# 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, May 19, 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. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Chase Ogburn
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following members were excused/absent:
Mr. Paul Bianchini
Ms. Amanda Herforth
Ms. Beverly Schwab

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Renee' Miller, Assistant Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary
Ms. Amy Shrempf, 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: 7:15 PM

**III. Approval of Agenda** – Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025
1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025

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

none

**V. Presentations**

A. Retiree Recognition - Mrs. Mary Burford, Mr. John Lietze, Mrs. Pam Sumney

B. School Administrators - Mr. Daniel Mayer and Mrs. Brianne Eiler (Elementary School) and Dr. Eric Lauver and Ms. Jessica Cole (High School) presented a review of the 2024-25 school year.

**VI. Action on the approval of Minutes** –

A. Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

**VII. Secretary's Correspondence**

Flowers were sent on behalf of Fort Cherry's School Board and Administration to Ms. Schwab as a get well wish. Secondly, a sympathy gift was sent to Mrs. Brianne Eiler and family, also on behalf of the Board and Administration. A thank you note from the Eilers was shared with the Board.

**VIII. Treasurer's Actions**

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

## 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.

## X. Personnel and Curriculum

Motion to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. A. through G. as a group.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. A. through G. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

A. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mr. John Leitze, substitute teacher and cleaner, effective August 22, 2025.

B. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mrs. Pam Sumney, Food Service employee and bus driver, effective June 6, 2025.

C. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mr. Robert Miller, custodian, effective August 15, 2025.

D. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Lori Keating, cleaner, effective May 8, 2025.

E. Acknowledge the maternity/FMLA leave for professional employee #2024-25-05, effective, tentatively, August 19, 2025.

F. Action on the approval of the employment of 2025 Summer District Cleaners as needed per District Administration. List is attached.

G. Action on the approval of summer work hours for educational purposes from June 9 to August 18, 2025:

1. Sr High Guidance: 100
2. Jr High Guidance: 100
3. Elem Guidance: 80
4. Elem Nurse: 80
5. HS Nurse: 80
6. Elem Student Support: 80
7. HS Student Support: 80
8. ESL Teacher - 30 hours

Motion to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. H. through K. as a group.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. H. through K. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

H. Action on the approval of the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for the 2025-2026 school year.

I. Action on the approval to purchase the Elevate Science series for 7th and 8th grade students at a cost of $16,988.46, including access for 6 years of digital access to the series per the attached quote.

J. Action on the approval to renew Learning Management System subscription for three (3) years for $7234.20, effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028, per the attached quote.

K. Action on the approval of a 3-year license for IXL to include K-7 Math and ELA, 8th Grade Math, ELA, and Science, and 9-10 ELA at a total cost of

$47,531.25, with a down payment of 50% ($23,765.63) due this year, and 25% due in years 2 and 3 per the attached quote.

## XI. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items XI. A. through G. as a group.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items XI. A. through G. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

A. Action on the approval of Change Order #1 from Force Turf Solutions for changes to the turf field design, dated April 26, 2025, in the amount of $10,940.00 as attached.

B. Action on the approval for Novum Designs to create and install Athletic locker room wall wraps for $20,601.97 per the attached designs and quote.

C. Action on the approval to install outdoor bleachers from C.M. Eichenlaub Company for $19,757.00 for Option 1, per the attached quote.

D. Action on the approval of the quote from CoStars to install two Trane split systems at the Elementary Center in the amount of $53,900.19, as the result of storm damage. This is being submitted to the District's insurance carrier for coverage.

E. Action on the approval of the quote from S-J2 Mechanical LLC to install a gravity roof vent at the Elementary Center in the amount of $6,900.00, as the result of storm damage. This is being submitted to the District's insurance carrier for coverage.

F. Action on the approval for the replacement of one defective digital clock by Bozic Communications, Inc. at a cost of $908.87, per the attached quote.

G. Action on the approval of the five (5) year Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Johnson Controls Fire and Security for Fire Alarm maintenance and inspection, pending Solicitor's final review and approval.

## XII. Transportation

A. Action on the approval of the following additional GG&C Bus Company, Inc. drivers for the 2024-2025 school year, contingent upon the receipt, review and final approval of any and all clearances and new driver paperwork:
-Charity Kraushaer
-Paul McClain

1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Miles made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve Charity Kraushaer and Paul McClain as an additional drivers for GG & C Bus Company, Inc. 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, 6-0.

## XIII. Finance

A. Action on the approval of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2025-2026 school year with expenditures of $22,797,035.00 and a millage rate of 16.506.
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the Proposed Final Budget for the 2025-2026 school year with expenditures of $22,797,035.00 and a millage rate of 16.506. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

B. Action on the approval of opening a checking account with PLGIT for the 2025 Bond Issue proceeds.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve opening a checking account with PLGIT for the 2025 Bond Issue proceeds. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Action on the approval of Resolution #5 - 2025-05-19 to authorize Andrews and Price to file real estate tax appeals for the 2026 Tax Year.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, that the Board approve Resolution #5 - 2025-05-19 to authorize Andrews and Price to file real estate tax appeals for the 2026 Tax Year. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

## XIV. Technology

Motion to combine and approve Technology Items XIV. A. through D. as a group.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to combine and approve Technology Items XIV. A. through D. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

A. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Sapphire Software for report building at a cost of $1,000.00 as attached.

B. Action on the approval to renew the district's multi-factor authentication subscription with IU1 through the end of 2025 at a cost of $1,640.25, per the attached quote.

C. Action on the approval of the attached quote from LINQ for website renewal for a one-year term at $5,472.12.

D. Action on the approval of the attached quote from LINQ for Fort Cherry App renewal. This is a one-year term of secured access for a cost of $600.00 per the attached quote.

## XV. Athletics

Motion to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Athletics Items XV. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

A. Action on the approval of Mr. Jack Lochran as a volunteer Varsity Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach contingent upon the receipt and review of all clearances.

B. Action on the approval of Mr. Derek Errett as a volunteer Varsity Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach contingent upon the receipt and review of all clearances.

## XVI. Activities

none

## XVII. Policy

none

## XVIII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVIII. A through I. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVIII. A. through I. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 with the exception of Item XVIII. B. which passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Ogburn abstaining for a conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork is on file with the Board documents.

A. Action on the approval of granting School Board Members and Administrators the ability to attend seminars/conferences during the 2025-2026 school year, at a cost not to exceed $1,000.00 per conference, such amount to include all costs associated with the event.

B. Action on the approval of Cherry Valley Smiles, Dr. Sarah Ogburn, DMD, as District Dentist for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. Action on the approval of Washington Hospital Family Medicine Residency, Dr. Donald Ours, DO as District Physician for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. Action on the approval to enter into a one year contract with IU Total Grant Services for $1,200.00 monthly with all IU Districts participating, per the attached agreement. (Cost will not exceed $2,000.00 per month if there is incomplete participation among all eligible Districts.)

E. Action on the approval of the 2025-2026 IU1 Educational Services Agreement as attached.

F. Action on the approval of the 2025-2026 ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for Administrative Support as needed, per the attached.

G. Action on the approval of the 2025-2026 ACCESS Reimbursement Service Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Intermediate Unit 1 for IU1 based staff as needed, per the attached.

H. Action on the approval of the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Educational Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2025–2026 school year as attached.

I. Action on the approval of the Curriculum Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for Professional Development services in the 2025–2026 school year as attached.

**XIX. Public Comment**
(As per Fort Cherry School District Policy for Conducting Meetings of the Board of School Directors)

Mrs. Erin Connors – Mt. Pleasant Township
Mrs. Connors expressed her support for the Elementary music program.

Mr. Chris Lauff – Mt. Pleasant Township
Mr. Lauff discussed the proposed natural gas facility in the township.

Ms. Aislinn Connors – Mt. Pleasant Township
Miss. Connors expressed her support for the Elementary music program.

**XX. Executive Session**

none

**XXI. Adjournment**
1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Maxin made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025. Motion passed, 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Jodi McKay

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Pam Staley

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary