

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning with Executive Session at 6:00 PM, with the Regular Meeting at 7:00 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	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Ms. Amanda Herforth	Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Ms. Beverly Schwab

The following members were excused/absent:

Mr. Paul Bianchini
Mr. Chase Ogburn
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary
Mr. Russell Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price

The following community members were present:

List of all members that attended in person and via virtual session will be filed with official Board minutes

I. Executive Session (6:00pm)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 pm. Legal issues, programs, safety and security were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay

Time: 7:05 pm

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0..

IV. Remarks by Visitors
(As per Fort Cherry School District Policy for Conducting Meetings of the Board of School Directors)

Representatives of the Softball team spoke to the Board concerning transportation as follows:

Ms. Melissa Dunn, 104 Center Street, Midway, PA
Ms. Dunn raised concerns that some of the away games for the softball team include 9-13 girls and their equipment. There is not enough room in the van. Sometimes students need to ride with the coach in their vehicle. Mr. Samosky asked if the coach would be willing to meet with him, Mr. Tom Scarpone and Dr. Trisha Craig to come to an agreement.
Ms. Schwab mentioned that Bish Transportation might have a bus available. We also have a second van available.

Mr. Joe Washinski, 103 S. Center Street, Midway, PA
Mr. Washinski raised concerns regarding liability and insurance when driving his personal vehicle. Mr. Samosky said that personal insurance would cover that. Mr. Samosky asked that further questions should be directed to our Business Manager, Mrs. Mary Burford.

V. Action on the approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

none

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Ms. Herforth Motion: 6-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Herforth, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

VIII. Reports

A. Board Reports

Mrs. Sepesy commented on the Curriculum 339 Plan and how it was well done and well attended. There was also great community feedback.

B. Solicitor's Report

No Solicitor's Report

C. Superintendents Report

The Superintendent's Report is posted on the website and has been made part of the official minutes. Mr. Samosky did share a special thank you to the PBIS team and efforts. It is going well and is raising expectations in the District. He also thanked the Department Heads and Grade Level Leads for stepping up and for their contributions.

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

- A. Acknowledge the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2024-25-02, effective September 23, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the medical/FMLA leave for professional employee #2024-25-02, effective September 23, 2024.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Amanda Greene-Clarke, full-time paraprofessional, effective August 20, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Amanda Greene-Clarke, full-time paraprofessional, effective August 20, 2024.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Welch, as part-time food service employee and part-time cleaner, effective August 27, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Welch, as part-time food service employee and part-time cleaner, effective August 27, 2024, and thanked her for her service.

- D. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Stacy Bish, food service employee, effective September 3, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Stacy Bish, food service employee, effective September 3, 2024, and thanked her for her service.

- E. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Jessica Donaho, part-time paraprofessional, effective September 23, 2024.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Jessica Donaho, part-time paraprofessional, effective September 23, 2024, and thanked her for her service.

Motion to combine and approve Items IX F. through R.

1st: Ms. Herforth

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve Personnel and Curriculum Items IX F – R as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- F. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Vincent Byrne as Musical Technical Director, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- G. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Shayne Pierce as a full-time paraprofessional per the FCSD Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement, contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- H. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Courtney McIntyre as a full-time paraprofessional per the FCSD Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- I. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Julie Greene as a part-time

paraprofessional per the FCSD Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- J. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Mitchell Kobrys as the permanent, full time Maintenance/Custodian, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- K. Action on the approval to hire Mr. John Cowden, permanent part time, four (4) hour cleaner, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- L. Action on the approval of Ms. Kelly Joyce, Long Term Substitute, Elementary Reading Specialist for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
- M. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Emily Podrasky as the permanent part-time, five (5) hour food service employee, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- N. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Tammy Knisley as a permanent part-time three (3) hour food service employee, per the FCESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- O. Action on the approval to hire Ms. Erin Connors as an Elementary Seasonal Co-Director, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.
- P. Action on the approval of Mrs. Rebecca Lake as the High School Prom Sponsor per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.
- Q. Action on the approval of the Assistant Principal job description as attached, subject to final review and approval of the District Solicitor.
- R. Action on the approval of the Superintendent's goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

X. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine and approve Items X. A. through D.

1st: Mrs. Sepesy

2nd: Mrs. Maxin

Motion: Items A,C,D: 6-0
Item B: 5-0-1

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve Building and Grounds Items A - D as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 on items A, C and D. Motion passed 5-0-1, on item B. Ms. Schwab abstained due to conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork is on file with the Board documents.

- A. Action on the approval to hire Printscape Imaging and Graphics to install new vinyl safety window coverings on the High School office for \$3,700.00, per the attached quote.
- B. Action on the approval to hire Bozic Communications to purchase and install an Elementary surge protector for \$5,245.00 per the attached quote.
- C. Action on the approval to enter into a service agreement with Siemens for security camera servicing and inventory, at a cost of \$10,775.00, per the attached quote.
- D. Action on the approval to hire Huckestein Mechanical to rebuild pump #2 and replace the seal in pump #1 in the high school boiler room for \$5,711.59 per the attached quote.

XI. Transportation

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mrs. Karen Hoop from the Hickory Transport bus driver list. Mrs. Hoop will continue her administrative role with the company.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mrs. Karen Hoop from the Hickory Transport bus driver list and thanked her for her many years of service to the District.

XII. Finance

None

XIII. Technology

Motion to combine and approve Items XIII. A. through H.

1st: Ms. Herforth

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Technology Items XIII A – H as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- A. Action on the approval of the Letter of Agreement and proposal from Van Strien Consulting, LLC for eRate consultation for the 2024–25 school year per the attached quote.
- B. Action on the approval to renew the digital signage platform effective the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$504.00 per the attached quote.

- C. Action on the approval to renew our inventory and deployment software for one year at a cost of \$1,338.75 per the attached quote.
- D. Action on the approval to renew the elementary digital portfolio and interactive learning platform subscription for one year at a cost of \$2,625.00 per the attached quote.
- E. Action on the approval to renew our imaging software subscription for one year at a cost of \$1,882.50 per the attached quote.
- F. Action on the approval to renew the cloud-based security service subscription for one year at a cost of \$6,882.00 per the attached quote.
- G. Action on the approval to renew the server warranty coverage for one year at a cost of \$1,187.00 per the attached quote.
- H. Action on the approval to purchase 25 new desktop computers from AmCom Office Systems at a price of \$18,652.75, per the attached quote. Computers are for the teachers.

XIV. Athletics

- A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Zachary Ford as Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball coach.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Zachary Ford as Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball coach and thanked him for his service.

Motion to combine and approve Items XIV. B. through N.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Maxin

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, to approve Athletics Items XIV. B – N as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- B. Action on the approval of Mr. Zachary Ford as a volunteer Varsity Boys' Basketball coach.
- C. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Thomas Scarpone as the Boys' 7/8 grade Basketball head coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.
- D. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Brian Cook as Girls' Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- E. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Drew Denham as Boys' Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, per the FCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork.
- F. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Edward Eiler as the Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach per the FCEA Collective Bargaining agreement.
- G. Action on the approval for the Boys Basketball Team to attend an overnight team retreat at Jumonville Retreat Center in Uniontown, PA on the tentative dates November 22-24, 2024, or a make-up date if applicable.
- H. Action on the approval for the Varsity Wrestling teams to travel to the United Local Tournament in Hanoverton, OH, on December 14, 2024 or a makeup date if applicable.
- I. Action on the approval of the MOU between Special Olympics of Pennsylvania and the Fort Cherry School District regarding the creation of Unified Bocce as attached.
- J. Action on the approval of the MOU between Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Education Association regarding the creation of Unified Bocce.
- K. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Ben Maxin as Unified Bocce coach per the terms of the agreement with Special Olympics of Pennsylvania and FCEA collective bargaining agreement.
- L. Action on the approval of the Cooperative agreement between Fort Cherry and South Fayette School Districts for Varsity Girls' Wrestling. Fort Cherry is the host school.

Mrs. Sepesy wanted to make note of the collaboration between South Fayette and Fort Cherry School Districts and that we appreciate that neither District charges the other.

- M. Acknowledge the \$4,525.00 donation from Mr. Brant Miller for baseball field improvements.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the \$4,525.00 donation from Mr. Brant Miller for baseball field improvements and thanked him for his generosity.

- N. Action on the approval to hire Vance's Landscape Supply, Inc to complete repairs on the baseball field for \$5,878.00 per the attached quote.

XV. Activities

Motion to combine and approve Items XV. A. through H.

1st: Ms. Herforth

2nd: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Herforth made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, to approve Activities Items A - H as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- A. Action on the approval to establish the Alliance Club at the High School. The Constitution and Bylaws are attached.
- B. Action on the approval to appoint Ms. Louise Hilty as the faculty sponsor of the Alliance Club.
- C. Action on the approval to appoint Ms. Louise Hilty as the faculty co-sponsor of Angel Tree.
- D. Action on the approval to appoint Mrs. Andrea Garry as the faculty sponsor of the Drama Club.
- E. Action on the approval of changing the club name from Insider's Club to Fort Friends.
- F. Action on the approval of Ms. Elizabeth Becker as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.
- G. Action on the approval of Ms. Denise Taborski as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.
- H. Action on the approval of Dr. John Seybert as a marching band volunteer, contingent upon the receipt and final review of all required clearances.

XVI. Policy

None

XVII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine and approve Items XVII. A. through K.

1st: Ms. Schwab

2nd: Mrs. Sepesy

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Schwab made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to

approve Miscellaneous Items XVII. A - K as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- A. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Southwood Children's Behavioral Care via Upper St. Clair School District to provide 5 hours weekly of homebound instruction for inpatient students at a rate of \$90 per day while admitted per the attached agreement.
- B. Action on the approval to use IU1's Fusion Cyber Solutions to provide credit recovery and summer school options for the 2024-2025 school year, per the attached contract.
- C. Action on the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Cherry School District and Intermediate Unit 1, allowing Fort Cherry School District to participate in the Title III consortium per the attached agreement.
- D. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and The Bradley Center to provide educational services for students on an as-needed basis as attached.
- E. Action on the approval to pay Educere, LLC \$2,499.00 per student for the 2024-2025 Founder's Academy Virtual Seat Licenses per the attached quote.
- F. Action on the approval of the Settlement Agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the family of student "B" as presented.
- G. Action on the approval of the individual student agreement with Wesley Schools as attached.
- H. Action on the approval to purchase Discovery Education curriculum for the Elementary School per the attached quote for \$785.00.
- I. Action on the approval to put out a bid on an anatomy table. The bid was necessary as the State of PA did not agree with our sole source letter to be eligible for the grant.
- J. Action on the approval of the 3-year agreement between Walsworth Yearbooks and Fort Cherry School District for yearbook services as attached.
- K. Action on the approval of the attendance of Mr. Gage Mazzocco in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2024-2025 school year with the understanding that the

Canon McMillan School District, Mr. Mazzocco'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.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

none

XIX. Executive Session

none

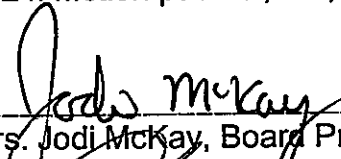
XX. Adjournment

1st: Ms. Schwab

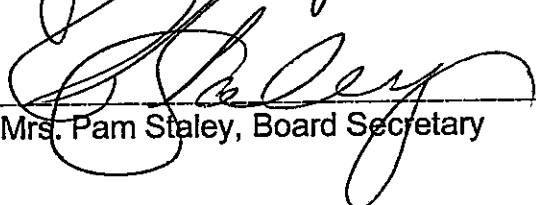
2nd: Mrs. Maxin

Motion: 6-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024. Motion passed, 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.



Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President



Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary