

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, September 27, 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	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mr. Cory Matchett	
Mr. Eugene Briggs	

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Dawn Fiori

The following non-members were present:

Dr. Catherine Joyce Nicksick, Acting Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Mrs. Amy Schrempf, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

Paul Bianchini– Mt. Pleasant Twp.

* 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 7:32pm to discuss Safety and Personnel matters.

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

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 7:36pm

III. Approval of Agenda - Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 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)

Paul Bianchini – Asked about lack of gym space in the Elementary now due to a second café being moved into the gym to properly socially distance lunches. He asked if Basketball could move the desks and put them back. Dr. Nicksick stated that she will notify him of the Board's decision. Mr. Bianchini also commented about the air conditioning issues and stated that there is a lot of talk out in the community and asked that something be communicated to parents.

V. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021 and the Recessed Meeting on August 30, 2021

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021 and the Recessed Meeting on August 30, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Drylie read a thank you note from the Heritage Public Library thanking the District for the generous donation.

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

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 Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

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

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 Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of 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. Miles reported on a PSBA Update. She spoke to our local PSBA rep and recommended that the Board do a workshop when Mr. Samosky starts and after the November election.

B. Solicitor's Report

No Solicitor's Report

C. Superintendents Report

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

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Acknowledge the request from Mrs. Alicia Shea to transfer twenty (20) accrued leave days from prior employment

President Miles acknowledged the request from Mrs. Alicia Shea to transfer twenty (20) accrued leave days from prior employment

B. Action on the approval of a tentative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and the FCEA Collective Bargaining Unit regarding Cyber learning, pending Solicitors final review and approval

1st: Mr. Matchett

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve a tentative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fort Cherry School District and the FCEA Collective Bargaining Unit regarding Cyber learning, pending Solicitors final review and approval. Mrs. Drylie mentioned that this is an agreement regarding synchronous learning for temporary cyber students only. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval to employ Ms. Carol Klimas, Ms. Liz Welch, Ms. Cindy Drazik, and Mrs. Callie Shattuck as Temporary Cafeteria workers (3

hours a day) for the 2021/2022 school year only, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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 employment of Ms. Carol Klimas, Ms. Liz Welch, Ms. Cindy Drazik, and Mrs. Callie Shattuck as Temporary Cafeteria workers (3 hours a day) for the 2021/2022 school year only, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement . 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 Board Resolution #1 — IU1 Electric Consortium (Current agreement expires in Dec. 2022)

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve Board Resolution #1 — IU1 Electric Consortium (Current agreement expires in Dec. 2022). Roll Call was made and all present Board Members voted Yes. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval to increase constable pay to \$25.00/hour, effective 10/1/2021

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 increase in constable pay to \$25.00/hour, effective 10/1/2021. Mrs. Drylie stated the rate has not been adjusted for years. Chief Buchowski reached out to other local school districts to see what they are paying their constables. \$25 is the average rate most schools are paying. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Discussion on the ESSER II and ARP ESSER grant

Mrs. Drylie started the discussion by stating that Fort Cherry SD is getting \$540,551 from ESSER II Grant and \$1,093,378 from ARP ESSER III Grant. The Board began these discussion talks in the 2021/2022 Budget Discussions. The expenditures earmarked for ESSER II are as follows:

21/22 Maintenance supplies, 21/22 Technology supplies, 21/22 Mental Health consultants, finishing up the wireless upgrades at Elementary Center, 21/22 Reading Specialist at Elm, and possibly adding more water bottle fillers at both HS and Elm. The District has to use ESSER II funds by 9/30/2022. ARP ESSER III Funds are still under review and discussion. The expenditures that the Board spoke about are: Maintenance and Technology supplies for future years, Mental Health Consultants for future years, summer hours for Student Support Coordinators, Camera/server upgrades, summer programs for students, Daylight cleaners for 21/22 school year, Promethean Boards, FC Cyber program. There are stipulations on how Districts can spend ARP ESSER grant, 20% has to go towards learning loss. The District has to spend these funds by 2023/2024 school year.

XIII. Technology

There were no Technology items.

XIV. 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 12, 2021 – November 14th, 2021

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Boys Basketball Team to attend an overnight team retreat at Jumonville Retreat Center in Uniontown, PA on November 12, 2021 – November 14th, 2021. Mr. Briggs stated that they will be monitoring the Covid levels and will adjust this trip if necessary. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Christian Silveira as a volunteer 7th/8th Grade Football Coach

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve Mr. Christian Silveira as a volunteer 7th/8th Grade Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XV. Activities

- A. Action on the approval of the three (3) year agreement with Fort Cherry School District and Walsworth Yearbooks

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 three (3) year agreement with Fort Cherry School

District and Walsworth Yearbooks. Mrs. Hess and the Yearbook staff are happy with Walsworth Yearbooks and would like to continue using them for the HS Yearbooks. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Mrs. Linda Whalen as a volunteer Varsity Cheer Coach

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve Mrs. Linda Whalen as a volunteer Varsity Cheer Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Policy

There were no Policy items.

XVII. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of the Schedule for Regular Board Meetings for the 2022 calendar year

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the Schedule for Regular Board Meetings for the 2022 calendar year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the District Budgetary Planning Meetings for the 2022-2023 school year

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the District Budgetary Planning Meetings for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Fort Cherry School District's Title 1 Schoolwide Plan

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve of the Fort Cherry School District's Title 1 Schoolwide Plan. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2021/2022 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 the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2021/2022 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval of an amended agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve an amended agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. 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 Comment

XIX. Executive Session

This item was not held.

XX. Adjournment

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 adjournment of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.



Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President



Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary

