## **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, May 24, 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
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill
Mr. Louis Ursitz
Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mrs. Julie Sepesy

Mr. Cory Matchett Mrs. Dawn Fiori (Via Zoom)

The following members were excused/absent:

Mr. Eugene Briggs

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 7:53pm to discuss Personnel, Safety, and Contractual matters.

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

By Whom: President Miles Time: 7:54pm

III. Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of May 24, 2021

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 to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2021 with an addition of IX. C, Action on the approval to accept the resignation of Dr. Jill Jacoby, effective immediately, with her last day as August 1, 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)

Kris Campbell – Stated that she is shocked and saddened by the news of Dr. Jacoby's resignation. She wanted to thank her for all her hard work in the District.

V. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 26, 2021

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

## VI. Secretary's Correspondence

No Correspondence

#### VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment 1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Ms. Schwab

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

Motion: 8-0

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries 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 Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

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

## VIII. Reports

## A. Board Reports

Mrs. Gaskill reported that while at the voting polls, she was able to talk to a lot of community members. Some of the points that she heard was that the Zoom for Board Meetings are hard to hear and that the audience doesn't know when to log onto Zoom because of the Executive Session. The community members asked that we send something out or a way to alert the community when Executive session is ending. Mrs. Gaskill also brought up Critical Race Theory and advised the district to stay away from it.

## B. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Lucas reported that the Board will hold an Executive Session on May 27, 2021 to discuss personnel matters.

## C. Superintendents Report

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

#### IX. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval of the employment of 2021 Summer District Cleaners from the Order of Merit List, as needed per District Administration

1st: 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 employment of 2021 Summer District Cleaners from the Order of Merit List, as needed per District Administration. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval to accept outside students to attend Fort Cherry's Vo-Ag program effective the 2021-2022 school year

1st: 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 to accept outside students to attend Fort Cherry's Vo-Ag program effective the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval to accept the resignation of Dr. Jill Jacoby, effective immediately, with her last day being August 1, 2021

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 to accept the resignation of Dr. Jill Jacoby, effective immediately, with her last day being August 1, 2021. Mrs. Miles regrettably accept Dr Jacoby's resignation and thanked her for her devotion to the students and District. Mrs. Sepesy stated that she was shocked to hear the news and offered her thankfulness to Dr. Jacoby. 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

A. Action on the approval of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2021 - 2022 School Year with expenditures of \$19,674,959 and a millage rate of 13.4347 (Final Budget of 2021-2022 to be approved at the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting)

1st: 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 Proposed Final Budget for the 2021 - 2022 School Year with expenditures of \$19,674,959 and a millage rate of 13.4347 (Final Budget of 2021-2022 to be approved at the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of appointing the following District Depositories for the 2021 2022 Fiscal Year
  - 1. Washington Financial General and Operation Accounts
  - 2. Northwest Savings Bank General Fund Committed Technology Account
  - 3. PLGIT 2019 Bond Proceeds Account & General Fund Account 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 the appointing of the following District Depositories for the 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Year:

- 1. Washington Financial General and Operation Accounts
- 2. Northwest Savings Bank General Fund Committed Technology Account
- 3. PLGIT 2019 Bond Proceeds Account & General Fund Account. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of appointing a District Treasurer for the 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Year

1st: Mrs. Miles

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

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Miles made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve Mrs. Cindy Gaskill as the District Treasurer for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. No other nominations were made. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. Action on the approval of the Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed 2021 – 2022 budget totaling \$5,986,454 (with Fort Cherry District contribution of \$176,662.26)

1st: 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 Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed 2021 – 2022 budget totaling \$5,986,454 (with Fort Cherry District contribution of \$176,662.26). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

## XIII. Technology

There were no Technology items.

#### XIV. Athletics

A. Action on the approval for Little Rangers to use the Districts' football field from August 2021 - October 2021 for home football games
 1st: Mrs. Sepesy
 2nd: Mr. Matchett
 Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett that the Board approve Little Rangers to use the Districts' football field from August 2021 - October 2021 for home football games. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval for Fort Cherry Community Colt Baseball League to use the Districts' baseball field from May 25, 2021 - July 20, 2021

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett that the Board approve Fort Cherry Community Colt Baseball League to use the Districts' baseball field from May 25, 2021 - July 20, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval for the Fort Cherry Wrestling Team to host a youth wrestling clinic at the District in the summer of 2021 (Official Date is TBD)

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve Fort Cherry Wrestling Team to host a youth wrestling clinic at the District in the summer of 2021 (Official Date is TBD). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. Action on the approval to permit Fort Cherry Basketball to host a youth basketball camp in the summer of 2021 (dates are TBD)

1st: 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 Fort Cherry Basketball to host a youth basketball camp in the summer of 2021 (dates are TBD). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

E. Action on the approval to update the Health and Safety Plan for Athletics and Extracurricular's

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 update to the Health and Safety Plan for Athletics and Extracurricular's. Dr. Jacoby stated the changes as follows: to continue to follow state, PIAA, WPIAL requirements. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### XV. Activities

There were no Activity items.

## XVI. Policy

There were no Policy items.

#### XVII. Miscellaneous

A. Action on the approval of the revision of the Continuity of Ed Health and Safety Plan to include a change to District protocols

1st: 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 revision of the Continuity of Ed Health and Safety Plan to include a change to District protocols. Dr. Jacoby stated these changes include: Allowing 6<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation and Commencement Ceremony to be held in HS Gymnasium with first come basis (no ticket required), Allowing outside Vo-Ag students to attend Fort Cherry for the 21/22 school year, Allow facility usage. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of granting the Superintendent authority to approve building disposal lists related to consumables, old textbooks/resources,

and broken/damaged equipment/furniture (in addition, any disposed item will be removed from District Asset List)

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 to grant the Superintendent authority to approve building disposal lists related to consumables, old textbooks/resources, and broken/damaged equipment/furniture (in addition, any disposed item will be removed from District Asset List). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of the agreement with Pressley Ridge and Fort Cherry School District for services provided by Pressley Ridge 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 agreement with Pressley Ridge and Fort Cherry School District for services provided by Pressley Ridge. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. Action on the approval of the 2021/2022 IU1 Educational Service Agreement

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. McKay that the Board approve the 2021/2022 IU1 Educational Service Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

E. Action on the approval of Dr. Sarah Ogburn, D.M.D as District Dentist for the 2021/2022 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 Dr. Sarah Ogburn, D.M.D as District Dentist for the 2021/2022 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

F. Action on the approval of Washington Health System, Dr. Robert W. Koschik, MD as District Physician for the 21-22 school year 1st; Ms. Schwab 2nd; Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Washington Health System, Dr. Robert W. Koschik, MD as District Physician for the 21-22 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- G. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Cherry School District and Washington Communities Human Services, Inc for services for the 2021-2022 school year 1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0
  - Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Cherry School District and Washington Communities Human Services, Inc for services for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.
- H. Action on the approval of the Letter of Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Outside In School of Experiential Education for counseling services provided to Fort Cherry Students
   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 Letter of Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Outside In School of Experiential Education for counseling services provided to Fort Cherry Students. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

### **XVIII. Public Comment**

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

No Public Comments were made

## XIX. Executive Session

This item was not held.

#### XX. Adjournment

1st: Mrs. 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 May 24, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President

Mrs. Jessica Drylle, Board Secretary