the attached quote. PCCD Meritorious Grant funded.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Ms. Herforth

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the purchase PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Rewards Software for the 2024-2025 school year per the attached quote. PCCD Meritorious Grant funded. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

P. Action on the approval of the appointment of two (2) voting delegates for the PSBA Delegate Assembly, 2024.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to nominate Mrs. Maxin to the PSBA Delegate Assembly 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Q. Action on the approval of the Speech, Hearing, and Vision services from Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024–25 school year as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the Speech, Hearing, and Vision services from Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024–25 school year as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

R. Action on the approval of the tuition agreement between Wesley Schools and Fort Cherry School District for partial hospitalization services as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the tuition agreement between Wesley Schools and Fort Cherry School District for partial hospitalization services as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

S. Action on the approval of the agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and Fort Cherry School District for the yearly renewal of video conferencing software for the monthly board meeting for \$83.00, per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to

approve the agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and Fort Cherry School District for the yearly renewal of video conferencing software for the monthly board meeting for \$83.00, per the attached quote. 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: 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 May 20, 2024. Motion passed, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary