

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, September 21, 2020, 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 (Zoom)	Mr. Eugene Briggs
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mrs. Melinda Errett
Mr. Louis Ursitz	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Mrs. Dawn Fiori (Zoom)	Mrs. Beverly Schwab
Mrs. Jeanine Miles	

The following members were excused/absent:

None

The following non-members were present:

Dr. Jill M. Jacoby, Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica L. Drylie, Business Manager/Board Secretary (Zoom)

The following community members were present:

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 7:07pm to discuss District Safety.

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

By Whom: President Miles

Time: 7:10 pm

III. Approval of Agenda - Special Meeting of September 21, 2020

1st: Mrs. Errett

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 9-0

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy to approve the agenda of the Special Meeting of September 21, 2020. 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)

Dr. Jacoby read a statement from Mr. Russ Lucas, District Solicitor: "The District is aware of the recent Federal Judge ruling which has been reviewed and addressed by PDE, PIAA and WPIAL, as well as the District Solicitor. There is a high likelihood that the Judge's ruling will be stayed at some point this week pending an appeal by the Wolf Administration to the Court of Appeals. In keeping with the guidance received from PIAA, on an interim basis, the District is going to make only very marginal alterations to the 250/25 limits which will be applied on a sport-by-sport basis and which will be keyed on the following factors:

- (1) Is the sport outdoors?
- (2) Are all of the participants able to be present? and
- (3) Can some very limited modifications allow parents of student-athletes, with priority given to seniors, watch the game?

The District's Administration and Athletic Director will be responsible to make these determinations and implement them, and it is hoped that the District's personnel will be able to make these decisions without any public lobbying. Of course, at any event open to spectators of any number there will be a strict expectation that face coverings will be worn and social distance be maintained in seating.

We understand that these athletic events are important to the community. At the same time, the District has been able to successfully open school without significant numbers of COVID-19 infections, and we are not willing to jeopardize this."

V. Transportation

There were no Transportation items.

VI. Athletics

A. Action on the approval of the updated Athletic Health and Safety Plan to include Spectator Protocol

1st: Mrs. Errett 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 7-2

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the updated Athletic Health and Safety Plan to include Spectator Protocol. Mrs. Miles mentioned that the new Spectator Protocol within the District's Athletic Health and Safety Plan include two (2) spectator tickets to each Fort Cherry Rostered student which includes,

Band, Cheerleading, Football, and Cross Country and one (1) ticket for any away rostered student for all outdoor athletic events. For any Indoor athletic events, the new spectator protocol includes two (2) spectator tickets for any Fort Cherry Rostered student only. There will be no tickets given to away teams for indoor events. This is in effect for all Fall sports and can be revised at any time depending on new developments from the State. Roll Call was made and Mrs. Gaskill, Mrs. Sepesy, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Miles, Mr. Briggs, Mrs. Fiori, and Mrs. Errett all voting YES. Mr. Ursitz and Ms. Schwab voted NO. Motion passed, 7-2.

VII. Public Comment

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

Many comments were made by the public over Zoom. Mrs. Kristina Campbell asked questions regarding the statement read by Dr. Jacoby from our District Solicitor. Mrs. Renee Faletto had questions regarding indoor events regarding the entire team being able to sit inside the gymnasium with their teammates. Mrs. Stacey Brooks mentioned she was grateful to be given two tickets however was concerned about families with young children and asked if they were able to sit outside gate. Dr. Jacoby responded stating that unfortunately because the gates are still on District property, that guests without tickets will not be allowed to stand outside fence. Mrs. Erin Connors asked about the distribution of tickets and asked how Cyber students will receive them. Dr. Jacoby responded that the District will handle that. Mrs. Tiffany Harrison asked about her daughter having to sit in car and asked if that was still allowed for parents. Mrs. Mindi Cline asked if it is mandated from the state that the District not allow parents to stand outside fence. She also asked if this is in effect for Winter sports as well.

VIII. Executive Session

This item was not held.

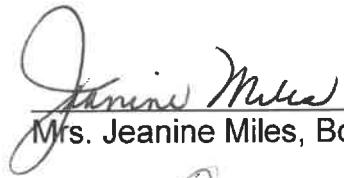
IX. Adjournment


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

Mrs. Errett made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz that the Board approve the adjournment of the Special Meeting of September 21, 2020. Motion passed unanimously, 9-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Mrs. Jeanine Miles, Board President

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