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, August 11, 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
Ms. Amanda Herforth
Mr. Chase Ogburn
Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill
Mrs. Jeanine Miles

The following members were excused/absent:
Ms. Beverly Schwab

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Reneé Miller, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary
Mr. Ryan Notzen, 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, facilities and transportation were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:31 PM

III. **Approval of Agenda** – Regular Meeting of August 11, 2025
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2025

IV. Remarks by Visitors
(As per Fort Cherry School District Policy for Conducting Meetings of the Board of School Directors)

none

V. Presentations

I. Presentations

A. Retiree Recognition - Mr. Daniel Mayer & Mr. Robert Miller

VI. Action on the approval of Minutes –

A. Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VII. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Staley received a Thank You note from Mrs. Mary Burford thanking the Board for her parting gift and cards.

VIII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Mile Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, 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: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, 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 did make a special point to thank the community for their support during our many facilities upgrades over the summer. Both schools will be ready for opening day of school.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Nicole Stewart, High School Nurse, effective August 8, 2025. Ms. Stewart plans to remain as a nursing substitute.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Nicole Stewart and thanked her for her service to the District.

B. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Shayne Pierce, full-time paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2025.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Shayne Pierce and thanked her for her service to the District.

Motion to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. C. through F. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. C. through F. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval to hire Mrs. Katherine Dunleavy, professional employee, High School Nurse, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, Bachelor's plus 15 level Step 1, contingent on the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Start date to be determined after release from current employer.

D. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Emily Podrasky as a permanent, full time Custodian, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all paperwork.

E. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Julia Bauman as a four (4) hour cleaner per the Fort Cherry ESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

F. Action on the approval of Mrs. Korin Aglio, Long Term Substitute, High School Special Education, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement at Bachelor's Level, Step 2, until January 22, 2026 or until the permanent employee returns.

Motion to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. G. through I. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. G. through I. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

G. Action on the approval to grant an annual stipend of $5,000.00 to an administrator for the Director of Transportation position for the 2025-2026 school year (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)

H. Action on the approval of the Substitute Lists for the 2025-2026 school year.

I. Action on the approval for the Superintendent or Designee to make additions to the Substitute Lists for the 2025-2026 school year.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items XI. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items XI. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval to replace the High School Cafeteria cooler from Great Lakes Hotel Supply for $11,082.00, per the attached quote.

B. Action on the approval to purchase office furniture from P.E.M.Co. for $6,142.84 per the attached quote.

C. Action on the approval to purchase two (2) utility vehicles from Murphy Family, Inc/ Kubota Tractor Corporation (Co-Stars # 531071) at a cost not to exceed $55,479.17, per the attached quote.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 6-2

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to purchase two (2) utility vehicles from Murphy Family, Inc/ Kubota Tractor Corporation (Co-Stars # 531071) at a cost not to exceed $55,479.17, per the attached quote. Motion passed with a vote of 6-2. Mrs. Sepesy and Mrs. Miles were opposed, all other members in attendance voted in favor.

D. Action on the approval to hire Bartko Insulation Services, LLC to insulate the District pipes at a cost of $9,744.00 per the attached quote.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to hire Bartko Insulation Services, LLC to insulate the District pipes at a cost of $9,744.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Transportation

A. Action on the approval of the updated Bus Driver List (s) for the 2025-2026 school year contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all paperwork.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0-1

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the updated Bus Driver List (s) for the 2025-2026 school year contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all paperwork. Motion passed 7-0-1, with Mrs. Sepesy abstaining due to conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork is on file with the Board Documents.

B. Action on the approval of the District Bus Stops for the 2025-2026 School year.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the District Bus Stops for the 2025-2026 School year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Finance

A. Action on the approval to adopt Resolution #1-2025-08-11 to join the plaintiff list in the social media litigation against Meta Corporation. There will be no cost to the District for joining the financial recovery effort.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to adopt Resolution #1-2025-08-11 to join the plaintiff list in the social media litigation against Meta Corporation. There will be no cost to the District for joining the financial recovery effort. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIV. Technology

Motion to combine and approve Technology Items XIV. A. through D. as a group.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles to combine and approve Technology Items XIV. A. through D. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval of the quote for a 3-year renewal of the Career and College Readiness platform at a total cost of $10,689.17, per the attached quote.

B. Action on the approval of the renewal of the District technology inventory system for a one year agreement at $1,350.00 per the attached quote.

C. Action on the approval to renew the PDF editing and assessment tool at a one-year cost of $3,045.00 through IU1 consortium pricing per the attached quote.

D. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and CCL Technologies for HP Server warranty renewal for the 2025–26 school for $4,897.00 per the attached agreement.

XV. Athletics

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Steven Eiler as the Junior High Wrestling Head Coach.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Mr. Steven Eiler's resignation and thanked him for coaching and also remaining on as a volunteer.

Motion to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. B through C. as a group.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. B through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of Mr. Steven Eiler as a volunteer Junior and Senior High Assistant Wrestling Coach.

C. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Jamie Rohaley as the Junior High Wrestling Head Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.

D. Action on the approval of Ms. Brittany English as a volunteer assistant coach for the 7/8 grade girls' basketball team. Clearances are already on file.
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 6-1-1

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve Ms. Brittany English as a volunteer assistant coach for the 7/8 grade girls' basketball team. Ms. Herforth voted against. Mr. Bianchini abstained. Motion passed 6-1-1.

E. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Chloe Smith, volunteer Assistant Girls' Varsity Softball coach.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Ms. Smith's resignation and thanked her for her service.

F. Acknowledge the resignation Mr. Maddox Truschel, volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Mr. Truschel's resignation and thanked him for his service.

XVI. Activities

A. Action on the approval to purchase four (4) majorette uniforms from DeMoulin Bros. & Co. at a cost of $686.81 per the attached quote.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to purchase four (4) majorette uniforms from DeMoulin Bros. & Co. at a cost of $686.81 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of Mr. Drew Simonette as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve Mr. Drew Simonette as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Ashlei Washinski, Junior High School Cheerleading Coach.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Mrs. Washinski's resignation and thanked her for coaching and also remaining on as a volunteer.

Motion to combine and approve Activities Items XVI. D. through E. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to combine and approve Activities Items XVI. D. through E. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. Action on the approval to appoint Mrs. Ashlei Washinski as a volunteer assistant Junior High Cheerleading Coach.

E. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Rachel Cooper as the Junior High Cheerleading Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.

XVII. Policy

A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 903 - Community: Public Participation in Board Meetings
The Board acknowledged the intended change of 3 minutes to 5 minutes for Public Comment.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVIII. A through I. as a group.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVIII. A through I. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval of the Title I Nonpublic Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for 2025-2026 as attached.

B. Action on the approval of an MOU agreement with Washington County Children and Youth Services to establish truancy prevention and referral services as attached.

C. Action on the approval of a one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and the Watson Institute for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. 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 2025-2026 school year.

E. Action on the approval of the attendance of Ms. Allison Bashore in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2025-2026 school year with the understanding that the Canon-McMillan School District, Ms. Bashore's district of residence, will be responsible for the tuition costs of the Program, and for transportation to and from this Program, if the parent does not provide transportation.

F. 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 $93.00, per the attached quote. This reflects a $10.00 correction from the quote submitted June 2025 for approval.

G. Action on the approval to pay Edmentum $2,500.00 per student for the 2025-2026 EdOptions Academy Virtual Seat Licenses per the attached quote.

H. Action on the approval of granting the Superintendent authority to approve building disposal lists related to consumables, old textbooks/resources, and broken/damaged equipment/furniture (in addition, any disposed item will be removed from the District's Asset List)

I. Action on the approval of a contract with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide nursing services as needed, at the discretion of the District.

J. Action on the approval of a five (5) year lease with Ford Office Technologies for the District copiers and printers for $2,795.00 per month, per the attached contract, pending Solicitor's final review and approval.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve a five (5) year lease with Ford Office Technologies for the District copiers and printers for $2,795.00 per month, per the attached contract, pending Solicitor's final review and approval. 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: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2025. Motion passed, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Jodi McKay

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary