

# Minutes of Workshop Meeting

## The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Tuesday, February 8, 2022, beginning at 5:30PM 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. Paul Bianchini
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Ms. Beverly Schwab
Mr. Cory Matchett	Mrs. Jeanine Miles (Via Zoom)
Mr. Louis Ursitz (Via Zoom)	

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

The following community members were present:

Mr. Lon Libert - Mt. Pleasant Township

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

**I. Executive Session (5:30pm – 6:00pm)**

Executive Session was held starting at 5:30pm and ending at 6:35pm to discuss Safety and Legal matters.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 6:36pm

**III. Approval of Agenda – Workshop Meeting of February 8, 2022**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Matchett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 7-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy to approve the agenda for the Workshop Meeting of February 8, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**IV. Remarks by Visitors**

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

No remarks by visitors.

**V. Miscellaneous**

**A. Discussion on increasing community involvement**

The discussion started with how the district can increase community involvement. Mr. Samosky mentioned the parent and community survey and asked the Board for their assistance in getting the word out for any and all community members to complete the survey. The Board mentioned getting email lists from the municipalities and possibly Hickory Telephone and Cherry Valley Estates.

**B. Discussion on the creation of an Alumni Association**

The conversation began with the interest of an alumni association. The question was asked if we can create a platform to connect with alumni. An alumni association has been discussed in the past but nothing ever came of it. There is a lot of work and time that has to go into making a successful alumni association. The Board would like to see more alumni focused events; possibly having Homecoming on a Saturday to allow for more alumni to attend. It was mentioned to possibly have a board committee formed for alumni involvement and work with teachers to get alumni involved into the districts programming. The Board agrees it is important to make connections and reach out to alumni more than what has been done in the past.

**VI. Public Comment**

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

No Public Comments

**VII. Executive Session**

This item was not held.

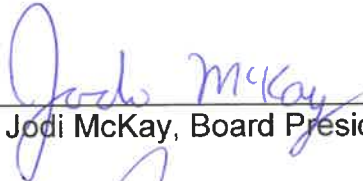
**VIII. Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Matchett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 7-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy that the Board approve the adjournment of the Workshop Meeting of February 8, 2022. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

  
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Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

  
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Mrs. Jessica Drylie, Board Secretary