

# 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, September 26, 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	Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mr. Chase Ogburn	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mr. Cory Matchett
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Jeanine Miles	

The following members were excused/absent:  
none

The following non-members were present:

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

The following community members were present:

Mr. Loni Libert	Ms. Bev Browett
Mrs. Dawn Jeanette	Mr. Brian Jeanette
Ms. Amber Browett	

\* List of all members that attended virtual session will be filed with official Board minutes

### **I. Executive Session (6:00pm)**

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:03 pm.  
Executive session items discussed were Safety, Security and Finance.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:15 pm

**III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022. 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. Dawn Jeanette shared concerns regarding Majorette volunteer policies.

**V. Presentations**

- A. Tenure recognition for Ms. Carolena Gasbarro, Ms. Nicole Koutsourais, and Mrs. Maria Novolbilsky.
- B. Samuel, Son and Company Presentation with Mr. Nate Phillips (Chapman Corporation) and Mr. Rob Phillips (Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington) regarding potential LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) Development.

**VI. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2022**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 8-0-1

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2022. Mrs. Miles abstained as she was not in attendance. Motion passed with one abstention, 8-0-1. (abstention paper filed with Board documents)

**VII. Secretary's Correspondence**

Mrs. Staley reported the Board received two Thank You cards for the memorial gift sent to the Mount Pleasant Township Fire Department for Mrs. Miles mother, Mrs. Billie Jo Robinson.

**VIII. Treasurer's Actions**

**A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment**  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 9-0

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

- B. Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Action to approve the July and August 2022 Treasurer's Report Account Summaries is tabled until October 22, 2022.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board table the approval of the July and August 2022 Treasurer's Report Account Summaries until October 22, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Budget Control Reports

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 9-0

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

## **IX. Reports**

### **A. Board Reports**

Mr. Bianchini reported on the successful "Dueling Pianos" fundraiser which benefitted Girls' Basketball. He also discussed the Fort Cherry Foundation which has been reestablished as a vehicle for academic growth and financial stability.

### **B. Solicitor's Report**

Submitted during Executive Session regarding pending litigation

### **C. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's Report is included in the Board packet and posted on the Fort Cherry website. Mr. Samosky took this time to thank the High School and Elementary school staff for stepping up to serve our students and community. He also recognized Fort Cherry's newly tenured teachers and acknowledged the Freight Farm delivery by the end of September 2022.

## **X. Personnel and Curriculum**

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Hannah Cornell, Jr. High Student Council Sponsor, effective August 19, 2022.

President McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Hannah Cornell, Jr. High Student Council Sponsor, and thanked her for her years of service.

- B. Action on the approval of Ms. Lauren Shoup as the sponsor of the Jr. High Student Council per the FCEA Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve Ms. Lauren Shoup as the sponsor of the Jr. High Student Council per the FCEA Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of changing the club name from Rod and Gun Club to the Sportsmen's club.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the club name change from Rod and Gun Club to the Sportsmen's Club. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval of Ms. Casey Tokarski as the sponsor of the Sportsmen's Club.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve Ms. Casey Tokarski as the sponsor of the Sportsmen's Club. Motion passes unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval of starting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve starting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- F. Action on the approval of Mr. Ben Maxin as the sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Club.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve Mr. Ursitz, as the sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Club. Motion passes unanimously, 9-0.

- G. Action on the employment of Mrs. Kim Bianchi, as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, that the Board approve the employment of Mrs. Kim Bianchi as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee per the FC maintenance/Food Service Bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- H. Action on the employment of Mrs. Chelsea Wiedenhofer, as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the employment of Ms. Chelsea Wiedenhofer as a permanent, part-time cafeteria employee per the FC maintenance/Food Service Bargaining agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- I. Action on the employment of Ms. Deanna Darras, as a full-time clerical paraprofessional in the High School per the FCESPA Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the employment of Ms. Deanna Darras, as a full-time clerical paraprofessional in the High School per the FCESPA Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- J. Acknowledge the approval of Ms. Peyton Fahnestock as a volunteer assistant majorette and band coach pending completion of all required documents.

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, to table the approval of Ms. Fahnestock as volunteer assistant majorette and band coach until the next Board meeting on October 24, 2022. The motion to table passed 8-1-0 with Mrs. Gaskill voting in opposition.

- K. Action on the approval of the Superintendent's goals for the 2022/2023 school year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the Superintendent's goals for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

**XI. Buildings and Grounds**

- A. Action on the approval to dispose of broken/damaged air conditioning units (in addition, and disposed item will be removed from the District's Asset List)

**XII. Transportation**

There were no Transportation items.

**XIII. Finance**

There were no Finance items.

**XIV. Technology**

There were no Technology items.

**XV. Athletics**

- A. Action on the approval of the Boys' Basketball team to attend an overnight team retreat at Jumonville Retreat Center in Uniontown, PA on November 11, 2022 – November 13, 2022.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Boys' Basketball team to attend an overnight team retreat at Jumonville Retreat Center in Uniontown, PA on November 11, 2022 – November 13, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Carolena Gasbarro, Assistant Varsity Softball coach, effective immediately.

President McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Carolena Gasbarro, Assistant Varsity Softball coach, and thanked her for her service.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Vincenzo Gasbarro, Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball coach, effective immediately.

President McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Vincenzo Gasbarro, Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball coach, and thanked him for his service.

- D. Action on the approval of Mr. Vincenzo Gasbarro as volunteer Varsity Boys' Basketball coach.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill                      Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, that the Board approve Mr. Vincenzo Gasbarro as a volunteer Varsity Boys' Basketball coach. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval of the Fort Cherry Cross Country 5K fundraiser, October 30, 2022 with all proceeds going to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the Fort Cherry Cross Country 5K fundraiser, October 30, 2022 with all proceeds going to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

## **XVI. Activities**

There were no Activity items.

## **XVII. Policy**

- A. Action on the approval of the revision to Policy #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the revision to Policy #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

## **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

- A. Action on the approval of the Schedule for Regular Board Meetings for the 2023 calendar year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Schedule for Regular Board Meetings for the 2023 calendar year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the Schedule for the District Budgetary Planning Meetings for the 2023-2024 school year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, to approve the Schedule for Regular Board Meetings for the 2023 calendar year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Fort Cherry School District's Title I Schoolwide Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

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 Fort Cherry School District's Title I Schoolwide Plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval to raise the National Honor Society minimum grade point average from 3.0 to 3.5.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve to raise the National Honor Society minimum grade point average from 3.0 to 3.5. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Action on the approval of the three (3) year agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Cintas to provide the District entry rugs effective November 1, 2022.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the three (3) year agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Cintas to provide the District entry rugs effective November 1, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- F. Action on the approval to appoint Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager, as the District's delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee (WCTCC) effective immediately.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve to appoint Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager, as the District's delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee (WCTCC) effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.



**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**

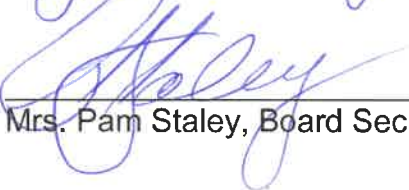
1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

  
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Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

  
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Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary

