Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fort Cherry School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, April 25, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Library of the Elementary Center located at 110 Fort Cherry Road, McDonald, PA 15057.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Jodi McKay
Mr. Christopher Lauff
Mrs. Melinda Errett
Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Louis R. Ursitz
Mrs. JoAnne Wagner
Ms. Loretta B. Kendall
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

Mrs. Tina Cottrill

The following non-members were present:

Dr. Jill M. Jacoby, Superintendent

Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager

Mrs. Lori A. Cowden, Secretary to the Superintendent/Board Secretary

Mr. John Smart, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

Janet Lauff – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Cat Lodge – Robinson Twp.

Kim Staub – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Jane Worthington – Robinson Twp.

Steve & Steph Kiray – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Karen Ryan – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Cristin Litman – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Michael Litman – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Myrta Litman – Canton Twp.

Larry Litman – Canton Twp.

Lon Libert – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

I. Executive Session (6:30 PM)

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

By Whom: Mrs. Cottrill Time: 7:30 PM

III. Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016 with the removal of Item I under the Policy heading. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Recognition of Faculty and Students

Dr. Jacoby introduced the honored students and had them talk about their accomplishment.

V. Remarks by Visitors

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

Cathy Lodge – Robinson – Concerns on the new gas well pad going in close to the school. She asked the Board if they would send a letter to the Township asking them not to allow this well pad to happen.

Kim Staub – Mt. Pleasant Twp. - Concerns on the new gas well pad. She asked the Board to notify all parents of the School District.

Jane Worthington – Robinson – Concerns on the new gas well pad going in close to the school and the chance of students being exposed to harmful air pollution.

VI. Action on the approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of March 21, 2016

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Secretary's Correspondence

There was no Secretary's Correspondence.

VIII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of the Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Miles 2nd: Mrs. McKay Motion: 9-0

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

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summary

1st: Mr. Lauff

2nd: Mrs. Wagner

Motion: 9-0

Mr. Lauff stated that he had reviewed the Account Summary and that all accounts balanced.

Mr. Lauff made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Wagner that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summary. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Report

1st: Mrs. Wagner

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles that the Board approve the Budget Control Report. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mrs. Wagner reported that Fort Cherry was acknowledged as a District that was in the top percentage of the nation.

Mrs. Cottrill asked Dr. Jacoby if a letter had been sent to the townships in our area pertaining to the gas wells. Dr. Jacoby stated that there had been a letter sent. Mrs. Cottrill asked the Board if they would like another letter to be sent out restating what the previous letter had said. She read the letter. The Board discussed some wording changes to the letter. They also asked that Dr. Jacoby post the letter on the school website.

B. Solicitor's Report

There was no Solicitor's Report

C. Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Jacoby gave her report and it has been included in the official minutes of this meeting. See attached.

Mrs. Drylie reported on the water tower project.

X. Old Business

XI. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval of the employment of an Alternative Education Lead Teacher

1st: Mrs. Wagner

2nd: Mrs. McKay

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. McKay that the Board approve the employment of John Leitze as the Alternative Education Lead Teacher. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Action on the approval of the employment of an Alternative Education Teacher/Counselor

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mrs. Errett

Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve Jim Rupert as an Alternative Education Teacher/Counselor. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Buildings and Grounds

A. Action on the approval on the lowest quote from Modernfold of Reading, Inc. to install four new basketball hoops at the Elementary gymnasium not to exceed \$8,000

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Miles

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles that the Board approve the lowest quote from Mondernfold of Reading, Inc. to install four new basketball hoops at the Elementary gymnasium not to exceed \$8,000. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Transportation

A. Action on the approval of special education bus contracts (4)

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the (4) special education bus contracts. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Finance

XV. Technology

XVI. Athletics

A. Action on the approval of a Head Varsity Basketball coach

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Dwayne Canton as the Head Varsity Basketball coach. Motion passed

unanimously.

B. Action on the approval of a Head 7th/8th Grade Football coach 1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles that the Board approve Michael Faletto as a Head 7th/8th Grade Football coach. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action on the approval of an Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football coach 1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles that the Board approve Brandon McGurk as the Assistant 7th/9th Grade Football coach. Motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Activities

XVIII. Textbooks and Supplies

XIX. Policy

A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy #305 - Employment of Substitutes

The Board acknowledged the first reading of Policy #305 – Employment of Substitutes.

B. Approval on the second reading of Policy #317.1 - Educator Misconduct 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the second reading of Policy #317.1 – Educator Misconduct. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #301 - Creating a Position 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #301 – Creating a Position. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #302 - Employment of Superintendent - Assistant Superintendent

1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board

approve the revisions to Policy #302 – Employment of Superintendent – Assistant Superintendent. Ms. Kendall had a question about the language of the policy and Mrs. Gaskill asked why that wording would be placed in a policy. Dr. Jacoby stated that that was the way in was worded in the PA State Code. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #306 - Employment of Summer School Staff

1st: Mrs. Wagner

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #306 – Employment of Summer School Staff. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #307 - Student Teachers/Interns 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #307 – Student Teachers/Interns. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #308 - Employment Contract 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #308 – Employment Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Action on the approval of the revision to Policy #309 - Assignment and Transfer 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #309 – Assignment and Transfer. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Action on the approval on the revisions to Policy #310 - Abolishing a Position

This item was removed from the Agenda and will be placed on an agenda in the future.

J. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #321- Political Activities 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board

approve the revisions to Policy #321 – Political Activities. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy #322 – Gifts 1st: Mrs. Wagner 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Wagner made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #322 – Gifts. Motion passed unanimously.

XX. Miscellaneous

A. Action on the approval of the assurance letter from Intermediate Unit #1 on the IDEA, Part B: Notice of Adoption of Policies and Procedures

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the assurance letter from Intermediate Unit #1 on the IDEA, Part B: Notice of Adoption of Policies and Procedures. Motion passed unanimously.

XXI. Executive Session

This item was not held.

XXII. Adjournment

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016. Motion passed unanimously at 8:40 PM.