

# 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, January 25, 2021, beginning at 6:15 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 (Via Zoom)	Mr. Eugene Briggs (Left after Executive Session)
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Dawn Fiori	Ms. Beverly Schwab

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Melinda Errett

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 (6:15pm)**

Executive Session was held starting at 6:15pm and ending at 7:38pm to discuss Personnel and Contractual matters.

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

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 7:42pm

### III. **Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021**

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**IV. Presentations**

A. Board Recognition Month Celebration

Dr. Jacoby presented each Board Member with a gift of appreciation and certificate acknowledging their relentless work in advocating for each and every student of Fort Cherry. Dr. Jacoby thanked every Board Member.

**V. Remarks by Visitors**

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

No Remarks by Visitors

**VI. Action on the approval of Minutes – Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 7, 2020**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the minutes of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 7, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**VII. Secretary's Correspondence**

No Correspondence

**VIII. Treasurer's Actions**

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

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

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

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

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports

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

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**IX. Reports**

**A. Board Reports**

Mrs. Jeanine Miles thanked Russ Lucas and Andrews and Price for providing weekly legal updates to district's as well as Board Members. They are very informative!

**B. Solicitor's Report**

None

**C. Superintendents Report**

The Superintendent's Report is attached and has been made part of the official minutes.

Mrs. Drylie reported back to the Board that she reached out to local school districts as well as local banks to gather information on district credit cards that would benefit Fort Cherry the best. She mentioned that she will add to February's board agenda the opening of a credit card as well as policies and procedures related to the use of that card.

**X. Personnel and Curriculum**

**A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Kayla Gilliam, Professional Employee, effective January 29, 2021**

President Miles acknowledge Mrs. Gilliam's resignation and thanked her for her service.

**B. Action on the approval of a Part Time Cleaner, per the Order of Merit List and the Fort Cherry Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement**

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve a Part Time Cleaner, per the Order of Merit List and the Fort Cherry Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement . Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**C. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and a Professional Employee**

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and a Professional Employee. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- D. Action on the approval to employ Miss Mia Spinelli as a Temporary Substitute Teacher for HS German position, effective January 11, 2021, for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year under the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Fiori                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the employment of Miss Mia Spinelli as a Temporary Substitute Teacher for HS German position, effective January 11, 2021, for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year under the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- E. Action on the approval of a Full Time High School Special Education Professional Employee, effective January 26, 2021, per the Order of Merit List and the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Fiori                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve a Full Time High School Special Education Professional Employee, effective January 26, 2021, per the Order of Merit List and the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

## **XI. Buildings and Grounds**

- A. Action on the approval to issue a RFP for Asbestos Removal in the High School (Funds coming from Bond Issue)

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the issuance of a RFP for Asbestos Removal in the High School (Funds coming from Bond Issue). Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

## **XII. Transportation**

There were no Transportation items.

## **XIII. Finance**

- A. Action to adopt Resolution #4 - 1-25-21 - Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for budget year 2021/2022

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Fiori                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the adoption of Resolution #4 - 1-25-21 - Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for budget year 2021/2022. Roll call was made and all present members voted Yes. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Action to adopt Resolution #5 - 1-25-21 - Earned Income/Compensation and Net Profits Tax Under Act 511

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Fiori      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the adoption of Resolution #5 - 1-25-21 - Earned Income/Compensation and Net Profits Tax Under Act 511. Roll call was made and all present members voted Yes. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

C. Action on the approval to pay Garland/DBS, Inc. Application #3 (final payment) in the amount of \$35,886.92 out of the Capital Projects Fund

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve to pay Garland/DBS, Inc. Application #3 (final payment) in the amount of \$35,886.92 out of the Capital Projects Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**XIV. Technology**

There were no Technology items.

**XV. Athletics**

There were no Athletic items.

**XVI. Activities**

There were no Activity items.

**XVII. Policy**

There were no Policy items.

**XVIII. Miscellaneous**

A. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and South Fayette School District regarding the Emergency Evacuation Cooperation Agreement

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and South Fayette School District regarding the Emergency Evacuation Cooperation Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the District Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the District Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**XIX. Public Comment**

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

No public comments were made

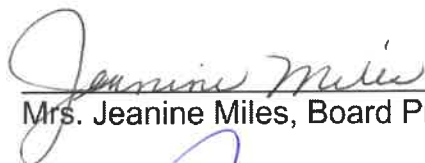
**XX. Executive Session**

This item was not held.

**XXI. Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Fiori                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

  
Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President

  
Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary