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, October 27, 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
Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mr. Chase Ogburn
Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill
Mrs. Jeanine Miles

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Reneé Miller, Business Manager
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** (6:00 PM)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 PM. Contracts, personnel, and litigation were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:43 PM

III. **Approval of Agenda** – Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025.

IV. Remarks by Visitors

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

none

V. Action on the approval of Minutes –

A. Regular Meeting of September 22, 2025
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

none

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

VIII. Reports

A. **Board Reports**

No Board Reports

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.

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Sestie Hildreth, Accounting Clerk, effective November 7, 2025.

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

B. Acknowledge the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2025-26-02, commencing the day after all available sick and personal days are exhausted, and ending on January 7, 2026 or sooner.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the medical/FMLA leave for employee #2025-26-02.

C. Acknowledge the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2025-26-03, commencing the day after all available sick and personal days are exhausted, but not earlier than October 13, 2025 and ending sixty (60) working days later.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the medical/FMLA leave for employee #2025-26-03.

X. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Building and Grounds Items X. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin to combine and approve Building and Grounds Items X. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval for Bozic Communications, Inc to replace all non-functioning Elementary outdoor LED Wall packs for $6,544.00 per the

attached quote.

B. Action on the approval to purchase 6 vacuums from A-Z Janitorial Supplies LLC for $4,579.50 per the attached quote. These vacuums are replacements not additions.

C. Action on the approval to purchase door equipment from Fedora Intertech Ci at a cost not to exceed $55,000.00. Quote includes eight (8) door maglocks, installation, all programming and software. Funds will come from a previously awarded PCCD safety grant.

D. Action on the approval to purchase a salt spreader from Steel City Mower & Plow for $8,295.00 per the attached quote.

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion to Table Item X. D. to gather more information by enumerating and evaluating our current spreaders.

XI. Transportation

A. Action to retroactively approve the following additional GG&C Bus Company drivers, contingent upon receipt and final review of any and all paperwork; John Bruno, Harry Fisher, Amanda Lettich, and Tanya Lueckert.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mr. Bianchini Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bianchini, to retroactively approve the following additional GG&C Bus Company drivers, contingent upon receipt and final review of any and all paperwork; John Bruno, Harry Fisher, Amanda Lettich, and Tanya Lueckert. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

XII. Finance

Motion to combine and approve Finance Items X. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Maxin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy to combine and approve Finance Items X. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval of the consulting Memorandum of Understanding for temporary accounting and business office assistance between Fort Cherry School District and Butler, Agnew and Associates effective October 27, 2025 and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days, or until replaced by a formal Consulting Services Agreement. MOU is subject to review and final approval of the District solicitor.

B. Action on the approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release in the Fort Cherry School District vs. A. Liberoni Inc. and Arch Insurance Company matter subject to review and approval by the District Solicitor.

XIII. Technology

A. Action on the approval to purchase 15 Chrome OS tablets for $4,923.75 per the attached quote. These devices will be utilized by students in grades K–2.
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the purchase of 15 Chrome OS tablets for $4,923.75 per the attached quote. These devices will be utilized by students in grades K–2. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

XIV. Athletics

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Doug Lefebvre, Boys' Wrestling Varsity head coach, effective September 26, 2025.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Mr. Doug Lefebvre's resignation and thanked him for his many years of coaching.

B. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Steven Eiler as the High School Varsity Wrestling Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve to hire Mr. Steven Eiler as the High School Varsity Wrestling Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

XV. Activities

none

XVI. Policy

A. Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 903-Community: Public Participation in Board Meetings. Proposed policy

change on Public comment time from 3 minutes to 5 minutes.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 903-Community: Public Participation in Board Meetings. Proposed policy change on Public comment time from 3 minutes to 5 minutes. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

XVII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVII. A through G. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Mr. Bianchini Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Maxin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bianchini, to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVII. A through G. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of $1,000 to fund the Dr. Charles M. Huey Award for the 2026 school year. The recipient of the 2026 Award will receive these funds to help offset the cost of furthering their education.

B. Action on the approval to accept a second, anonymous donation in the amount of $1,000 to fund the Dr. Charles M. Huey Award for the 2026 school year. The recipient of the 2026 Award will receive these funds to help offset the cost of furthering their education.

C. Action on the approval to accept the Cintas mat donation to the Fort Cherry Football team valued up to $2,878.02.

D. Action on the approval of the 60 month agreement for a PostBase Pro Equipment Package (including the equipment, postage meter and service) between Fort Cherry School District and the Wilson Group, LLC for $369.00 per month per the attached quote.

E. Action on the approval of the food services consulting agreement with Aramark Educational Services, LLC for $1,800.00 per month plus labor per the attached. Services will be utilized on a per month basis to support food service functions. Agreement subject to the review and approval of the District solicitor.

F. Action on the approval of the Devopar Consulting agreement for food service State and Federal reporting guidance on an as needed basis.

G. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1, allowing Fort Cherry School District to participate in the 2025-2026 Title III consortium per the attached agreement.

H. Action on the approval of an educational journey to Germany from June 14-22, 2027. Mrs. Catherine Peairs, professional employee, plans to lead the trip and use Explorica educational travel company for the arrangements. Details and fundraising ideas are attached.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve an educational journey to Germany from June 14-22, 2027. Mrs. Catherine Peairs, professional employee, plans to lead the trip and use Explorica educational travel company for the arrangements. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Gaskill voted in opposition.

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

none

XIX. Executive Session

none

XX. Adjournment
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025. Motion passed, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Jodi McKay

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Pam Staley

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary