

Minutes of Reorganization/Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

A Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, December 2, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Learning Commons at the High School located at 110 Fort Cherry Road, McDonald, PA 15057.

The following members were present:

Mr. Eugene Briggs	Mrs. Dawn Fiori
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill (arrived at 6:37pm)	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Jodi McKay	Mrs. Beverly Schwab

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Melinda Errett

The following non-members were present:

Dr. Jill M. Jacoby, Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Mr. Andrew Evankovich, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

Lon Libert – Mt. Pleasant Township
Julie Vincenti – Mt. Pleasant Township
Kim Bianchi – Mt. Pleasant Township
Renea Cook - Robinson Township
Bryan Smith – Mt. Pleasant Township

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 6:30pm

II. Reorganization of Board

a. Election of a Temporary Chairperson

1st: Mrs. Fiori 2nd: Mrs. McKay Motion: 5-0

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. McKay to nominate Mrs. Jeanine Miles as Temporary Chairperson. No other nominations were called. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Oath of Office

Mrs. Miles asked all newly elected Board Members to rise and repeat the Oath of Office. Elected Board Members include Mrs. Beverly Schwab, Mrs. Julie Sepesy, Mrs. Melinda Errett, Mrs. Jodi McKay, and Mr. Louis Ursitz.

c. Election of a President for 2020

1st: Mrs. McKay 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 7-0

Mrs. McKay made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori to nominate Mrs. Jeanine Miles as Board President for 2020. No other nominations were called. Mrs. McKay made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori, to close the nominations. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

d. Election of a Vice President for 2020

1st: Mrs. McKay 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 7-0

Mrs. McKay made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori to nominate Mrs. Melinda Errett as Board Vice President for 2020. No other nominations were called. Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori, to close the nominations. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

e. Roll Call

Roll call was made by Secretary, Mrs. Jessica Drylie. All Board Members were present except for Mrs. Melinda Errett.

III. Informational Meeting regarding transportation RFP

The Board moved into an informational meeting regarding the Transportation RFP at 6:40pm. The informational meeting lasted till 7:04pm. This discussion was an update to the Board on the current transportation RFP.

IV. Executive Session

Executive Session was held starting at 7:05pm and ending at 7:48pm to discuss Legal and Personnel matters.

V. Approval of Agenda – Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 2, 2019

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

Mrs. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the agenda of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 2, 2019. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VI. Remarks by Visitors

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

None

VII. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of October 28, 2019 and the Special Meeting of November 11, 2019

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2019 and the Special Meeting of November 11, 2019. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VIII. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Drylie read a card received from the Hickory Apple Festival Co-Chairmen. They wanted to thank the Board for allowing the District's parking Lot to be used during the Hickory Apple Festival.

IX. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

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

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

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

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mrs. McKay announced Angel Tree Wrapping will be held on December 17th in the HS Cafeteria for anyone who can help.

B. Solicitor's Report

No Report

C. Superintendents Report

Dr. Jacoby showed the Board and audience a sample of the new Band uniform that the District is looking at for next school year. Dr. Jacoby also reminded all Board Members that the required Board training is on December 11th. She will be sending out the information via email this week.

XI. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Action on the approval to temporarily fill the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at a prorated cost of \$38,071, effective immediately until December 31, 2020

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve to temporarily fill the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at a prorated cost of \$38,071, effective immediately until December 31, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XII. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the approval for John Myers Plumbing & Heating to add heating to the pole barn, not to exceed \$23,793 (Funds coming from Capital Projects Fund)

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve John Myers Plumbing & Heating to add heating to the pole barn, not to exceed \$23,793 (Funds coming from Capital Projects Fund). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIII. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the private transportation contract with Jake G. Schneider Bus Contractor

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the private transportation contract with Jake G. Schneider Bus Contractor. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of appointing Ms. Loretta Kendall to serve as a non-voting appointee of the Board of School Directors to the Board's Transportation Committee, with the appointment to last until the District's 2020-2021 transportation contracts are approved and finalized
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Ms. Loretta Kendall to serve as a non-voting appointee of the Board of School Directors to the Board's Transportation Committee, with the appointment to last until the District's 2020-2021 transportation contracts are approved and finalized. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XIV. Finance

- A. Action to adopt Resolution #6 - 12-2-2019 - Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for budget year 2020/2021
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board adopt Resolution #6 - 12-2-2019 - Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for budget year 2020/2021. Mrs. Drylie reported that PDE set the District's index at 3.4% for the 2020/2021 School Year. Roll call was made and all present Members voted yes. Mrs. Errett was absent. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to pay Johnson Controls, Inc. Application #7 invoice in the amount of \$107,311.05 out of the 2019 Bond Proceeds Fund (\$85,111.05 left of contract)
1st: Mrs. Fiori 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 0-8

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill that the Board approve to pay Johnson Controls, Inc. Application #7 invoice in the amount of \$107,311.05 out of the 2019 Bond Proceeds Fund (\$85,111.05 left of contract). Motion failed with all members voting No.

XV. Technology

- A. Action on the approval to pay Jason Gao, 10th Grade Student, \$151.38 (20.88 hours) for Technology work
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve to pay Jason Gao, 10th Grade Student, \$151.38 (20.88 hours) for Technology work. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to hire Mr. David Zoeller as the Technology Assistant, at a salary of \$35,000 (prorated)

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

Mrs. Fiori made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the hire of Mr. David Zoeller as the Technology Assistant, at a salary of \$35,000 (prorated). Mrs. Drylie stated that the Board previously approved the merit list that Mr. Zoeller was on in August 2019. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVI. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval to hire a Head Varsity Football Coach, per the order of Merit List, at the compensation set forth in the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Schwab Motion: 7-0-1

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the hire of a Head Varsity Football Coach, per the order of Merit List, at the compensation set forth in the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed 7-0-1, with Mrs. Gaskill abstaining. The Abstention form is made part of the official minutes.

- B. Action on the approval for the Softball team to attend a pre-season conditioning workout in Tennessee on March 11-14th, 2020 (All costs paid by Boosters and/or Parents)

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the Softball team to attend a pre-season conditioning workout in Tennessee on March 11-14th, 2020 (All costs paid by Boosters and/or Parents). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Ms. Christine Gulakowski to volunteer as a District representative for an individual student to attend the WPIAL Gymnastic Tournament

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Ms. Christine Gulakowski to volunteer as a District representative for an individual student to attend the WPIAL Gymnastic Tournament. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of Ms. Tiffany Oshea to volunteer as a District representative for an individual student to attend the WPIAL Gymnastic Tournament

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

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve Ms. Tiffany Oshea to volunteer as a District representative for an individual student to attend the WPIAL Gymnastic Tournament. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVII. Activities

There were no Activity items.

XVIII. Textbooks and Supplies

There were no Textbook and Supply items.

XIX. Policy

There were no Policy items.

XX. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval to deny Grievance #2019.11.11
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the denial of Grievance #2019.11.11. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on appointing Andrews and Price as District Solicitor for the 2020 calendar year
1st: Mrs. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Fiori Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiori that the Board approve the appointing of Andrews and Price as District Solicitor for the 2020 calendar year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Discussion on the topics for the January 13, 2020 Administrative Roundtable

Dr. Jacoby asked the Board what they wanted to hear at the January 13, 2020 roundtable. The topic of discipline and Student Service department was brought up. Mrs. Fiori asked for an update from the new Student Services position at the High School. Mrs. McKay also mentioned having a discussion for the community on discipline. Dr. Jacoby stated that she will eblast it out that it is a public meeting.

XXI. Public Comment

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

Mrs. Renea Cook spoke about how the District needs to complete a punch list for the AC Project.

XXII. Executive Session

This item was not held.

XXIII. Adjournment

1st: Mr. Ursitz

2nd: Mrs. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Schwab that the Board approve the adjournment of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 2, 2019. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.


Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President


Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary