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, June 23, 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
Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following members were excused/absent:
Mrs. Jeanine Miles
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
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. Personnel, Legal issues and Safety and Security were discussed. At 6:15 PM the annual Safety and Security presentation was given with Chief Matt Tharp, Officer Mike Ziemianski and Dr. Brian Harvey leading the discussion.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:03 PM

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 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 May 19, 2025
1st: Mrs. Maxin 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Maxin made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 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. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, 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: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, 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: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

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

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.

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

Motion to combine and acknowledge Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through B. as a group.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mrs. Lake and Mr. Speakman and thanked them for their contributions.

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Rebecca Lake, Business & Computer Information Technology Teacher, effective August 15, 2025.

B. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Peter Speakman, Network Technician, effective May 30, 2025.

C. Action on the approval to hire Mrs. Lindsey Richards as Elementary Principal/Transportation Director, per the Act 93 agreement, contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Final salary will include a stipend for Transportation Director duties.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to hire Mrs. Lindsey Richards as Elementary Principal/Transportation Director, per the Act 93 agreement, contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Final salary will include a stipend for Transportation Director duties.
Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion to combine and acknowledge Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. D. through H. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ogburn Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Personnel and Curriculum Items X. D. through H. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0 with the exception of Item E. which passed 6-0-1 with Mrs. Gaskill abstaining due to a personal conflict. Abstention paperwork on file with the Board documents.

D. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Michael Schafer, professional employee, High School Business Computer & Informational Technology Teacher, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement, Master's level Step 1, contingent on the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Mr. Schafer will start in August for the 2025-2026 school year.

E. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Hannah Garry as Assistant Band Director per the FCEA collective bargaining agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.

F. Action on the approval of Mrs. Debbie Schaub as the Prom Sponsor per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

G. Action on the approval of the five (5) year ACT 93 Agreement effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, pending Solicitor's approval.

H. Action on the approval of the employment agreement with Mrs. Pam Staley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, as attached.

I. Action on the approval to introduce "Just Around the Corner" curriculum in Ms. Zibert's 4th Grade Science class. The video is currently being shown in 5th Grade.

This item failed due to a lack of a motion.

J. Action on the approval of a two year renewal for Elementary School Discovery Education curriculum (Kindergarten - 6th grade), effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 per the attached quote for $1,880.00.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve a two year renewal for Elementary School Discovery Education curriculum (Kindergarten - 6th grade), effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 per the attached quote for $1,880.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

X. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items X. A. through H. as a group.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to combine and approve Buildings and Grounds Items X. A. through H. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action to ratify the purchase of masonry materials from Garland Company (originally approved on April 28, 2025), utilizing Omnia Partners-Public Sector Contract #PW1925, in the amount of $51,207.25 for the summer masonry project, funded by the 2022 Bond fund.

B. Action to ratify the purchase of the outdoor bleacher sets from C.M. Eichenlaub Company for $16,922.00. Option 1 was chosen, per the attached quote (one set ordered May 19, 2025. Another set is needed. Total quote for two sets attached)

C. Action on the approval to purchase two Kaivac bathroom cleaning systems from Pitt Specialty Supply, Inc for $11,606.99 per the attached quote.

D. Action on the approval to purchase new High School cafeteria tables from W. B. Mason Interiors, PA Co-Stars 035-E22-157, for $56,045.00, per the attached quote and new layout.

E. Action on the approval to purchase High School Senior Wall graphic from Novum Designs for $307.75, per the attached quote.

F. Action on the approval to purchase graphics for Softball and Baseball dugouts from Novum Designs for $12,347.56, per the attached quote.

G. Action on the approval to accept the quote from Bozic Communications, Inc. in the amount of $7,238.88 to connect the Elementary Center to the generator for backup power supply.

H. Action on the approval to hire Vevo Painting, Inc. to prepare and paint the High School locker rooms for $17,182.00, per the attached quote. Equipment, labor and materials are included.

XI. Transportation

none

XII. Finance

A. Action on the approval of the adoption of the Total Tax Structure - Resolution No. 6 - 2025-06-23.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, that the Board approve to adopt the Total Tax Structure - Resolution No. 6 - 2025-06-23. Roll call was called and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Action on the approval to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget and Setting of Real Estate Millage for the 2025-2026 fiscal year - Resolution No. 7 - 2025-06-23.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mr. Bianchini Motion: 7-0

Ms. Herforth made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bianchini, that the Board approve to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget and Setting of Real Estate Millage for the 2025-2026 fiscal year - Resolution No. 7 - 2025-06-23. Roll call was called and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

C. Action on the approval to adopt the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Act - Resolution No. 8 - 2025-06-23.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to adopt the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Act - Resolution No. 8 - 2025-06-23. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

D. Action on the approval to transfer $200,000.00 from General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to transfer $200,000.00 from General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

E. Action on the approval to transfer $50,000.00 from General Fund to the Technology Fund.
1st: Ms. Herforth 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 7-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to transfer $50,000.00 from General Fund to the Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XIII. Technology

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

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to combine and approve Technology Items XII. A. through F. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval on a four (4) year contract renewal for Sapphire Software, Student Information System, for an annual fee of $24,626.00 per year plus $1,050.00 support service fee per year, per the attached quote. Effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2029.

B. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and CCL Technologies for Microsoft licensing for the 2025–26 school for $6,509.00 per the attached agreement.

C. Action on the approval of the contract with CCL Technologies to provide full Managed Information Technology Services for $7,850.00 per month, effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

D. Action on the approval of the quote from CDW Amplified IT for Google Workspace Services at a cost of $4,095.00 for a one-year term, per the attached quote.

E. Action on the approval to hire Seimens to replace two NVRs (servers), install and program all 118 cameras, and train all personnel on the new system. The agreement also includes service and maintenance for a 3 year period beginning July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028. The contract total is $68,796.64 as attached.

F. Action on the approval of the agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and Fort Cherry School District for the yearly renewal of video conferencing software for the monthly board meeting for $83.00, per the attached quote.

XIV. Athletics

A. Action on the approval for the Boys Basketball Team to attend an overnight team retreat at Jumonville Retreat Center in Uniontown, PA on the tentative dates November 14-16, 2025, or a make-up date if applicable. Trip will be funded by the Basketball boosters.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to

approve the Boys Basketball Team to attend an overnight team retreat at Jumonville Retreat Center in Uniontown, PA on the tentative dates November 14-16, 2025, or a make-up date if applicable. Trip will be funded by the Basketball boosters. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion to combine and acknowledge Athletics Items XIV. B. through E. as a group.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the coach resignations and thanked them for their contributions over the years.

B. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Vincent Gasbarro, volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball coach.

C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Frank Gasbarro, volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball coach.

D. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Cam Hanley, volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball coach.

E. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Alec Ferrari, volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball coach.

XV. Activities

A. Action on the approval to purchase Junior High Cheerleading uniforms for $3,947.83 per the attached quote. (funds from the 2024-2025 budget)
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, that the Board approve to to purchase Junior High Cheerleading uniforms for $3,947.83 per the attached quote. (funds from the 2024-2025 budget) Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Acknowledge Mrs.Caitlin Bauman as Fort Cherry Elementary Center PTO President for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged Mrs. Bauman's position and thanked her for her contributions.

XVI. Policy

none

XVII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Miscellaneous Items XVII. A through E. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 7-0

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

A. Action on the approval of a lease agreement with Blueprints Early Learning Programming as the Lessee and Fort Cherry School District as the Lessor effective July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026.

B. Action on the approval of a one year meal service agreement with Blueprints for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. Action on the approval of the MOU between Blueprints and Fort Cherry School District regarding coordinated activities and services for our children and families.

D. Action on the approval of a Special Education Services Agreement one year contract between Fort Cherry School District and Avella Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year, subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor.

E. Action on the approval to renew the NFHS agreement for a five (5) year term, August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2030, at no additional cost to the District.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

Mrs. Cindy Baker – Mt. Pleasant Township

Mrs. Baker spoke regarding the proposed waste storage tank farm in the township. She supports drilling but is concerned about the potential impact on the roads and resident health.

XIX. Executive Session

none

XX. Adjournment

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

Ms. Herforth made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025. Motion passed, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary