

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 28, 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	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Ms. Amanda Herforth	Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mr. Chase Ogburn	Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following members were excused/absent:
Mr. Paul Bianchini

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary
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 (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 pm. Legal issues, programs, and personnel were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:10 pm

Mrs. McKay motioned to Amend the Agenda to replace item X. J. with the following motion, which arose in the 24 hours prior to the Board's Public

Meeting. The item is as follows:

Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Dawson, professional employee, effective immediately.

1st: Mrs. McKay

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 7-0

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

IV. Remarks by Visitors

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

none

V. Presentations

A. Fort Cherry Flight School - Mr. Matthew Parson, Mrs. Keara Welsh, Ms. Kiley Zibert

Mr. Samosky introduced the Flight School staff and congratulated them on a job well done. He said they went above and beyond. Parent and student feedback was very positive and attendance was fantastic. He went on to thank them for their leadership and presenting at West Virginia University. Ms. Zibert thanked Mr. Samosky and the Board for the opportunity. They enjoyed their time flying drones with the students and learning basic programming. Mrs. Welsh was thankful for the extra planning time associated with the program. Mr. Parson commented that it was a great opportunity for the students. We also want to thank Mrs. Brianne Eiler and Mr. Matt Parson for all the extra information they provided for the program.

B. Mrs. Nikki Sarchet, Director Heritage Public Library

Mrs. Sarchet came to the meeting to thank the Board for their continued support of Heritage Public Library. She reviewed upcoming events including a STEAM and Maker Lab which was made possible by a WCCF grant. Mrs. Sarchet is thankful for our ongoing partnership with the library.

C. Mr. James Sauer, JTSA Sport McKinley Architecture & Engineering

Mr. Sauer reviewed the proposed plans for the field and track. If approved by the Board, we will collect quotes and consider vendors. There was some discussion surrounding the placement of utilities, conduits for clocks and signs, and the use of the facility during construction.

VI. **Action on the approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

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: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, 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. Schwab Motion: 7-0

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

IX. **Reports**

A. **Board Reports**

Ms. Schwab commented on how well the FFA was doing at the Convention.

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.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

Motion to combine and approve Items X. A. through L.

1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 7-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. A – L as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- A. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Rebecca Mroz, full-time paraprofessional, effective January 17, 2025.
- B. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mr. James McDonald, full-time Custodian, effective January 17, 2025.
- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. William Beiling, School Security Officer, effective November 8, 2024.
- D. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Julie Greene, part-time cleaner, effective October 2, 2024.
- E. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Jessica Cole as Assistant Principal, per the Act 93 Agreement.
- F. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Amy Winland for the permanent part-time cleaner position per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- G. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Troy Cook as School Security Officer, per the attached contract, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

- H. Action on the approval to hire Mr. William Harris as a substitute School Security Officer, at the current Security Officer sub rate, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- I. Action on the approval to hire Mrs. Korin Aglio as an Elementary Musical Seasonal Co-Director, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.
- J. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Dawson, professional employee, effective immediately.
- K. Action on the approval of the Memorandums of Understanding, as per FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, Article XX, section C, between Fort Cherry School District and the FCEA to use a third party to provide various cyber courses as attached.
- L. Action on the approval of the acceptance of the bid submitted by Anatomage Inc. for the purchase of a 3-D Anatomy Dissection Table in the amount of \$79,465.00, to be funded by the LSA 2024 grant award.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Items XI. A. through E.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: Items A-D: 7-0
Item E: 6-0-1

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Building and Grounds Items A - E as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 on items A-D. Motion passed 6-0-1, on item E. Ms. Schwab abstained due to a conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork is on file with the Board documents.

- A. Action on the approval of the one year contract renewal with FMX for work order and facility usage software for \$5,734.37.
- B. Action on the approval to authorize Administration to develop, issue and advertise bid documents for the construction of a turf football field and rubberized 400 meter track in accordance with the prepared drawing.
- C. Action on the approval for Huckestein Mechanical to supply and install a new coil for the Music Room Univentilator for \$2,671.13, per the attached quote.
- D. Action on the approval to purchase a new security camera along with licensing and installation services from Siemens, at a cost of \$2,465.00, per the attached quote.

- E. Action on the approval for Bozic Communications, Inc. to supply and replace a High School surge protector for \$3,245.00, per the attached quote.

XII. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the Amendment to Agreement for the Transportation of School Students with Hickory Transportation and G. G. and C. Bus Company, with final form of the document subject to review and approval of the District's Solicitor.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Amendment to Agreement for the Transportation of School Students with Hickory Transportation and G. G. and C. Bus Company, with final form of the document subject to review and approval of the District's Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XIII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval to extend the natural gas contract with NRG/Direct Energy for natural gas on the Columbia Gas system with a start date of September 1, 2025. The contract will have a basis price of (-\$0.267) cents per Dth. The contract extension was recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium committee.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve to extend the natural gas contract with NRG/Direct Energy for natural gas on the Columbia Gas system with a start date of September 1, 2025. The contract will have a basis price of (-\$0.267) cents per Dth. The contract extension was recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium committee. It was discussed that this agreement is better than what we currently have and that it is a three (3) year agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XIV. Technology

- A. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and CCL Technologies to provide on-site support as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and CCL Technologies to provide on-site support as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Action on the approval to add an additional digital sign outside the High School gym for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Amount includes a one-time equipment fee and a yearly licensing fee currently \$126.00.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 7-0

Ms. Herforth made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve to add an additional digital sign outside the High School gym for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Amount includes a one-time equipment fee and a yearly licensing fee currently \$126.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XV. Athletics

Motion to combine and approve Items XV. A. through C.
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. A – C as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Bryan Smith, Head Varsity Softball Coach, effective immediately.
- B. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Corey Bauman as the 7/8 grade Girls' Volleyball assistant coach contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- C. Action on the approval for the Varsity Wrestling teams to travel to the Nurse Pros Plus Tournament in Morgantown, WV on December 21, 2024.

XVI. Activities

None

XVII. Policy

None

XVIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Motion to approve the attendance of Mr. Charles Long in Fort Cherry

School District's Vocational Agriculture/General Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2024-2025 school year with the understanding that the Canon-McMillan School District, Mr. Long'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.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the attendance of Mr. Charles Long in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture/General Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2024-2025 school year with the understanding that the Canon-McMillan School District, Mr. Long'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. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the attendance of Ms. Addison Harvey in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2024-2025 school year with the understanding that the Canon-McMillan School District, Ms. Harvey'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.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the attendance of Ms. Addison Harvey in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2024-2025 school year with the understanding that the Canon-McMillan School District, Ms. Harvey'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. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XIX. Public Comment

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

none

XX. Executive Session

none

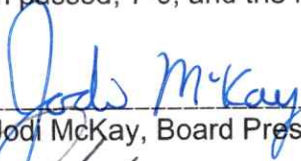
XXI. Adjournment

1st: Ms. Schwab

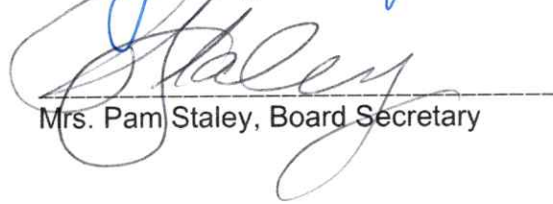
2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024. Motion passed, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary