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, March 23, 2026, 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. Amanda Smith
Mr. Chris Salvini
Mr. Chase Ogburn
Mr. RJ Diaz
Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Reneé Miller, Business Manager
Mr. Sal Bittner, 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 (6:00 PM)

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00 PM. Contracts, personnel, and student matters were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:11 PM

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mr. Diaz made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Motion to Amend Agenda to add item:
XVII. B. Action on the approval of agreements with Butler, Agnew & Associates for payroll services at a rate of $105.00 per hour and accounts payable/accounts receivable services at a rate of $95.00 per hour, per the attached quotes.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini, to approve the amended agenda by adding item XVII. B. to the approved agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026. 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)

none

V. Action on the approval of Minutes –

A. Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

Mrs. Staley reminded the Directors about the upcoming IU Showcase and asked for any RSVPs.

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

VIII. Reports

A. Board Reports

none

B. Solicitor's Report

none

C. Superintendents Report

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

IX. Personnel and Curriculum

Motion to combine Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through G. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith to combine Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through G. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through G. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz to approve the previously combined Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through G. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval to hire Mr. Matthew Cowden as a substitute School Security Officer, at the current Security Officer sub rate, contingent upon

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

B. Action on the approval of the Central Office Administrative Assistant (secretary)/General Registrar job description as attached, subject to final review and approval of the District Solicitor. This job description replaces Administrative Assistant/General Registrar, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable, which was approved December 1, 2025.

C. Acknowledge the request for FMLA/Medical Leave for Professional Employee 2025-26-05 commencing February 26, 2026.

D. Acknowledge the request for FMLA/Medical Leave for Professional Employee 2025-26-06 commencing April 1, 2026.

E. Action on the approval of the Elementary Center Spring Math renewal agreement for curriculum and professional development for $9,375.00 per the attached quote. Agreement is effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

F. Action on the approval to renew Accelerated Reader curriculum from Renaissance for $7,994.40 per the attached quote. Agreement is effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

G. Action on the approval of the renewal agreement with Wilson Language Training for Fundations. Agreement is in effect July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 and includes new materials for 3rd grade and Special Education students. Price is $38,129.00 per the attached quote.

X. Buildings and Grounds

none

XI. Transportation

A. Action on the approval to enter into a five (5) year contract with Green's Taxi for District wide transportation services at a year one cost of $401.00/bus/day, per the attached quote. Contract will commence on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, and is subject to the review and approval of District solicitor.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, to approve to enter into a five (5) year contract with Green's Taxi for District wide transportation services at a year one cost of $401.00/bus/day, per the attached quote. Contract will commence on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, and is subject to the review and approval of District solicitor. Motion

passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Action on the approval of a five (5) year transportation contract between Fort Cherry School District and Jake G. Schneider Bus Contractor, LLC, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. Contract subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 6-0-1

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve to enter into a a five (5) year transportation contract between Fort Cherry School District and Jake G. Schneider Bus Contractor, LLC, commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. Contract subject to final review and approval of the District's Solicitor. Motion passed, 6-0-1. Mr. Diaz abstained due to conflict of interest. Abstention paperwork on file with the Board documents.

C. Action to retroactively approve the following additional GG&C Bus Company drivers, contingent upon receipt and final review of any and all paperwork; Matthew Chambers, Joshua Holstein, Kristy Jocuns and Sharon Rice.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, to approve the following additional GG&C Bus Company drivers, contingent upon receipt and final review of any and all paperwork; Matthew Chambers, Joshua Holstein, Kristy Jocuns and Sharon Rice. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XII. Finance

none

XIII. Technology

Motion to combine Technology Items XIII. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 7-0

Mr. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin to combine Technology Items XIII. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Technology Items XIII. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz to approve the previously combined Technology Items XIII. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval of a three (3) year agreement with IU1 for technology security to prevent intrusions and malware. The agreement represents IU1 consortium pricing of $12,982.50 and is effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.

B. Action on the approval to purchase 150 2-in-1 Chromebook devices with casing, provisioning, and warranty from GDC IT Solutions at the cost of $61,302.00 per the attached quote.

XIV. Athletics

Motion to combine Athletics Items XIV. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith to combine Athletics Items XIV. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Athletics Items XIV. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mr. Ogburn 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ogburn made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the previously combined Athletics Items XIV. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Jack Merckle, High School Weight Room Coordinator, effective Monday, March 23, 2026.

B. Action on the approval of Mr. Keith Pfender as a volunteer Assistant Varsity Track and Field coach, contingent on the final receipt and review of all paperwork.

C. Action on the approval of Mr. Richard Southern as a volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball coach, contingent on the final receipt and review of all paperwork.

XV. Activities

A. Action on the approval of the revised Cheerleading handbook and scoresheets.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 7-0

Mr. Diaz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini, to approve the revised Cheerleading handbook and scoresheets. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

XVI. Policy

A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance. The federal procurement thresholds were updated to comply with a law that requires an adjustment for inflation every five (5) years.

Mrs. McKay acknowledged the first reading of Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance.

XVII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 7-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith to combine Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously,
7-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz to approve the previously combined Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

A. Action on the approval of attendance of Ms. Ayla Duran in Fort Cherry School District's Vocational Agriculture/General Agriculture Program, on a full-day basis, effective the 2026-2027 school year with the understanding that the Burgettstown School District, Ms. Duran'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.

B. Action on the approval of agreements with Butler, Agnew & Associates for payroll services at a rate of $105.00 per hour and accounts

payable/accounts receivable services at a rate of $95.00 per hour, per the attached quotes.

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: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 7-0

Mrs. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026. Motion passed, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Jodi McKay
Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Pam Staley
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary