

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

The following members were excused/absent:

None

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary
Mr. Joseph Cavrigh, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

Sam Roberts, Representative from Garland/DBS

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

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 6:30pm

II. Oath of Office

Pam Staley administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Chase Ogburn and Mr. Paul Bianchini. Mr. Ogburn and Mr. Bianchini took their seat at the table after they were sworn in.

III. Reorganization of Board

A. Roll Call

Secretary Drylie called Roll and all Board members were present.

B. Election of a Temporary Chairperson

1st: Mrs. Gaskill

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill nominated Mrs. Miles as the Temporary Chairperson. There were no other nominations. Mr. Ursitz seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

C. Nominations for Board President for 2022

Mrs. Sepsey nominated Mrs. McKay as Board President. Mrs. Gaskill nominated Mrs. Miles as Board President. There were no other motions. Mr. Ursitz made a motion to close nominations, Ms. Schwab seconded the motion.

Mr. Ogburn asked Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Miles to explain to the Board and public on why they want to be Board president. Mrs. Miles stated that she feels the responsibility of a Board President is to facilitate good working relationships and camaraderie amongst all board members. She mentioned that it's up to the Board President to set up board workshops and trainings to allow board members to be educated in the changing world of public education. Mrs. Miles stated that she would like to bring back the roundtables that the board held prior to COVID. Lastly, Mrs. Miles feels that the Board and District is in a really good place and she would like it to continue to move forward. Mrs. McKay stated that change is always a good thing. She would like to see more transparent meetings with having executive sessions last for a predetermined time so the public knows when the board meetings are starting. Mrs. McKay would like to start board committees. Lastly, Mrs. McKay feels each Board member deserves an equal voice and she will listen and work with all board members equally. Mrs. Gaskill added what PSBA states the role of a board president is. She stated that it's a functional seat and the key role is communication.

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

D. Election of Board President for 2022

Mrs. Drylie called Roll and Mr. Bianchini, Mr. Matchett, Mrs. McKay, Mr. Ogburn, and Mrs. Sepsey voted for Mrs. McKay. Mrs. Gaskill, Mrs. Miles, Ms. Schwab, and Mr. Ursitz voted for Mrs. Miles. Motion passed 5-4, with Mrs. McKay as Board President for 2022.

E. Nominations for Board Vice President for 2022

Ms. Schwab nominated Mr. Ursitz as Board Vice President. Mrs. McKay nominated Mrs. Sepesy as Board Vice President. There were no other motions. Mrs. McKay made a motion to close nominations, Mr. Ursitz seconded the motion.

Mr. Ogburn asked the question as to why Mrs. Sepesy and Mr. Ursitz wants to be Board Vice President. Mr. Ursitz started by stating that he supports transparency and that he wished for board committees in the past. Mr. Ursitz stated that we will step in when the president isn't able to. Mrs. Sepesy stated that she wishes to be chosen as vice president as she feels she can work as a solid part of the Team of 10, be available when called upon by the Board President, and fill in for the Board President when required to do so. Her personal goal of being on the Board was and still remains strongly to be that person that the community, parents, staff, and students can ask questions of, to be an ear to listen to what they have to say, and to promote all good things that the school district does. Mrs. Sepesy feels blessed to have 100s of different people who feel comfortable in reaching out to her, and she welcomes that with her whole heart.

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

F. Election of Board Vice President for 2022

Mrs. Drylie called Roll and Mr. Bianchini, Mr. Matchett, Mrs. McKay, Mr. Ogburn, and Mrs. Sepesy voted for Mrs. Sepesy. Mrs. Gaskill, Mrs. Miles, Ms. Schwab, and Mr. Ursitz voted for Mr. Ursitz. Motion passed 5-4, with Mrs. Sepesy as Board Vice President for 2022.

IV. Executive Session

Executive Session was held starting at 6:59pm and ending at 8:06pm to discuss Safety, Contractual, and Personnel matters.

V. Approval of Agenda – Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 6, 2021

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Ursitz

Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz to approve the agenda of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 6, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

VI. Remarks by Visitors

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

No Remarks by Visitors

VII. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of October 25, 2021

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

VIII. Secretary's Correspondence

No Secretary Correspondence

IX. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment

1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: 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. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries

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

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

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports

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

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

X. Reports

A. Board Reports

The Board discussed changes to the times that the Board holds Executive Session. They spoke and discussed the best way to hold Executive Session and allowing the public to know exactly when the public meeting begins so the public is not waiting for the Board to finish Executive

Session. The Board will continue this discussion and decide the procedures in the next month or so.

B. Solicitor's Report

None

C. Superintendents Report

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

XI. Personnel and Curriculum

A. Action on the approval to increase Maintenance/Cafeteria Staff substitute rates to \$13/hour

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the increase of Maintenance/Cafeteria Staff substitute rates to \$13/hour. Mrs. Drylie mentioned that all substitute rates in the District have increased except Maintenance/Cafeteria and the new rate is comparable to surrounding districts. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

B. Action on the approval to extend a Professional Employees Medical Leave of Absence request to January 1, 2022

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve to extend a Professional Employees Medical Leave of Absence request to January 1, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

C. Action on the approval to employ Ms. Ariel Morris, part-time Paraprofessional, per the Fort Cherry Secretaries & Aides Educational Support Collective Bargaining Agreement

1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve to employ Ms. Ariel Morris, part-time Paraprofessional, per the Fort Cherry Secretaries & Aides Educational Support Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

D. Action on the approval of the retirement of Ms. Dawn Smith, Director of Pupil Services, effective January 2, 2022

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the retirement of Ms. Dawn Smith, Director of Pupil Services, effective January 2, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Acknowledge the Maternity Leave Request for a Professional Employee from January 1, 2022 until February 28, 2022

President McKay acknowledged the Maternity Leave Request for a Professional Employee from January 1, 2022 until February 28, 2022

- F. Action on the approval to employ Ms. Chelsea Wiedenhofer as Temporary/Substitute Cafeteria worker (3 hours a day) for the 2021/2022 school year only, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement
1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve to employ Ms. Chelsea Wiedenhofer as Temporary/Substitute Cafeteria worker (3 hours a day) for the 2021/2022 school year only, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- G. Action on the approval of a Full Time Maintenance employee medical leave request from January 31, 2022 until June 24, 2022
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve a Full Time Maintenance employee medical leave request from January 31, 2022 until June 24, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- H. Action on the approval to post for employment of a Director of Technology/Online Learning position
1st: Mr. Ursitz 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve to post for employment of a Director of Technology/Online Learning position. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- I. Action on the approval of the Superintendent Goals for the 2021/2022 School Year
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the Superintendent Goals for the 2021/2022 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XII. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the approval of the roofing material and services proposal from Garland/DBS, Inc for the High School Cafeteria Roof under MICPA Contract #PW1925, at a cost not to exceed \$549,209

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett that the Board approve the roofing material and services proposal from Garland/DBS, Inc for the High School Cafeteria Roof under MICPA Contract #PW1925, at a cost not to exceed \$549,209. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the High School chimney repair proposal from Garland/DBS, Inc under MICPA Contract #PW1925, at a cost not to exceed \$48,327, contingent on recommendation from Engineer

1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 9-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the High School chimney repair proposal from Garland/DBS, Inc under MICPA Contract #PW1925, at a cost not to exceed \$48,327, contingent on recommendation from Engineer. The Board asked questions to Sam Roberts, Project Manger from Garland/DBS. The concerns were that the Chimney could be taken down further to reduce the additional repairs that the chimney will need. The Board asked for CJL Engineering's recommendation on how low we can take the chimney down. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval for two Eagleview reports to assist in the scope of the District masonry repairs, at a cost not to exceed \$500 (funds budgeted in General Fund)

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

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve two Eagleview reports to assist in the scope of the District masonry repairs, at a cost not to exceed \$500 (funds budgeted in General Fund). Mrs. Sepesy asked if these reports will provide a scope of what repairs are needed. Mr. Roberts addressed the question by stating that these provide dimensions and scaling along with pictures from various views that help assist in the scope of the work. These reports will help determine the repairs quicker and more accurately than a person walking the campus from the ground. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XIII. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the updated bus driver list for Bish Transportation, pending completion of all required items

1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Mrs. Miles Motion: 7-0-2

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Miles that the Board approve the updated bus driver list for Bish Transportation, pending completion of all required items. Motion passed, 7-0-2, with Ms. Schwab and Mrs. Sepesy abstaining. Abstention forms are filed with the original minutes.

XIV. Finance

- A. Action on the approval to adopt Resolution #3 - Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2022/2023 school year
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve to adopt Resolution #3 - Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Agreement for the 2022/2023 school year. Roll call was made and all Board Members voted yes. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XV. Technology

There were no Technology items.

XVI. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval of Mr. Eugene Briggs as High School basketball coach effective December 7 , 2021, for the 2021-2022 season, with the stipend prorated in accordance with the effective date of the appointment
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve Mr. Eugene Briggs as High School basketball coach effective December 7 , 2021, for the 2021-2022 season, with the stipend prorated in accordance with the effective date of the appointment. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Miss Carolena Gasbarro as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Miss Carolena Gasbarro as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Mr. Nicolas Candelore as a Volunteer Varsity and Junior High Wrestling Coach
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Mr. Nicolas Candelore as a Volunteer Varsity and Junior High Wrestling Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- D. Action on the approval of Mr. Travis Ware as a Volunteer Varsity and Junior High Wrestling Coach

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve Mr. Travis Ware as a Volunteer Varsity and Junior High Wrestling Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- E. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Jessie Merckle, Assistant Girls/Boys Cross Country Coach

President McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Jessie Merckle, Assistant Girls/Boys Cross Country Coach and thanked her for her service.

- F. Action on the approval for Varsity Wrestling to attend the Southmoreland Wrestling Tournament on December 27th, 2021 - December 28th, 2021 (Wrestling Boosters will pay for hotel accommodations)

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Varsity Wrestling to attend the Southmoreland Wrestling Tournament on December 27th, 2021 - December 28th, 2021 (Wrestling Boosters will pay for hotel accommodations). Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- G. Action on the approval of Mr. Hugh Staub as a Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Mr. Hugh Staub as a Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XVII. Activities

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Andrew Kramer, Musical Director, effective immediately

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Andrew Kramer, Musical Director, effective immediately, and thanked him for his service.

- B. Action on the approval employ Mrs. Eva Kramer as Prom Sponsor, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve Mrs. Eva Kramer as Prom Sponsor, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

XVIII. Policy

There were no Policy items.

XIX. Miscellaneous

- A. Action on the approval of Board Resolution #2-Authorizing Superintendent with PDE
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve Board Resolution #2-Authorizing Superintendent with PDE. This allows Mr. Samosky to eSign documents with PDE. Roll call was made and all Board Members voted yes. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- B. Action on the approval of appointing Andrews and Price as District Solicitor for the 2022 calendar year
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Ursitz Motion: 9-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve to appoint Andrews and Price as District Solicitor for the 2022 calendar year. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

- C. Action on the approval of a Board member alternate to serve on the Western Area CTC Joint Operating Committee for a two (2) year term, effective December 2021
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett that the Board approve Ms. Schwab as the alternate to serve on the Western Area CTC Joint Operating Committee for a two (2) year term, effective December 2021. 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 comments were made

XXI. Executive Session

This item was not held.

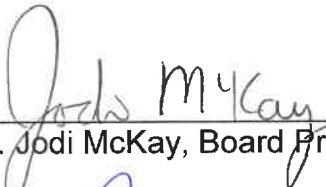
XXII. Adjournment

1st: Mr. Ursitz

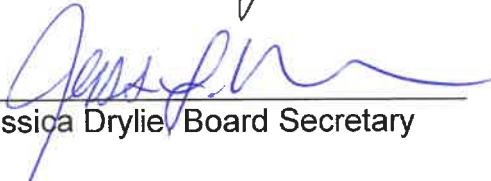
2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 9-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab that the Board approve the adjournment of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of December 6, 2021. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary