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 Tuesday, May 26, 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. Cynthia Gaskill

Mr. Louis Ursitz Mrs. Dawn Fiori

Mrs. Melinda Errett

Mr. Eugene Briggs

Mrs. Jeanine Miles

Mrs. Julie Sepesy

Mrs. Beverly Schwab

The following members were excused/absent:

None

The following non-members were present:

Dr. Jill M. Jacoby, Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Mr. Busa Lucas, Salisitar, Andrews and Brice (Via Zoom M.

Mr. Russ Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price (Via Zoom Meeting)

Mrs. Pam Staley, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent (Via Zoom Meeting)

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 7:40pm to discuss Personnel and Contractual matters.

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

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 7:46pm

III. Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

IV. **Remarks by Visitors**

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

Mrs. Julie Vincenti made a statement to the Board that she is concerned about COVID-19 and the return to school in the fall. She stated that the unknown is terrifying and that she expects our Board to have common sense when making decisions on the opening of school. She bases her decisions on the Boards expertise and hopes that they will not base their decisions on fake videos and only base decisions on factual information.

V. **Presentations**

None

VI. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 27, 2020 and Special Meeting of May 4, 2020

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2020 and Special Meeting of May 4, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

VII. **Secretary's Correspondence**

None

VIII. **Treasurer's Actions**

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Mrs. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries 2nd: Mrs. Errett Motion: 9-0 1st: Mrs. Gaskill

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Mrs. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mrs. Miles reported that Dr. Craig and several teachers sent emails and hand written cards to students letting them know that they are thinking of them. Mrs. Miles stated that it was a very thoughtful and kind gesture and she knows how much time was put into those hand written cards. She appreciates the time and effort by Dr. Craig!

B. Solicitor's Report

None

C. Superintendents Report

Dr. Jacoby reported that the administrators are meeting and putting together a "reopening of schools for 2020/2021" document. She handed out the document and reported that over the next month, that administrators will be working to gather information in this document to develop a plan to reopen schools in the fall.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval of the employment of 2020 Summer District Cleaners from the Order of Merit List, as needed per District Administration

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the employment of 2020 Summer District Cleaners from the Order of Merit List, as needed per District Administration. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

B. Action on the approval to grant an annual stipend of \$5,000 to an administrator for the Director of Transportation position for the 2020/2021 school year (7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021)

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the granting of an annual stipend of \$5,000 to an

- administrator for the Director of Transportation position for the 2020/2021 school year (7/1/2020 6/30/2021). Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.
- C. Action on the approval of an employment agreement between the District and Mrs. Sally Cowden, Food Service Clerk, effective 7/1/2020

 1st: Ms. Schwab

 2nd: Mrs. Errett

 Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve an employment agreement between the District and Mrs. Sally Cowden, Food Service Clerk, effective 7/1/2020. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval of an employment agreement between the District and Mrs. Patricia Fedinetz, Food Service Manager, effective 7/1/2020

 1st: Ms. Schwab

 2nd: Mrs. Errett

 Motion: 9-0
 - Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve an employment agreement between the District and Mrs. Patricia Fedinetz, Food Service Manager, effective 7/1/2020. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.
- E. Action on the approval to accept 2.50 sick days from prior employment for Ms. Maria Campbell, Professional Employee

 1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the acceptance of 2.50 sick days from prior employment for Ms. Maria Campbell, Professional Employee Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

F. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #1, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

G. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #2, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

H. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #3, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

I. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #4, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

J. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #5, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

K. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #6, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

L. Acknowledge the retirement of Professional Employee #7, under the District approved Retirement Incentive

President Miles acknowledged the retirement and thanked the retirees for all their years of service.

M. Action on the approval of the Retirement request of Professional Employee #8, under the District approved Retirement Incentive, subject to additional terms and conditions

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Retirement request of Professional Employee #8, under the District approved Retirement Incentive, subject to additional terms and conditions. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

N. Action on the approval of the Retirement request of Professional Employee #9, under the District approved Retirement Incentive, subject to additional terms and conditions

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Retirement request of Professional Employee #9, under the District approved Retirement Incentive, subject to additional terms and conditions. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

O. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Cassidy Renz, Special Education Professional Employee, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective the 2020/2021 School Year

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the hiring of Ms. Cassidy Renz, Special Education Professional Employee, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective the 2020/2021 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

P. Action on the approval to increase part time HS Café Workers hours by 15 minutes (216 total hours/year), effective the 2020/2021 School Year 1st: Mrs. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the increase of part time HS Café Workers hours by 15 minutes (216 total hours/year), effective the 2020/2021 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

A. Action on the approval to award Bozic Communications the bid for installing Digital Clocks, at a cost not to exceed \$90,892 (Funds coming out of Capital Projects Fund)

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mrs. Errett

Motion: 8-0-1

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve the awarding of the bid to Bozic Communications for installing Digital Clocks, at a cost not to exceed \$90,892 (Funds coming out of Capital Projects Fund). Motion passed, 8-0-1 with Mrs. Schwab abstaining. Abstention forms are included in original Board minutes.

XII. Transportation

A. Action on the approval of a six (6) year transportation contract between Fort Cherry School District and Hickory Transport, commencing July 1, 2020, subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor

Item XII A. dies from a lack of motion

XIII. Finance

A. Action on the approval to raise breakfast/lunch prices for the 2020/2021 school year:

Elm Breakfast: \$1.65 (\$1.55 current price) Elm Lunch: \$2.75 (\$2.65 current price)

HS Breakfast: \$1.70 (\$1.60 current price)

HS Lunch: \$2.85 (\$2.75 current price)

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the raise of breakfast/lunch prices for the 2020/2021 school year: Elm Breakfast: \$1.65 (\$1.55 current price), Elm Lunch: \$2.75 (\$2.65 current price), HS Breakfast: \$1.70 (\$1.60 current price), HS Lunch: \$2.85 (\$2.75 current price). Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2020/2021 School Year with expenditures of \$19,146,948 and a millage rate of 12.9304 (Final Budget of 2020/2021 to be approved at the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting)

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Proposed Final Budget for the 2020/2021 School Year with expenditures of \$19,146,948 and a millage rate of 12.9304 (Final Budget of 2020/2021 to be approved at the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting). The Board agreed to set a budget meeting for Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6pm. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of appointing the following Direct Depositories for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year:
 - 1. Washington Financial Bank General and Operation Accounts
 - 2. Northwest Savings Bank General Fund Technology Account
 - 3. PLGIT 2019 Bond Proceeds and General Fund Account
 - 1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve appointing the following Direct Depositories for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year:

- 4. Washington Financial Bank General and Operation Accounts
- 5. Northwest Savings Bank General Fund Technology Account
- 6. PLGIT 2019 Bond Proceeds and General Fund Account Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.
- D. Action on the approval of appointing a District Treasurer for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

1st: Mrs. Fiori 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Fiori nominated Mrs. Cindy Gaskill as the District Treasurer for 2020/2021, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy. The Board voted on the nomination and appointment of Mrs. Gaskill as District Treasurer for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

E. Action on the approval of the Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed 2020/2021 budget totaling \$6,057,109 (with Fort Cherry School District contribution of \$224,853.80)

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Western Area Career & Technology Center's proposed 2020/2021 budget totaling \$6,057,109 (with Fort Cherry School District contribution of \$224,853.80). Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

F. Action on the approval to accept the School Safety Grant (\$40,000) which provides the District the ALERT Software, at a cost not to exceed the District of \$3,000

1st: Mrs. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Errett

Motion: 0-9

Mrs. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve the acceptance of the School Safety Grant (\$40,000) which provides the District the ALERT Software, at a cost not to exceed the District of \$3,000. Motion failed unanimously, 0-9.

G. Action on the approval of the current real estate contract with Keystone Collections Group for Robinson Township, McDonald Borough, and Midway Borough

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the current real estate contract with Keystone Collections Group for Robinson Township, McDonald Borough, and Midway Borough. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XIV. Technology

There were no Technology items.

XV. Athletics

A. Action on the approval to donate old, unusable football helmets to the FC Quarterback Club to be used as a fundraiser

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Mrs. Errett

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Errett that the Board approve the donation of old, unusable football helmets to the FC Quarterback Club to be used as a fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XVI. Activities

A. Action on the approval to donate old band uniforms to Fort Cherry Band Boosters

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the donation of old band uniforms to Fort Cherry Band Boosters. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XVII. Textbooks and Supplies

A. 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 the District's Asset List)

1st: Mrs. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz.

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board 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 the District's Asset List). Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

B. Action on the approval to cancel this years' community Tech giveaway due to COVID-19

1st: Mrs. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 3-6

Mrs. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the cancellation of this years' community Tech giveaway due to COVID-19. Mrs. McKay mentioned that she was aware of many families that took advantage of the giveaway and she hated to see this opportunity for them to be cancelled. Dr. Jacoby stated that she can put together a "virtual" shop so the families can participate in the giveaway remotely. Dr. Jacoby will send details out in July. Motion failed, 3-6.

XVIII. Policy

There were no Policy items.

XIX. Miscellaneous

A. Action on the approval of Dr. Sarah Ogburn, D.M.D. as District Dentist for the 2020/2021 School Year

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Fiori

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Dr. Sarah Ogburn, D.M.D. as District Dentist for the 2020/2021 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XX. Public Comment

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

No Public Comment

XXI. Executive Session

This item was not held.

XXII. Adjournment

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President

Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary

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