

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, February 26, 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	Mr. Chase Ogburn
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Leslie Maxin	Ms. Amanda Herforth
Mr. Paul Bianchini	

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
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 (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 pm and ending at 7:12 pm.
Executive session items discussed were contractual matters and personnel.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:16 pm

- B. J. Martin & Associates, LLC – 2022/2023 Financial Audit Presentation
The District achieved an “unqualified opinion” which reflects that the District’s statements are fair and appropriately presented, without any identified exceptions, and in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. The presentation will be included with the Board documents and posted on the website.

BREAK TAKEN FROM 7:52-7:57 PM

- VI. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024.**
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- 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: 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 the 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**

Mrs. Gaskill reminded everyone the Musical was coming up this weekend.

Mr. Bianchini updated on Fort Cherry Education Foundation activities. On March 7, 2024 there will be BINGO at the Red Fox Lounge. The Foundation is already starting to work on the WCCF Day of Giving in September by preparing 350 mailers to promote the event. The Foundation is also seeking donations for the Elementary STEAM room.

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. The report is also posted on the website. Mr. Samosky thanked Mrs. McKay and Mr. Bianchini for their assistance with the PSEA teachers' contract negotiations. He also commented on the grant-funded Flight School (drones) which is taking-off soon and is in conjunction with Avella School District.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dr. David Narigon, professional employee, effective June 30, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Dr. Narigon and thanked him for his many contributions and years of service.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Regan McGlennon, professional employee, effective April 12, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Regan McGlennon and thanked her for her service.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ms. Krista McConnell, full time paraprofessional, effective February 28, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Krista McConnell and thanked her for her many years of service.

- D. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Deanna Darras, full-time clerical aide, effective February 29, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Deanna Darras and thanked her for her service.

- E. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Kelly Timco, part-time paraprofessional effective March 31, 2024.

Motion to table this item until the March 25, 2024 Board meeting:

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to table the acknowledgement of the resignation of Ms. Kelly Timco until the March 25, 2024 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- F. Action on the approval of the tentative agreement between the Fort Cherry School District and Fort Cherry Education Association (FCEA) effective September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2029.

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

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the tentative agreement between the Fort Cherry School District and Fort Cherry Education Association (FCEA) effective September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2029. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the approval of the Design Plan (\$7,700.00) and Survey (\$5,800.00) proposal from JTSA Sports for a total of \$13,500.00.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve the Design Plan (\$7,700.00) and Survey (\$5,800.00) proposal from JTSA Sports for a total of \$13,500.00. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval for the District to participate in the CoSTARS Road Salt program for the 2024-2025 School Year.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the District to participate in the CoSTARS Road Salt program for the 2024-2025 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval to hire Bruno Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to purchase and install thermostatic mixing valve/hot water return pump for the High School boiler room per the attached quote of \$14,775.00.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve to hire Bruno Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to purchase and install thermostatic mixing valve/hot water return pump for the High School boiler room per the attached quote of \$14,775.00. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the acceptance of the quote from Metro Fence Co., Inc. to install bollards at the High School and Elementary Center for a total of \$25,880.00, to be paid with PCCD grant funds.

1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Mr. Bianchini Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Maxin made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bianchini, to accept the quote from Metro Fence Co., Inc. to install bollards at the High School and Elementary Center for a total of \$25,880.00, to be paid with PCCD grant funds. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XII. Transportation

none

XIII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval to adopt Resolution #2 - 2024-02-26 - Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2024/2025 school year

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to approve to adopt Resolution #2 - 2024-02-26 - Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2024/2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval to accept a donation of supplies to the High School Art Department in the amount of \$2,500.00 and provide a tax donation acknowledgment letter to Mrs. Rebecca Mroz.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve to accept a donation of supplies to the High School Art Department in the amount of \$2,500.00 and provide a tax donation acknowledgment letter to Mrs. Rebecca Mroz. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XIV. Technology

- A. Action on the approval to purchase E-Rate network equipment and installation services from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$48,945.30, per the attached quote. This price reflects a 70% discount through E-Rate and will be paid from the District Technology Fund.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve to purchase E-Rate network equipment and installation services from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$48,945.30, per the attached quote. This price reflects a 70% discount through E-Rate and will be paid from the District Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval to purchase additional network equipment from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$1,698.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve to purchase additional network equipment from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$1,698.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval to purchase network equipment licenses for a five (5) year term from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$53,648.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to approve to purchase network equipment licenses for a five (5) year term from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$53,648.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval to purchase a new core switch with accessories and installation from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$23,422.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve to purchase a new core switch with accessories and installation from CCL Technologies at a cost of \$23,422.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval to purchase fiber, hardware, and accessories from Advent Communications to complete the district's fiber upgrade project at a cost of \$6,541.39, per the attached quote. Funds will be allocated from the remaining balance of the WCCF grant obtained by the FC Foundation.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve to purchase fiber, hardware, and accessories from Advent Communications to complete the district's fiber upgrade project at a cost of \$6,541.39, per the attached quote. Funds will be allocated from the

remaining balance of the WCCF grant obtained by the FC Foundation.
Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- F. Action on the approval to purchase fiber installation services from Advent Communications to complete the district's fiber upgrade project at a cost of \$6,950.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve to purchase fiber installation services from Advent Communications to complete the district's fiber upgrade project at a cost of \$6,950.00, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- G. Action on the approval to purchase network cabling and installation services from Advent Communications at a cost of \$214,987.78, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to approve to purchase network cabling and installation services from Advent Communications at a cost of \$214,987.78, per the attached quote, paid from the District Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- H. Action on the approval of a three (3) year agreement with EduLink, Inc for COMPLY HR/Continuing Education Management software in the amount of \$16,552.00 to be paid with ARP-ESSER funds.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve to purchase a three (3) year agreement with EduLink, Inc for COMPLY HR/Continuing Education Management software in the amount of \$16,552.00 to be paid with ARP-ESSER funds. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XV. Athletics

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Kalen Spencer, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach.

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

- B. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Jason Johnson as Assistant Varsity Softball coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent

upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork. 1st:
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to hire Mr. Jason Johnson as Assistant Varsity Softball coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval to allow Varsity Boys' Baseball to travel to a Wheeling, WV indoor practice facility on March 11, 2024. All costs to be covered by the Baseball Boosters.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve to allow Varsity Boys' Baseball to travel to a Wheeling, WV indoor practice facility on March 11, 2024. All costs to be covered by the Baseball Boosters. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XVI. Activities

- A. Action on the approval of Ms. Haylee Zinn as a volunteer Varsity Cheerleading coach.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve Ms. Haylee Zinn as a volunteer Varsity Cheerleading coach. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XVII. Policy

- A. Acknowledge the review of the following policies:

Policy 216 - Student Records

Policy 626.1 - Travel

Policy 918 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the review of Policies 216, 626.1 and 918.

- B. Acknowledge the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance

Policy 800 - Records Management

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the review of Policies 626 and 800.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval to nominate _____ as a candidate to serve on the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ASHIC) Board of Trustees for a two (2) year term.

Mrs. McKay asked for nominees. None were nominated. Motion died.

- B. Action on the approval for Mr. Samosky to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) conference from April 24 - April 26, 2024 in State College, PA.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve for Mr. Samosky to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) conference from April 24 - April 26, 2024 in State College, PA. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Intermediate Unit 1 Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program per the attached Resolution #3 - 2024-02-26 - LERTA Authorization.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program per the attached Resolution #3 - 2024-02-26 - LERTA Authorization. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval to censure Ms. Beverly Schwab for her Facebook comments and to express the Board's disapproval and opposition to those comments.

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

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve to censure Ms. Beverly Schwab for her Facebook comments and to express the Board's disapproval and opposition to those comments. Mrs. Gaskill abstained due to not being notified before the vote. Mr. Russell Lucas referenced Act 65 and said it was within the rules to add the motion at that time. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-2.

Mrs. Gaskill and Ms. Schwab abstained. Abstention paperwork is filed with the Board documents.

XIX. Public Comment

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

Public commented then proceeded with the following participants:

Mrs. Tracey Erath, Mount Pleasant Township - Requesting Ms. Schwab's resignation

Mrs. Renee Falletto, McDonald – reiterated that she wants Ms. Schwab to step down

Ms. Stacey Brooks, Mount Pleasant – stated that Ms. Schwab was still Facebook friends with the offender.

XX. Executive Session

none

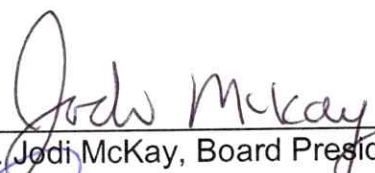
XXI. Adjournment

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

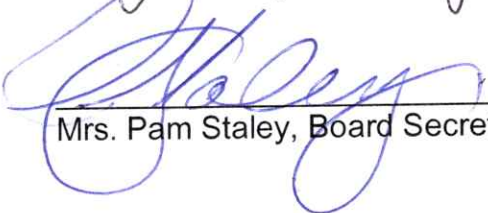
2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024. Motion passed, 9-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary