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, April 28, 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	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Ms. Amanda Herforth	Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mr. Paul Bianchini	Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following members were excused/absent:
Mr. Chase Ogburn

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. Personnel, Safety and Security were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:12 PM

III. **Approval of Agenda** – Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 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 February 24, 2025
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

none

VII. Treasurer's Actions

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

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

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VIII. 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 gave special thanks to the organizers of the TRICADA award ceremony. He also thanked the Board for their unwavering support of the staff and students. The Fort Cherry staff goes out of their way to support our students. TRICADA was a wonderful night.

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Shawna Fay, part-time paraprofessional, effective June 6, 2025.

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

B. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Sestie Hildreth as Accounting Clerk, per the attached employment agreement, subject to final review and approval of the District Solicitor, and final receipt and review of all new hire paperwork.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve to hire Ms. Sestie Hildreth as Accounting Clerk, per the attached employment agreement, subject to final review and approval of the District Solicitor, and final receipt and review of all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items X. A. through I. as a group.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items X. A. through I. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval of the estimate from Western PA Fencing, LLC to install 6' tall black aluminum fencing and a gate at the High School Cafeteria courtyard in the amount of $6,900.00 funded by a PCCD grant.

B. Action on the approval of the estimate from Western PA Fencing, LLC to install 6' tall black chain link fencing with gates for dumpster enclosures at the High School and Elementary Center in the total amount of $18,700.00, funded by a PCCD grant.

C. Action on the approval to hire Electro-Kote LLC to refinish the Boy's and Girls' gym lockers and the football lockers for $23,598.00 per the attached quote, to be funded by the 2022 Bond fund.

D. Action on the approval of the attached quote from Butler Floor & Carpet for the removal of existing rubber floor and installation of carpet tile in the Girls, Boys and Football locker rooms in the total amount of $53,000.00, funded by the 2022 Bond fund.

E. Action on the approval to purchase masonry materials from Garland Company, utilizing Omnia Partners-Public Sector Contract #PW1925, in the amount of $28,591.20 for the summer masonry project, funded by the 2022 Bond fund.

F. Action on the approval to award the contract for Sidewalk Repairs and Renovations to Escajeda Masonry for a total contract amount of $306,918.00, which excludes the bid extra of caulking, per the attached contract, to be funded by the Capital Projects fund.

G. Action on the approval to purchase LED lighting fixtures and accessories for the the High School and Elementary Center from Triple E Solutions LLC under CoSTARS Contract #008-E24-1373 in the total amount of $124,636.00, funded by the Capital Projects fund. This amount will be partially offset with grants and rebates.

H. Action on the approval of the quote from George R. Smalley Company for lighting installation at the High School ($122,575.50) and Elementary Center ($96,054.75), under CoSTARS Contract #008-E24-1373, subject to final review by the solicitor, to be funded by the 2022 Bond fund.

I. Action on the approval of the quotes from Equiparts for partitions and screens in the High School restrooms - 1st floor, 2nd floor and cafeteria - in the amounts of $10,149.38, $10.149.38 and $10,328.93 respectively, funded by the Capital Projects fund.

XI. Transportation

A. Action on the approval of the following additional Monark Student Transportation, Corporation driver for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon the receipt, review and final approval of any and all clearances and new driver paperwork:
-Sandra Redden

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve Sandra Redden as an additional driver for Monark Student Transportation, Corporation driver for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon the receipt, review and final approval of any and all clearances and new driver paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Finance

A. Action on the approval of Cyber Security Insurance for the 2025-2026 school year from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. The coverage is provided by the Pennsylvania School Cyber Insurance Program at an estimated annual premium of $4,200.00 (decrease of 52.3%)
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Cyber Security Insurance for the 2025-2026 school year from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. The coverage is provided by the Pennsylvania School Cyber Insurance Program at an estimated annual premium of $4,200.00 (decrease of 52.3%) Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval to adopt Resolution #4 - 2025-04-28, prepared and presented by Bond Counsel and reviewed by the Solicitor, authorizing the

issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $4,500,000, for the purpose of funding the costs of renovations and improvements to various School District facilities, including the stadium field and track, all in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve to adopt Resolution #4 - 2025-04-28, prepared and presented by Bond Counsel and reviewed by the Solicitor, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $4,500,000, for the purpose of funding the costs of renovations and improvements to various School District facilities, including the stadium field and track, all in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act. Roll call was recorded and the Board voted as follows: Ms. Schwab, Mrs. Sepesy, Mrs. Maxin, Mr. Bianchini, Ms. Herforth, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Gaskill and Mrs. McKay all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Technology

A. Action on the approval to purchase five (5) Newline boards from Howard Technology Solutions for $9,035.00 per the attached quote.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve to purchase five (5) Newline boards from Howard Technology Solutions for $9,035.00 per the attached quote. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIV. Athletics

A. Action on the approval to purchase new Track and Field equipment from Century Sports for $82,413.10 (CoSTARS pricing) per the attached itemized list, to be paid for from the Capital Projects fund.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Ms. Herforth made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the purchase of a new Track and Field equipment from Century Sports for $82,413.10 (CoSTARS pricing) per the attached itemized list, to be paid for from the Capital Projects fund. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XV. Activities

A. Action on the approval of Mrs. Renee Faletto as a volunteer Junior High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach contingent upon the receipt and review of all clearances.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to Mrs. Renee Faletto as a volunteer Junior High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach contingent upon the receipt and review of all clearances.. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of Ms. Rachel Cooper as a volunteer Junior High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach contingent upon the receipt and review of all clearances.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve Ms. Rachel Cooper as a volunteer Junior High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach contingent upon the receipt and review of all clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Policy

none

XVII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items X. A. through F. as a group.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items X. A. through F. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval on an agreement with Howard Technology Solutions for 15 Adobe Acrobat Reader Licenses at a cost of $2,850.00 per the attached quote.

B. Action on the approval for the Blue Knights, PA Chapter 16 to use the District parking lots for their 22nd Annual Blue Ride on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

C. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Bradley Center to provide School Based Mental Health for the 2025-2026 school year. Services will be offset by PCCD funding.

D. Action on the approval to renew the e-signature software at a cost of $1,176.00 for a one year agreement as attached.

E. Action on the approval of the 2025-2026 Western Area Career & Technology Center budget totaling $6,251,751.00 as attached, with the District's share projected to be $164,086.17.

F. Action on the approval of a Partial Hospitalization Program Services agreement between the IU1 and Fort Cherry School District for the 2024-2025 school year as attached.

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: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025. Motion passed, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Jodi McKay

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Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

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Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary