

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, October 24, 2022, beginning at 6:00 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
Mr. Louis Ursitz
Mrs. Jeanine Miles

Mrs. Julie Sepesy

The following members were excused/absent:

Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mr. Cory Matchett

Mr. Chase Ogburn

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary (transition)
Mr. Russell Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price
Mr. Sal Bittner, Solicitor, Andrews and Price
Ms. Melanie Rush, Superintendent Intern

The following community members were present:

Ms. Peyton Faynestock
Mrs. Katie Gordon
Mr. Loni Libert

The following people attended virtually:

Ms. Erin Connors
Mr. Chris Hallowich
Mr. Richard Hursh
Mrs. Carol Staley

I. Executive Session (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:10 pm. Executive session items discussed were personnel, legal issues and real estate.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:14 pm

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

IV. Remarks by Visitors

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

none

V. Presentations

A. District Administration provided an overview of attendance and school progress baselines and plans for the future. Mrs. Brianne Eiler and Mr. Dan Mayer presented for the Elementary School. Mrs. Lauren Cieply presented for the Junior High/High School.

VI. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022. Motion passed, 6-0.

VII. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Staley reported the Board received two Thank You notes. One for the memorial gift sent to the Hickory UEP Church for Mr. Eugene Briggs' mother, Mrs. Shirley Briggs. A second note was received from Ms. Jessie Merkle to thank the student volunteers who helped at the Hickory Apple Festival.

VIII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

B. Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Action to approve the July, August and September 2022 Treasurer's Report Account Summaries.

1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve of the July, August and September 2022 Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Action on the approval of Budget Control Reports

1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

IX. Reports

A. Board Reports

none

B. Solicitor's Report

none

C. Superintendent's Report

None discussed. Superintendent's report is filed with the minutes and posted on the website.

X. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval of Ms. Janet Boneysteele, temporary, part-time, elementary breakfast cafeteria employee for the 2022-2023 school year per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork and documents.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Ms. Janet Boneysteele, temporary, part-time, elementary breakfast cafeteria employee for the 2022-2023 school year per the FC

Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork and documents.
Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval to accept 157 sick days for Ms. Jeannine Vittorino Ambrose, professional employee, from her prior employment.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 5-1

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve to accept 157 sick days for Ms. Jeannine Vittorino Ambrose, professional employee, from her prior employment.
Motion passed 5-1, with Mrs. Sepesy voting against.

- C. Action on the approval Ms. Peyton Fahnestock as a volunteer assistant majorette and band coach pending completion and review of all required documentation.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Ms. Peyton Fahnestock as a volunteer assistant majorette and band coach pending completion and review of all required documentation. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- D. Action on the approval Mrs. Renee' Miller as Finance and Operations Supervisor/Accounting Clerk commencing October 25, 2022, with an additional salary adjustment of \$6,000.00.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Mrs. Renee' Miller as Finance and Operations Supervisor/Accounting Clerk commencing October 25, 2022, with an additional salary adjustment of \$6,000.00. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XI. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the approval of Bulldog Tree Care, LLC's proposal for tree trimming and removal on campus for \$5,350.00.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Bulldog Tree Care, LLC's proposal for tree trimming and removal on campus for \$5,350.00. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval of a one year contract with FMX for work order and facility usage software for \$5,201.25.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve the one year contract with FMX for work order and facility usage software for \$5,201.25. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Action on the approval to purchase twenty (20) additional Walkie Talkies from A.V. Luttamus Communications, Inc for \$8,860.00.

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 6-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the purchase of twenty (20) additional Walkie Talkies from A.V. Luttamus Communications, Inc for \$8,860.00. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- D. Action on the approval to contract Bozic Communications, Inc. to install overhead electrical cable (Option #2) to the Fort Cherry Freight Farm for \$7,431.00.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 5-0-1

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve to contract Bozic Communications, Inc. to install overhead electrical cable (Option #2) to the Fort Cherry Freight Farm for \$7,431.00. Motion passed, 5-0-1. Ms. Schwab abstained due to conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork filed with the Board minutes.

XII. Transportation

none

XIII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval to raise Day to Day Substitute Teacher pay rates to a consistent \$120.00/day:

Day 1 – Day 30: \$120.00/day (previously \$105.00/day)

Day 31 and after: \$120.00/day (previously \$115.00/day)

Retired Teacher: \$120.00/day (previously \$120.00/day)

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve to raise Day to Day Substitute Teacher pay rates to a consistent \$120.00/day. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval to purchase High School Learning Commons stools from PEMCo under CoStars contract #035-E22-157 at a cost not to exceed \$4,087.00. (Funds coming out of 2019 Bond Issue)

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve to purchase High School Learning Commons stools from PEMCo under CoStars contract #035-E22-157 at a cost not to exceed \$4,087.00. (Funds coming out of 2019 Bond Issue) Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Action on the approval to purchase High School chairs and desks from PEMCo under CoStars contract #035-E22-157 (Option #1), at a cost not to exceed \$59,388.00. (Funds coming out of 2019 Bond Issue-\$26,309.96 and Capital Projects Fund - \$33,078.04)

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve to purchase High School Learning Commons stools from PEMCo under CoStars contract #035-E22-157 (Option #1), at a cost not to exceed \$59,388.00. (Funds coming out of 2019 Bond Issue-\$26,309.96 and Capital Projects Fund - \$33,078.04) Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- D. Action on the approval to pay the June 9, 2020 Music Theater International invoice for \$2,545.10 from the Student Activities line item in the General Fund.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles, that the Board approve to pay the June 9, 2020 Music Theater International invoice for \$2,545.10 from the Student Activities line item in the General Fund. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XIV. Technology

There were no Technology items.

XV. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval of the Fort Cherry Girls' Wrestling MOU regarding coach payments.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the Fort Cherry Girls' Wrestling MOU regarding coach payments. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Zach Ford as an Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. Zach Ford as an Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. James Shiel as an Assistant 7/8 grade Girls' Volleyball coach, effective immediately.

President McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. James Shiel.

- D. Action on the approval of Mr. James Shiel as the 7/8 grade Girls' Volleyball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. James Shiel as the 7/8 grade Girls' Volleyball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- E. Action on the approval of Mr. James Shiel as the 7/8 grade Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. James Shiel as the 7/8 grade Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- F. Action on the approval of Mr. Chester Hoffman as a Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach pending receipt and review of all required paperwork and documentation.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. Chester Hoffman as a Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach pending receipt and review of all required paperwork and documentation. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XVI. Activities

None

XVII. Policy

- A. Action on the approval of the Board Resolution #1 – Appointment of Tax collector for Borough of Midway.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Board Resolution #1 – Appointment of Tax Collector for Borough of Midway. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the Board Resolution #2 – Appointment of Tax collector for Borough of McDonald.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Board Resolution #2 – Appointment of Tax Collector for Borough of McDonald. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Board Resolution #3 – Appointment of Tax collector for Borough of Robinson.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Board Resolution #3 – Appointment of Tax Collector for Borough of Robinson. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of the Board Resolution #4 – Act 57 of 2022.

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the Board Resolution #4 – Act 57 of 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval for the class of 2024 to redirect the class trip from New York City to Washington, D.C. on April 10th – 12th, 2023, due to price increases (no cost to the District).

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the class of 2024 to redirect the class trip from New York City to Washington, D.C. on April 10th – 12th, 2023, due to price increases (no cost to the District). Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. Action on the approval of the attendance of a non-resident Career Pathway student in Fort Cherry School District's General Vocational Agricultural program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2022-2023 school year, with the understanding that the student's School District of residence will be responsible for the tuition costs of the Program and for the student's transportation to and from this Program, if the student's parents do not provide transportation.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

D. Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the attendance of a non-resident Career Pathway student in Fort Cherry School District's General Vocational Agricultural program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2022-2023 school year, with the understanding that the student's School District of residence will be responsible for the tuition costs of the Program and for the student's transportation to and from this Program, if the student's parents do not provide transportation. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

XIX. Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

XX. Executive Session

No executive session was necessary.

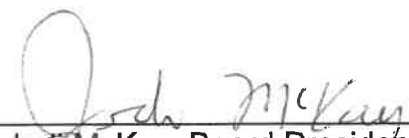
XXI. Adjournment

1st: Mr. Ursitz

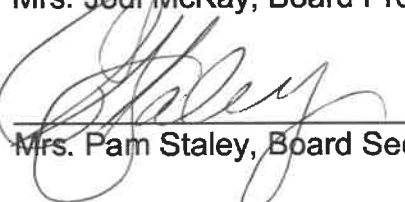
2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 6-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary

