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 22, 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
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. Russell Lucas, 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** (6:13 PM)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 PM. Personnel, a student matter, and litigation were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:07 PM

III. **Approval of Agenda** – Regular Meeting of September 22, 2025
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 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 August 11, 2025
1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Maxin made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 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: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

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

VIII. Reports

A. **Board Reports**

Mrs. Maxin reported on the monthly Western Area Career Technical Center Meeting.

1. Remembrance for Ms. Beverly Schwab

   Mr. Samosky shared condolences from the Board and our community in remembrance of Beverly Schwab and all she did for our District.

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

Motion to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through G. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Ms. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Maxin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through G. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, with the exception of Item IX. E which passed 6-0-1 with Mrs. Maxin abstaining due to a conflict of interest. The abstention paperwork is on file with the Board documents.

A. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Keshawn Hildreth, part-time cleaner, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all new hire paperwork.

B. Action on the employment of Mrs. Kim Bianchi, permanent, part-time (4.5 hour) cafeteria employee, per the FCESPA Bargaining Agreement.

C. Action on the employment of Ms. Kate Baer, permanent, part-time (4.5 hour) cafeteria employee, per the FCESPA Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.

D. Action on the employment of Tammy Knisley, permanent, part-time (5 hour) cafeteria employee, per the FCESPA Bargaining Agreement.

E. Action on the approval of Mr. Ben Maxin as the sponsor of the Sportsmen's Club.

F. Action on the approval of the Elementary Center Spring Math curriculum for $6,675.00 per the attached quote.

G. Action on the renewal of a primary-level reading program at a cost of $355 for the year per the attached quote.

X. Buildings and Grounds

A. Action on the approval to purchase a new kettle for the high school cafeteria from Curran Taylor for $32,677.32 per the attached quote.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to purchase a new kettle for the high school cafeteria from Curran Taylor for $32,677.32 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

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; Alva Collazo, Edward Kania, Angelica Laird, Barb Pleskovich, Didier Salazar, Nicki Schloendorn, Jason Shuler, Pam Sumney and Stephanie Sutton.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to retroactively approve the following additional GG&C Bus Company drivers, contingent upon receipt and final review of any and all paperwork; Alva Collazo, Edward Kania, Angelica Laird, Barb Pleskovich, Didier Salazar, Nicki Schloendorn, Jason Shuler, Pam Sumney and Stephanie Sutton. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

XII. Finance

none

XIII. Technology

Motion to combine and approve Technology Items XIII. A. through D. as a group.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin to combine and approve Technology Items XIII. A. through D. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Motion to approve one-year renewal of the library catalog system for both buildings at a cost of $2307.84.

B. Action on the approval to renew the server warranty for a one-year cost of $2,295.00 per the attached quote.

C. Action on the approval of the 1-year renewal of the digital signage program at a cost of $690.00 per the attached quote.

D. Action on the approval of the renewal of the network security tool at a cost of $7874.00 per the attached quote.

XIV. Athletics

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

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

Motion to combine and approve Athletics Items XIV. B through F. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to combine and approve Athletics Items XIV. B through F. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

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

C. Action on the approval of Mr. Brian McDougal as volunteer assistant coach for the 7/8 grade girls' basketball team contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.

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

E. Action on the approval of three overnight trips for the Varsity Wrestling team on December 12-13, 2025, December 29-30, 2025 and January 16-17, 2026. All itineraries are attached. Hotel provided by the Wrestling

boosters.

F. Action on the approval to purchase five new Atlas stadium horn speakers for the stadium from Full Compass for a cost of $5,375.00, per the attached quote.

XV. Activities

none

XVI. 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.

Mrs. McKay and the Board acknowledged the changes to Policy 903.

XVII. Miscellaneous

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

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

A. Action on the approval of the Schoolwide Title I Plan for Fort Cherry Elementary Center for the 2025–26 school year as attached.

B. Motion declaring the 2011 Ford F250 truck to be unused and unnecessary property and authorizing the Administration to dispose of it through private sale, bid or donation and to deposit any proceeds into the General Fund.

C. Action on the approval to declare two Traulsen coolers (Fort Cherry School District asset numbers #02013 and #00853) to be unused and unnecessary property and authorizing the Administration to dispose of it through private sale, bid or donation and to deposit any proceeds into the Cafeteria Fund.

D. Action on the approval of the letter of agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Van Strien Consulting LLC for eRate consultation per the attached agreement.

E. Action on the approval of a three year academic services agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Wesley Family Services through June 30, 2028.

F. Action on the approval to accept the $1,000.00 donation from GG&C Bus Company which was given to offset the cost of an inflatable arch which will be used in student recognition ceremonies.

G. Action on the approval to pay the membership dues for Thomas Samosky to join The Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents in the amount of $1800.00.

H. Action on the approval of the attendance of Mr. John Washinski 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 South Fayette School District, Mr. Washinski'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.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

Mr. Chris Shattuck – Mt. Pleasant Township

Mr. Shattuck expressed scheduling and curriculum concerns. He wants to be sure these gaps are addressed.

Mr. Lucas Vasilodiotis – Robinson Township

Mr. Vasilodiotis shared concerns with sustainability in the music program and the increased responsibilities on the remaining music teachers.

Mrs. McKay said that Mr. Samosky will discuss these matters further with each of them.

XIX. Executive Session

none

XX. Adjournment

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

Mrs. Maxin made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2025. Motion passed, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary