

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 24, 2020, 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	Mrs. Melinda Errett
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Dawn Fiori	Ms. Beverly Schwab

The following members were excused/absent:

Mr. Eugene Briggs (Attended Executive Session via phone)

The following non-members were present:

Dr. Jill M. Jacoby, Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Mr. Russ Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

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 7:28pm to discuss Personnel, Legal, and Contractual matters.

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

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 7:33pm

III. Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of August 24, 2020

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 24, 2020. 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)

Renee Faletto – Mrs. Faletto spoke regarding the importance of having Athletics continue at Fort Cherry. She stated the negative effects it has on children when they can't participate in sports/activities. She asked that the Board vote to allow students to play sports at Fort Cherry in the fall.

Renea Cook – Mrs. Cook continued on with Mrs. Faletto's remarks regarding sports for students. She asked that the Board approve the item to permit Fall Sports at Fort Cherry.

Kristina Campbell – Mrs. Campbell spoke about athletics and she wants students to be able to play. She stated that there has not been a spike in COVID cases in the summer when summer leagues started and children were playing together. She asked that the Board approve fall sports.

Krista Fahnestock – Mrs. Fahnestock stated that her daughter is a Senior Majorette and wants her daughter to be able to attend Football games. This is her last year as a Fort Cherry Majorette and Payton wants to be able to march with the band this fall as a Majorette. She asked that the Board approve fall activities/athletics.

V. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of July 20, 2020 and Special Meeting of August 10, 2020

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

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2020 and Special Meeting of August 10, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

None

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

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

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

- B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Errett Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

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

VIII. Reports

A. Board Reports

None

B. Solicitor's Report

None

C. Superintendents Report

Dr. Jacoby reported that the first day back with teachers went great. There was a lot of training and the teachers attended department meetings. They discussed dress codes with teachers and spoke about student dress codes for remote learners. Electronic excuses will be rolled out this year for all students. Dr. Jacoby is having parent discussions via Zoom and they are going well and highly attended.

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Acknowledge the request for Sabbatical Leave for a Professional Employee for the 1st semester of the 2020-2021 school year (August 24, 2020 - January 25, 2021)

President Miles acknowledged the request for Sabbatical Leave for a Professional Employee for the 1st semester of the 2020-2021 school year (August 24, 2020 - January 25, 2021)

- B. Acknowledge the Maternity Leave for a Professional Employee, effective August 24, 2020 until October 2, 2020

President Miles acknowledged the Maternity Leave for a Professional Employee, effective August 24, 2020 until October 2, 2020

- C. Acknowledge the request from Ms. Jessica Cole to transfer seven (7) accrued leave days from prior employment

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- D. Action on the employment of Mr. Dale Kenneth Wright, Part Time (2.50 hour) HS Cafeteria, effective August 31, 2020, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the employment of Mr. Dale Kenneth Wright, Part Time (2.50 hour) HS Cafeteria, effective August 31, 2020, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the employment of fourteen (14) Elementary Bus Monitors at an hourly rate of \$13.63/hour, effective August 31, 2020 until current CDC/DOH/PDE restrictions lift with a pre approval by the Superintendent and Clearance verification with payment terms of actual days worked, pursuant to Employment Agreement (Board will approve Merit list in September 2020)
1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the employment of fourteen (14) Elementary Bus Monitors at an hourly rate of \$13.63/hour, effective August 31, 2020 until current CDC/DOH/PDE restrictions lift with a pre approval by the Superintendent and Clearance verification with payment terms of actual days worked, pursuant to Employment Agreement (Board will approve Merit list in September 2020). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the employment of two (2) daytime cleaners per the order of merit list, effective August 31, 2020 until current CDC/DOH/PDE restrictions lift, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement with payment terms of actual days worked, pursuant to Employment Agreement
1st: Mrs. Fiori 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the employment of two (2) daytime cleaners per the order of merit list, effective August 31, 2020 until current CDC/DOH/PDE

restrictions lift, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement with payment terms of actual days worked, pursuant to Employment Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- G. Action on the employment of Ms. Dorothy Jones, Part Time (2.50 hours) Elementary Cafeteria, effective August 31, 2020, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Errett Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve the employment of Ms. Dorothy Jones, Part Time (2.50 hours) Elementary Cafeteria, effective August 31, 2020, per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Buildings and Grounds

There were no Buildings and Grounds items.

XI. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the updated District Bus Stops for the 2020-2021 school year
1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the updated District Bus Stops for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the updated Driver's List for the 2020-2021 school year
1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the updated Driver's List for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval of Pay Application #1 of the Paving Project, in the amount of \$454,895.27 (Funds coming from Bond Issue 2019, remainder to pay is \$44,869.78)
1st: Mrs. Fiori 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

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\$454,895.27 (Funds coming from Bond Issue 2019, remainder to pay is \$44,869.78). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Technology

There were no Technology items.

XIV. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval to permit PIAA Fall Sports for the 2020/2021 School Year, with the Coaches pay being prorated if the season is shortened or cancelled

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve to permit PIAA Fall Sports for the 2020/2021 School Year, with the Coaches pay being prorated if the season is shortened or cancelled. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to permit Fort Cherry PIAA Athletic Co-Ops (Washington, Avella, and South Fayette) for the 2020/2021 School Year

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

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve to permit Fort Cherry PIAA Athletic Co-Ops (Washington, Avella, and South Fayette) for the 2020/2021 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the updated Health & Safety Plan for Athletics and Extracurriculars

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the updated Health & Safety Plan for Athletics and Extracurriculars. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of Mr. Bill Oliverio, Volunteer Assistant Boys Football Coach

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Mr. Bill Oliverio, Volunteer Assistant Boys Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the employment of Mr. Austin Fitch, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football Coach, effective the 2020/2021 school year per the FCEA bargaining agreement

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the employment of Mr. Austin Fitch, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football Coach, effective the 2020/2021 school year per the FCEA bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

F. Action on the approval of Miss Lindsay Bracall, Volunteer Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Miss Lindsay Bracall as a Volunteer Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

G. Action on the approval of Miss Katie Nemec, Volunteer Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Miss Katie Nemec as a Volunteer Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

H. Action on the employment of Mr. Vincenzo Gasbarro, Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, effective the 2020/2021 school year per the FCEA bargaining agreement

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the employment of Mr. Vincenzo Gasbarro, Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, effective the 2020/2021 school year per the FCEA bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Action on the approval Mrs. Patricia Briggs, Volunteer for Boys' Varsity Basketball

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Mrs. Patricia Briggs as a Volunteer for Boys' Varsity Basketball. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

J. Action on the approval of Mr. Ben Shade, Volunteer Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Mr. Ben Shade as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- K. Action on the approval of Mr. Frank Gasbarro, Volunteer Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Mr. Frank Gasbarro, Volunteer Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- L. Action on the employment of Miss Carolena Gasbarro, Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, effective the 2020/2021 school year per the FCEA bargaining agreement

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the employment of Miss Carolena Gasbarro, Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, effective the 2020/2021 school year per the FCEA bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- M. Action on the approval of Ms. Julia Menosky, Volunteer Varsity Volleyball Coach

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Ms. Julia Menosky as a Volunteer Varsity Volleyball Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XV. Activities

- A. Action on the approval to permit Ranger Band at Home Football Games if participant numbers allow per CDC/DOH/PDE guidelines

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve to permit Ranger Band at Home Football Games if participant numbers allow per CDC/DOH/PDE guidelines. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Textbooks and Supplies

There were no Textbook and Supply items.

XVII. Policy

There were no Policy items.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of Administrative Procedures related to FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act), pending final review and approval of District Solicitor

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve the Administrative Procedures related to FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act), pending final review and approval of District Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and FCEA Professional Employees, pending final review and approval of District Solicitor

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

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and FCEA Professional Employees, pending final review and approval of District Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Fort Cherry School District's updated Health and Safety Plan for Phased School Opening

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

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the Fort Cherry School District's updated Health and Safety Plan for Phased School Opening. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIX. Public Comment

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

Kristina Campbell – Thanked the Board for approving the District's fall sports to continue.

Krista Fahnestock – Thanked the Board for approving the District's fall sports to continue.

XX. Executive Session

This item was not held.

XXI. Adjournment

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 adjournment of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President

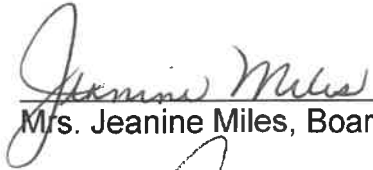
Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary


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 adjournment of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.


Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President


Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary

