

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 27, 2023, beginning at 6:00 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:

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| Mr. Chase Ogburn | Mrs. Julie Sepesy |
| Ms. Beverly Schwab (via phone) | Mrs. Jeanine Miles |
| Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill | Mr. Paul Bianchini |
| Mr. Louis Ursitz | |
| Mr. Cory Matchett | |

The following members were excused/absent:
Mrs. Jodi McKay

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary (transition)
Mr. Sal Bittner, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

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| Mr. Loni Libert | Mrs. Heather Barlow |
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The following people attended virtually:

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| Mrs. Bri Eiler | Mr. Richard Hursh |
| Mr. Chris Hallowich | Carrie |

I. Executive Session (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:20 pm.
Executive session items discussed were personnel and litigation.

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

By Whom: Vice President Sepesy Time: 7:26 pm

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023

1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

IV. Remarks by Visitors

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

Mrs. Heather Barlow, from Robinson Township, spoke about purchasing the new enclosed band trailer. It was purchased with donations from several sources. Next, they plan to add a wrap and shelving.

V. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023.

1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023. Motion passed, 8-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Staley asked if anyone from the Board would like to attend the IU Showcase event and dinner on March 28, 2023. Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Sepesy and Mr. Samosky will represent Fort Cherry. Art teachers, Ms. Sierra McKee and Mrs. Kimberly Harvey, will be displaying Fort Cherry student's artwork at the event.

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Action to approve 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 of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of 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

Mr. Bianchini reported on the Fort Cherry Foundation. The Foundation awarded four (4) \$500.00 grants to teachers to cover classroom needs. The following teachers received grants: Mr. Scarpone, Mrs. Irvine, Kindergarten collectively (Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Zofchak) and First Grade collectively (Mrs. Kampian, Mrs. Kreefer, Mrs. Lieb and Ms. White)

The Foundation was able to provide Mr. Ben Maxin \$1200.00 for a new track tent which will be used for field day, track and cross country.

On February 13, 2023 the website fortcherryfoundation.org was launched. On February 14, 2023 the first donation of \$250.00 was received. As of the Board meeting date, a total of \$5250.00 has been donated.

Finally, Mr. Bianchini indicated that Fort Cherry Foundation may be able to help the band raise money for the trailer wrap.

Mrs. Sepesy spoke about how impressive the FFA Open House had been.

B. Solicitor's Report

None

C. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Samosky congratulated the Fort Cherry wrestlers Anthony Salvini and Braedon Welsh on their success at WPIALs. He also recognized Ms. Cole and Ms. Gasbarro for organizing a wonderful and informative presentation on the Holocaust. Mr. Samosky also thanked Dr. Willyerd for her efforts in

starting up the Freight Farm. He invited the Board to the Farm to see it in action.
Superintendent's report is filed with the minutes and posted on the website.

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Action on the approval of Mrs. Trista Snatchko as the Secondary Math long-term substitute effective January 2, 2023.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve Mrs. Trista Snatchko as the Secondary Math long-term substitute effective January 2, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to raise the substitute Cafeteria/Maintenance/Cleaner rate to \$16.00/hour.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve to raise the substitute Cafeteria/Maintenance/Cleaner rate to \$16.00/hour. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Mrs. Brianne Eiler as the Class of 2029 sponsor.

1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve Mrs. Brianne Eiler as the Class of 2029 sponsor. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of a contract between Fort Cherry School District and 10 Day Curriculum to provide mathematics professional development for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$3600.00.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve a contract between Fort Cherry School District and 10 Day Curriculum to provide mathematics professional development for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$3600.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the approval for the District to participate in the CoSTARS Road Salt program for 2023-2024.

1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the District to participate in the CoSTARS Road Salt program for 2023-2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XI. Transportation

None

XII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval of the Intermediate Unit #1 General Operational Budget contribution for the 2023-2024 school year at an estimated amount of \$11,687.90.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the Intermediate Unit #1 General Operational Budget contribution for the 2023-2024 school year at an estimated amount of \$11,687.90. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Technology

- A. Action on the approval of a contract between Van Strien Consulting, LLC and Fort Cherry School District for the purpose of e-Rate procurement for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 funding years. (seeking only Category 2 funding at this time)

1st: Mr. Matchett

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve a contract between Van Strien Consulting, LLC and Fort Cherry School District for the purpose of e-Rate procurement for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 funding years. (seeking only Category 2 funding at this time) Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to allow the administration to enter into PEPPM mini-bid contracts not to exceed \$163,159.00 (e-Rate Category 2 – reimbursement rate = 70%)

1st: Mr. Matchett

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve to allow the administration to enter into PEPPM mini-bid contracts not to exceed \$163,159.00 (e-Rate Category 2 – reimbursement rate = 70%) Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIV. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Zachary Vincenti as the Assistant Varsity Boys' and Girls' Track coach contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve to hire Mr. Zachary Vincenti as the Assistant Varsity Boys' and Girls' Track coach contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

XV. Activities

- A. Action on the approval for the Band Boosters to purchase an instrument and equipment trailer. All monies raised by the Fort Cherry Band Boosters.

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the Band Boosters to purchase an instrument and equipment trailer. All monies raised by the Fort Cherry Band Boosters. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Policy

- A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 202 – Eligibility of Non-Resident Students

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the reading of Policy 202 – Eligibility of Non-Resident Students.

- B. Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 246 – Student Wellness.

1st: Mr. Matchett

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 246 – Student Wellness. Motion passed 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 808 – Food Services.

After hearing no motion, the action was tabled.

- D. Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 808.1 – Student Accounts

1st: Mrs. Miles

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 808.1 – Student Accounts.

XVII. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of a one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and the Watson Institute (WICSA-South) for the 2022-2023 school year.

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve a one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and the Watson Institute (WICSA-South) for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval for the Superintendent to add Speech/Language Pathology services to the IU#1 Shared Services Agreement one day per week at a cost of \$111.57 per hour.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve to allow the Superintendent to add Speech/Language Pathology services to the IU#1 Shared Services Agreement one day per week at a cost of \$111.57 per hour. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval to nominate _____ as a candidate to serve on the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors.

No nominations were made.

- D. Acknowledge the Washington County Community Foundation Sprowls Enrichment Fund grant to cover the Freight Farm seedlings and equipment.

Mrs. Sepesy thanked the Washington County Community Foundation Sprowls Enrichment Fund grant for the funds to cover the Freight Farm seedlings and equipment.

- E. Acknowledge the receipt of the PDE 2022 Food Service Equipment grant for \$52,600.00 for a High School dishwasher.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

None

XIX. Executive Session

Executive Session was held starting at 8:10 pm and ending at 9:15 pm.
Executive session items discussed were personnel.

XX. Adjournment

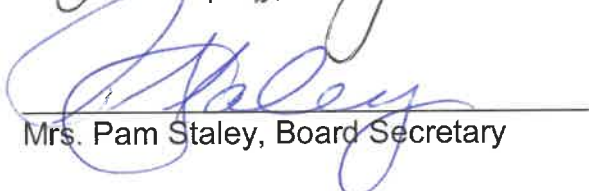
1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.


Mrs. Julie Sepesy, Board Vice-President


Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary