

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, August 14, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM with Executive Session and followed by the Regular Board meeting 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
Mr. Louis Ursitz

Mr. Paul Bianchini
Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mr. Cory Matchett
Mrs. Julie Sepesy

The following members were excused/absent:

Mrs. Jeanine Miles

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary

The following community members were present:

Attendee list is filed with Board Documents

* 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 6:55 pm.
Executive session items discussed were personnel and contractual issues.

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

By Whom: President Jodi McKay

Time: 7:01 pm

nurse, effective August 21, 2023, per the FCEA Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve to hire Ms. Rebecca Cecchini as High School nurse, effective August 21, 2023, per the FCEA Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval to hire Mrs. Malea Huth as a part-time paraprofessional per the FCSD Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2023, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to hire Mrs. Malea Huth as a part-time paraprofessional per the FCSD Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2023, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Acknowledge the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2023-24-01, commencing the day after all available sick and personal days are exhausted, but not earlier than September 29, 2023, and ending sixty (60) working days later.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2023-24-01.

- G. Action on the approval of the cleaner/custodial substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year as attached.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the cleaner/custodial substitute list for the 2023-2024 school year as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- H. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Justin Tkalcevic as a part-time custodian per the FCSD Support Personnel Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective the 2023-2024 school year, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to hire Mr. Justin Tkalcevic as a part-time custodian per the FCSD Support Personnel Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective the 2023-2024 school year, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- I. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Carol Klimas, Food Service employee, effective August 8, 2023.

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged Mrs. Carol Klimas's resignation and thanked her for her service.

- J. Action on the approval of a contractual Mental Health Consultant, Ms. Anna Shawgo, for the 2023-24 school year per the attached contract.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve to hire a contractual Mental Health Consultant, Ms. Anna Shawgo, for the 2023-24 school year per the attached contract. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VI. Buildings and Grounds

- A. Action on the acceptance of a quote from TriMark Foodservice Equipment for the purchase of a 40-gallon kettle for the Elementary Center cafeteria in the amount of \$31,500.00.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve to accept the quote from TriMark Foodservice Equipment for the purchase of a 40-gallon kettle for the Elementary Center cafeteria in the amount of \$31,500.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VII. Transportation

- A. Action on the approval of the District Bus Stops for the 2023-2024 school year as attached.
1st: Mr. Matchett 2nd: Mrs. Gaskill Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Gaskill, to approve the District Bus Stops for the 2023-2024 school year as attached. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VIII. Finance

- A. Action on the approval of a five (5) year engagement with J. Martin & Associates as the Real Estate Tax Collectors' Auditor, commencing 2022 through 2026 tax years.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve a five (5) year engagement with J. Martin & Associates as the Real Estate Tax Collectors' Auditor, commencing 2022 through 2026 tax years. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

IX. Technology

- A. Action on the approval to renew the annual library catalog software agreement at a cost of \$2,083.58.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve to renew the annual library catalog software agreement, for checkout and inventory, at a cost of \$2,083.58. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval to purchase a one year subscription for remote connectivity software at a cost of \$399.00.

1st: Mr. Matchett

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the purchase of a one year subscription for remote connectivity software at a cost of \$399.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval to purchase a license for Unique Learning System for the Elementary Life Skills Support program for one year at a cost of \$1,338.78.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the purchase of a license for Unique Learning System for the Elementary Life Skills Support program for one year at a cost of \$1,338.78. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

X. Athletics

- A. Action on the approval for Mr. Joseph Dunn to conduct a coaches' in-service presentation at a cost of \$500.00.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve Mr. Joseph Dunn to conduct a coaches' in-service presentation at a cost of \$500.00. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Corey Garry as the Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Corey Garry as the Assistant Varsity Football Coach and thanked him for his contributions.

- C. Action on the approval of Mr. Corey Garry as a volunteer Varsity Football Coach.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. Corey Garry as a volunteer Varsity Football Coach. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Matthew Sobocinski as the assistant 7/8 grade Softball Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. Matthew Sobocinski as the assistant 7/8 grade Softball Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Brandon Garry as the assistant Varsity Football Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve to hire Mr. Brandon Garry as the assistant Varsity Football Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- F. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Rebekah Bellhy as the assistant Cross Country Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement,

contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve to hire Ms. Rebekah Bellhy as the assistant Cross Country Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- G. Action on the approval of Mr. William Smith as a volunteer 7/8 grade football coach, contingent upon the final receipt and review of all required clearances.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve Mr. William Smith as a volunteer 7/8 grade football coach, contingent upon the final receipt and review of all required clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XI. Activities

- A. Action on the approval of Ms. Elizabeth Galligan as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Ms. Elizabeth Galligan as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Carmilo Jauregui as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.

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

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Mr. Carmilo Jauregui as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of Mr. Even Berry as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.

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

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve Mr. Even Berry as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of Ms. Hannah Garry as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve Ms. Hannah Garry as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances. Motion passed 7-0-1 with Mrs. Gaskill abstaining. Abstention paperwork is filed with the Board documents.

XII. Policy

- A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 218.3 - Acceptable Use of Networks/Internet.

Board acknowledged the first reading of Policy 218.3 – Acceptable Use of Networks/Internet.

- B. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 815 - Acceptable Use of Networks/Internet.

Board acknowledged the first reading of Policy 815 – Acceptable Use of Networks/Internet.

- C. Acknowledge the second reading of Policy 202 - Eligibility of Non-Resident Students.

Board acknowledged the second reading of Policy 202 – Eligibility of Non-Resident Students.

- D. Acknowledge the review of Policy 918 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Board acknowledged the review of Policy 918 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement

XIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Acknowledge the Fort Cherry Education Foundation donation of \$10,460.00 to the Fort Cherry Ranger Academy.

Mrs. McKay thanked the Fort Cherry Education Foundation for their generous donation of \$10,460.00 to the Fort Cherry Ranger Academy.

- B. Action on the approval of the Nonpublic Title I Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School district and Intermediate Unit I.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the Nonpublic Title I Services Agreement between Fort Cherry School district and Intermediate Unit I. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. for the 2023/2024 school year.
1st: Ms. Schwab 2nd: Mr. Matchett Motion: 8-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. for the 2023/2024 school year. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- D. Action on the approval of granting the Superintendent authority to approve building disposal lists related to consumables, old textbooks/resources, and broken/damaged equipment/furniture (in addition, any disposed item will be removed from the District's Asset List)
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Schwab Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve granting the Superintendent authority to approve building disposal lists related to consumables, old textbooks/resources, and broken/damaged equipment/furniture (in addition, any disposed item will be removed from the District's Asset List). Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- E. Motion to approve the attendance of Miss. Gabriella Novelli in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture/General Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2023-2024 school year with the understanding that the West Allegheny School District, Miss Novelli's district of residence, will be responsible for the tuition costs of the Program, and for transportation to and from this Program, if the parent does not provide transportation.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve the attendance of Miss. Gabriella Novelli in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture/General Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2023-2024 school year with the understanding that the West Allegheny School District, Miss Novelli's district of residence, will be responsible for the tuition costs of the Program, and for transportation to and from this Program, if the parent does not provide transportation. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

I. Public Comment

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

Mr. Robert Cummins, requested through Zoom chat, for a bus stop on Geary Farm Way for his student.

Mr. Chase Ogburn, communicated that Mr. Matt Reynolds of Reynolds Brothers contracting, approached Mr. Ogburn and volunteered to roll the football and practice field once maintenance cut the grass low and bagged the cuttings.

II. Executive Session

No executive session was necessary.

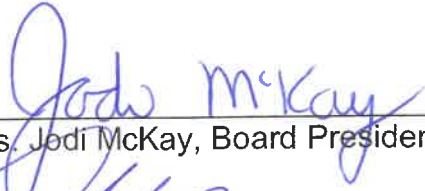
III. Adjournment


1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 8-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Special Meeting of August 14, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.


Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President


Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary