

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, August 23, 2021, beginning at 6:30 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. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mr. Cory Matchett	
Mr. Eugene Briggs	

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Dawn Fiori

The following non-members were present:

Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Mr. Russ Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

Renea Cook – Robinson Twp.
Melinda Cline – McDonald Boro
Doug LeFebvre – Midway Boro
Renee Faletto– McDonald Boro
Stacey Miller– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Amanda Lukosik– McDonald Boro
Chrissy Salvini– Midway Boro
Kimberly Felton – Robinson Twp.
Kris Campbell – Midway Boro
Sommer Temple– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Kelly Weger– Midway Boro
Caitlin Bauman– McDonald Boro
Heather Rohaley– Midway Boro
Paul Bianchini– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Kim Staub– Mt. Pleasant Twp.

Hugh Staub– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Sean Menzies– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Christina Weinbrenner – Midway Boro
Carol Staley– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Pam Staley– Mt. Pleasant Twp.
Leslie Orlander – Robinson Twp.
Charles Ogburn – Mt. Pleasant Twp.

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

I. Executive Session (6:30pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:30pm and ending at 8:11pm to discuss Safety and Personnel matters.

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

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 8:19pm

III. Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021. 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)

Renea Cook – Mrs. Cook asked the Board what the process was to hire a Superintendent and requested the Board be more transparent.

Chase Ogburn – Mr. Ogburn questioned the experience and skill set of the Acting Superintendent. What were the parameters that the Board set to hire the Acting Superintendent?

Kristina Campbell – Mrs. Campbell asked about Pay to Participate and asked the board to remove Cheerleaders from that requirement. Mrs. Campbell also asked that school and athletic pictures be reevaluated and open up the contract to allow for a new photographer. Lastly, Mrs. Campbell was deeply disturbed over the leaking of confidential information by a Board Member. She read the actions that the Board should take from the District's website and asked that all Board Members reeducate themselves on their mission.

No Solicitor's Report

C. Superintendents Report

No Superintendent Report

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Action on the approval of an agreement between Fort Cherry School District and FCEA Collective Bargaining Unit regarding a part-time professional employee

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett that the Board approve an agreement between Fort Cherry School District and FCEA Collective Bargaining Unit regarding a part-time professional employee. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Michael Webb and Ms. Judith Toomey as the Daylight Cleaners at the High School and Elementary Center, respectfully, per the Fort Cherry Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the 2021/2022 school year only

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Mr. Michael Webb and Ms. Judith Toomey as the Daylight Cleaners at the High School and Elementary Center, respectfully, per the Fort Cherry Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the 2021/2022 school year only. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of an agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Dr. Catherine Joyce Nicksick, Acting Superintendent of the Fort Cherry School District, effective August 30, 2021, until the commencement of employment of a Superintendent or mutually agreed upon date, pending final review and approval by District Solicitor

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

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve an agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Dr. Catherine Joyce Nicksick, Acting Superintendent of the Fort Cherry School District, effective August 30, 2021, until the commencement of employment of a Superintendent or mutually agreed upon date, pending final review and approval by District Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of the rehire of Mr. Dale Kenneth Wright, as a 3 hour Cafeteria worker, effective August 30, 2021, per the Fort Cherry Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the rehire of Mr. Dale Kenneth Wright, as a 3 hour Cafeteria worker, effective August 30, 2021, per the Fort Cherry Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Morgan Tremblay, Sr. High Guidance Counselor

President Miles acknowledged the resignation of Mrs. Morgan Tremblay, Sr. High Guidance Counselor, and thanked her for her service.

- F. Action on the approval of Miss Alyssa Ketter, part-time High School Aide, effective August 23rd, 2021, per the Fort Cherry Secretary/Aides Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Miss Alyssa Ketter, part-time High School Aide, effective August 23rd, 2021, per the Fort Cherry Secretary/Aides Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Buildings and Grounds

There were no Building and Ground items.

XI. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the updated District Bus Stops for the 2021-2022 school year
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill that the Board approve the updated District Bus Stops for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the Bus Driver Lists for the 2021-2022 School Year
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill that the Board approve the Bus Driver Lists for the 2021-2022 School Year. Motion passed, 6-0-2, with Mrs. Sepesy and Ms. Schwab abstaining. Abstention forms are filed with Board Minutes.

XII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval of the proposal from Intertech Ci to upgrade the District's camera software and servers, at a cost not to exceed \$63,636, under CoStars Contract #4400024464 (Funds coming from ARP ESSER Grant)

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

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill that the Board approve the proposal from Intertech Ci to upgrade the District's camera software and servers, at a cost not to exceed \$63,636, under CoStars Contract #4400024464 (Funds coming from ARP ESSER Grant). Mrs. Drylie stated that the current camera servers are very old and non serviceable. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Technology

There were no Technology items.

XIV. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval of Mr. Chris Salvini as a 7th & 8th Grade Volunteer Football Coach

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve Mr. Chris Salvini as a 7th & 8th Grade Volunteer Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to permit the Fort Cherry Quarterback Club to sell old football uniforms that are not in use as a fundraiser

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve to permit the Fort Cherry Quarterback Club to sell old football uniforms that are not in use as a fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XV. Activities

There were no Activity items.

XVI. Policy

- A. Action on the approval of the revisions to Policy 202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve revisions to Policy 202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0

XVII. Miscellaneous

- A. Acknowledge the donation of two (2) Cherry Trees from Mrs. Mary Lukan in honor of Fort Cherry Retiree, Mr. Eugene Lukan

President Miles acknowledged of two (2) Cherry Trees from Mrs. Mary Lukan in honor of Fort Cherry Retiree, Mr. Eugene Lukan and thanked the Lukan family for their gracious donation

- B. Action on the approval of the Hickory Apple Festival to use the High School parking lots on October 2 & 3rd, 2021
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Hickory Apple Festival to use the High School parking lots on October 2 & 3rd, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

Christina Campbell – Spoke again regarding Pay to Participate and excluding cheerleaders from that rule. Mrs. Campbell also reiterated that athletic pictures need to be addressed.

Melinda Cline – Mrs. Cline vocalized her support for the Board to hire Dr. Robert Motte as Superintendent. He is an Alumni and would be the best candidate for the position.

Renee Faletto – Mrs. Faletto stated that she was upset the Board is not listening to the parents and a petition that is going around for everyone in support of Dr. Motte as Superintendent. She asked the Board about the Superintendent survey that went out and asked for the results.

Doug Cooper – Mr. Cooper stated that Dr. Motte should be named Superintendent since he is the best candidate.

Krista Fahnstock – Mrs. Fahnstock spoke about the close knit community of Fort Cherry and she asked the Board that they “Keep it in the Family” when hiring the new Superintendent.

Staci Miller – Mrs. Miller asked about the Pay to Participate and asked how the amount was calculated. She also asked who is subsidizing the free and reduced kids who do not pay a fee.

Tracey Erath – Mrs. Erath vocalized her support of Mr. Motte. She mentioned an instance when Dr. Motte spoke to her son and was very invested in him and his future.

Kim Staub – Mrs. Staub stated that she was very disappointed in the FC Board and one of them leaking confidential information. She also asked what the Board’s process was to interview and hire a new superintendent. She asked why this wasn’t publicly explained.

XIX. Executive Session

This item was not held.

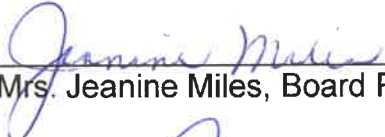
XX. Recessed to August 30, 2021 at 6:30pm in the HS Learning Commons

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the recess of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting was recessed at 9:29pm.



Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President



Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary