

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, August 22, 2022, 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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| Mrs. Jodi McKay      | Mr. Paul Bianchini |
| Mr. Chase Ogburn     | Ms. Beverly Schwab |
| Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill | Mr. Cory Matchett  |
| Mr. Louis Ursitz     | Mrs. Julie Sepesy  |

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Jeanine Miles

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager  
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary (transition)  
Mr. Russ Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price  
Ms. Melanie Rush, Superintendent Intern

The following community members were present:

Mr. Loni Libert

\* List of all members that attended virtual session will be filed with official Board minutes

### **I. Executive Session (6:00pm)**

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:03pm.  
Executive session items discussed were Safety, Security and Finance.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:10 pm

**III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of August 22, 2022**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2022. 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)

No remarks by visitors.

**V. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2022**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**VI. Secretary’s Correspondence**

None

**VII. Treasurer’s Actions**

**A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill                      2<sup>nd</sup>: 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. No Treasurer’s Report Account Summaries at this time. Action to approve the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report Account Summaries is tabled until August 2022.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board table the approval of the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report Account Summaries until September 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**C. Action on the approval of Budget Control Reports**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

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

## **VIII. Reports**

### **A. Board Reports**

No Board Reports

### **B. Solicitor's Report**

No Solicitor's Report

### **C. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's Report is included in the Board packet. Mr. Samosky also took this time to thank the administration for their hard work over the summer to get ready for the start of school.

## **IX. Personnel and Curriculum**

### **A. Action on the approval of a contractual Mental Health Consultant, Mrs. Kimberly Dully, for the 2022-2023 school year.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the contractual Mental Health Consultant, Mrs. Kimberly Dully, for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

### **B. Action on the approval of the Mental Health Consultant Contract Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year for Mrs. Eva Kramer.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Mental Health Consultant Contract Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year for Mrs. Eva Kramer. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

### **C. Action on the approval of tenure for the following teachers: Ms. Carolena Gasbarro, Ms. Nicole Koutsourais, and Mrs. Maria Novolbilsky.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the tenure for the following teachers: Ms. Carolena Gasbarro, Ms. Nicole Koutsourais, and Mrs. Maria Novolbilsky. Motion passes unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Acknowledge the request for a Family Medical Leave for a Professional Employee starting August 22, 2022 until October 3, 2022.

President McKay acknowledged the request for a Family Medical Leave for a Professional Employee starting August 22, 2022 until October 3, 2022.

- E. Action on the employment of Mrs. Ashley Barghausen as Elementary School Nurse, effective the 2022-2023 school year per the FCEA Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the employment of Mrs. Ashley Barghausen, Elementary School Nurse, per the FCEA Bargaining Agreement, effective the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the employment of Ms. Jeannine Ambrose-Vittorino, as High School Spanish Teacher, effective the 2022-2023 school year per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the employment of Ms. Jeannine Ambrose-Vittorino, as High school Spanish Teacher, effective the 2022-2023 school year per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- G. Action on the approval of Ms. Marsha Williams, Long Term Substitute High School Nurse for the 2022-2023 school year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve Ms. Marsha Williams, Long Term Substitute High School Nurse for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- H. Action on the approval of Mr. Michael Novak, Long Term Substitute High School Math Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve Mr. Michael Novak, Long Term Substitute High School Math Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- I. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Jodie Curtis, Food Service Employee, effective August 17, 2022.

President McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Jodie Curtis, Food Service Employee and thanked her for her years of service.

- J. Action on the employment of Mrs. Carol Klimas as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee, effective August 29, 2022, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the employment of Mrs. Carol Klimas as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee, effective August 29, 2022, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- K. Action on the employment of Ms. Dianne Trapuzzano as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee, effective August 29, 2022, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the employment of Ms. Dianne Trapuzzano as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee, effective August 29, 2022, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- L. Acknowledge the request for a Medical Leave of Absence for a support personnel employee starting August 29, 2022 until October 21, 2022.

President McKay acknowledged the request for a Medical Leave of Absence for a support personnel employee starting August 29, 2022 until October 21, 2022.

- M. Acknowledge the Maternity Leave Request for a Professional Employee from October 17, 2022 to May 1, 2023.

President McKay acknowledged the request for Maternity Leave for a Professional Employee from October 17, 2022 to May 1, 2023.

- N. Action on the approval of Mr. Corey Garry as an Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve the employment of Mr. Corey Garry as an Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- O. Action on the approval of the resignation of Mr. Jacob Temple, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, and add him as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve the resignation of Mr. Jacob Temple as an Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach and add him as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- P. Action on the approval of Mr. Robert Bennett as a Volunteer Varsity Football Coach.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve Mr. Robert Bennett as a Volunteer Varsity Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- Q. Action on the approval of Mr. Tony Orlandini as a Volunteer 7/8 grade Football Coach.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve Mr. Tony Orlandini as a Volunteer 7/8 grade Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- R. Action on the approval of Ms. Renea Cook as Athletic Department ticket seller at the athletic worker rate.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve Ms. Renea Cook as Athletic Department ticket seller at the athletic worker rate. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- S. Approval of the wording to post the Superintendent's 2021-2022 performance review on the website as the following: The Board of School Directors of the Fort Cherry School District confirmed that Ms. Thomas J. Samosky received an overall rating of Satisfactory for the 2021-2022

School Year. Criteria used to achieve this rating include: Student Growth and Achievement, Organizational Leadership, District Operations and Financial Management, Communications and Community Relations, Human Resources Management, Professionalism, and Annual Performance Goals.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the wording to post the Superintendent's 2021-2022 performance review on the website as the following which include the italicized changes: The Board of School Directors of the Fort Cherry School District confirmed that Ms. Thomas J. Samosky received an overall rating of Satisfactory for the 2021-2022 School Year. Criteria used to achieve this rating include: *Governance and Board Relations, Community Relations, Staff Relations, Business and Finance, and Instructional Leadership*. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### **X. Buildings and Grounds**

There were no Building and Ground items.

#### **XI. Transportation**

There were no Transportation items.

#### **XII. Finance**

There were no Finance items.

#### **XIII. Technology**

There were no Technology items.

#### **XIV. Athletics**

There were no Athletic items.

#### **XV. Activities**

There were no Activity items.

#### **XVI. Policy**

There were no policy items.

## **XVII. Miscellaneous**

- A. Action on the approval of the Fort Cherry School District's three (3) year Title I Nonpublic School Services Agreement, with annual renewal based on current year's Title I allocation.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the Fort Cherry School District's three (3) year Title I Nonpublic School Services Agreement, with annual renewal based on current year's Title I allocation. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Fort Cherry School District's Comprehensive Plan 2021-2024.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Fort Cherry School District's Comprehensive Plan 2021-2024. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the implementation and two (2) year (first year prorated) service contract between Fort Cherry School District and Frontline for the 2022-2024 school years.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the implementation and two (2) year (first year prorated) service contract between Fort Cherry School District and Frontline for the 2022-2024 school years. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of the one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 for PAEducator.net.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. McKay                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ogburn                      Motion: 8-0

Mrs. McKay made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 for PAEducator.net. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Acknowledge the \$1700.00 donation from Imperial Land Corporation for the Freight Farm concrete pad.

President McKay acknowledged and thanked Imperial Land for their generous donation to the Freight Farm concrete pad.



- F. Action on the approval of the one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and Watson Institute for the 2022-2023 school year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 8-0

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

- G. Action on the approval of the one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and Wesley Family Services for the 2022-2023 school year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the one year contract of service between Fort Cherry School District and Wesley Family Services for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- H. Action on the approval to pay Bozic Communications, Inc \$24,270.00 for the replacement of the High School building's main switch gear cabinet from funds allocated to 2019 bond proceeds.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 7-0-1

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve to pay Bozic Communications, Inc \$24,270.00 for the replacement of the High School building's main switch gear cabinet from funds allocated to 2019 bond proceeds. Motion passed 7-0, with Ms. Schwab abstaining. Abstention form is filed with the Board minutes.

- I. Action on the approval of a Special Education Services Agreement one year contract between Fort Cherry School District and Avella School District, commencing August 29, 2022, subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Special Education Services Agreement one year contract between Fort Cherry School District and Avella School District, commencing August 29, 2022, subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**XVIII. Public Comment**

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

There were no public comments.

**XIX. Executive Session**

No executive session was necessary.

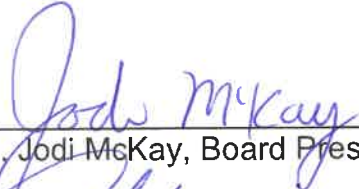
**XX. Adjournment**

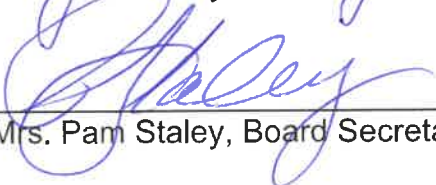
1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

  
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Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

  
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Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary