

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, September 25, 2023, beginning with 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
Mrs. Jeanine Miles	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mr. Louis Ursitz	

The following members were excused/absent:
none

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 7:00 pm.
Executive session items discussed were Legal, Personnel and Student issues.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:05 pm

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of September 25, 2023

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

IV. Remarks by Visitors

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

None

V. Presentations

A. Tenure recognition for: Ms. Jessica Cole, Mrs. Michelle Gallagher, Mrs. Elizabeth Kramer, Mrs. Sarah Kreefer, Ms. Cassidy Renz, Ms. Lauren Shoup, Ms. Beth Stewart, Ms. Allison White, Dr. Katelyn Willyerd.

VI. Action on the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2023

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

VII. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Pam Staley reported that one letter was received from Mrs. Mary Burford as a thank you for the monetary donation made in memory of her sister. The Board also received notice of the Washington County Tax Collection Committee Board of Delegates meeting on September 20, 2023.

VIII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

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: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

C. Action on the approval of Budget Control Reports

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Mr. Ogburn

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mr. Bianchini gave updates from Fort Cherry Foundation. On January 20, 2024, the Foundation will be holding an entertainment event at the Grand Theater in McDonald. All are invited and more information will follow.

With Mr. Samosky's help, the EITC tax credit application has been updated. Representative Ortitay may be able to help Fort Cherry with it. EITC is for educational items only.

The Foundation is also working with WCCF on a grant for infrastructure, Capital projects etc. This grant may help cover the items that are not covered by eRates.

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 the Fort Cherry staff on their emergency response for the September 18, 2023 evacuation. The police are still investigating the source of the threat. Mr. Samosky thanked the public and community for their support and patience.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Ronald Limmer, School Security Officer, effective September 15, 2023.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Ronald Limmer and thanked him for his service.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of the Elementary School Mental Health Consultant, Ms. Anna Shawgo, effective immediately.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of the Elementary School Mental Health Consultant, Ms. Anna Shawgo.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of a professional employee, Ms. Casey Tokarski. The Board reserves the right to retain for up to 60 days.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Casey Tokarski and thanked her for her many contributions to the students at Fort Cherry.

- D. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Marissa Scullion, a professional employee, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to hire Ms. Marissa Scullion, a professional employee, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval of Ms. Sophia Antos, Long Term Substitute for the High School Art teacher, through June 7, 2024, contingent upon the receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to hire Ms. Sophia Antos, Long Term Substitute for the High School Art teacher, through June 7, 2024, contingent upon the receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- F. Action on the approval of Mrs. Alyssa Klobuchir, Long Term Substitute for a Kindergarten teacher position.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to hire Mrs. Alyssa Klobuchir, Long Term Substitute for a Kindergarten teacher position. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- G. Action on the approval of Ms. Sarajane Obarsky, Long Term Substitute for a Kindergarten teacher, through June 7, 2024, contingent upon the receipt

and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to hire Ms. Sarajane Obarsky, Long Term Substitute for a Kindergarten teacher, through June 7, 2024, contingent upon the receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- H. Action on the approval of the Superintendent's goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Superintendent's goals for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- I. Action on the approval of the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for the 2023-2024 school year.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- J. Action on the approval to purchase Discovery Education curriculum for the Elementary School per the attached quote for \$563.00.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve to purchase Discovery Education curriculum for the Elementary School per the attached quote for \$563.00. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

none

XII. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the transportation agreement for a Vocational Agriculture student between Fort Cherry School District and Canon-McMillan School District as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the transportation agreement for a Vocational Agriculture student between Fort Cherry School District and Canon-McMillan School District as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XIII. Finance

none

XIV. Technology

- A. Action on the approval of the renewal of a reading application for grades K-1 at an annual cost of \$355.00 per the attached quote.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the renewal of a reading application for grades K-1 at an annual cost of \$355.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval to renew the digital signage platform effective October 7, 2023 - October 6, 2024 at a cost of \$504.00 per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the renewal of the digital signage platform effective October 7, 2023 - October 6, 2024 at a cost of \$504.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval to renew the cloud-based security service subscription, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$6,882.00 per the attached quote.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the renewal of the cloud-based security service subscription, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$6,882.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval to renew the District's software assurance license for three years, at a cost of \$57.00 per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the renewal of the District's software assurance license for three years, at a cost of \$57.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed

unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval of a subscription for inventory and deployment software for the 2023-2024 school year for a cost of \$1,275.00 per the attached quote.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the subscription for inventory and deployment software for the 2023-2024 school year for a cost of \$1,275.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- F. Action on the approval of an imaging software subscription and 150 licenses for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$1,882.50 per the attached quote.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve an imaging software subscription and 150 licenses for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$1,882.50 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

I. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Brandon Schrier, Girls' Varsity Head Wrestling coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to hire Mr. Brandon Schrier, Girls' Varsity Head Wrestling coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

II. Activities

none

III. Policy

- A. Action on the approval of the Administrative Regulation regarding volunteer clearances.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Administrative Regulation regarding volunteer clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval for the Superintendent or Designee to make changes to the Administrative Regulation regarding volunteer clearances. (any changes will be approved at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting).

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Superintendent or Designee to make changes to the Administrative Regulation regarding volunteer clearances. (any changes will be approved at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting). Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

I. Miscellaneous

- A. Acknowledge the donation of a new stove to the Fort Cherry Jr/Sr High School Life Skills Room from Don's Appliances.

Mrs. McKay thanked Don's Appliances for their generous donation to our High School Life Skills Room.

- B. Action on the approval of an agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Dr. Eric Bieniek to provide Functional Behavior Analysis services as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Dr. Eric Bieniek to provide Functional Behavior Analysis services as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the individual student tuition agreements with Wesley Schools as attached.

1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the individual student tuition agreements with Wesley Schools as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval of a contract between Fort Cherry School District and the Bradley Center, for school-based mental health support through the Student Assistance Program, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the contract between Fort Cherry School District and the Bradley Center, for school-based mental health support through the Student Assistance Program, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval of the Settlement Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the family of student "A" as presented.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Settlement Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the family of student "A" as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

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

none

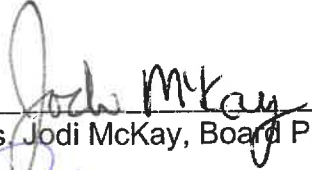
III. Adjournment

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.


Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President


Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary