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, April 27, 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	Mr. Bianchini
Ms. Amanda Herforth	Mrs. Leslie Maxin
Mrs. Julie Sepesy	Mr. Chris Salvini
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	Mr. RJ Diaz

The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent
Mrs. Reneé Miller, Business Manager
Mr. Salvatore Bitner, 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 and personnel were discussed.

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

By Whom: President McKay Time: 7:17 PM

III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy, to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

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 March 23, 2026
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

VI. Secretary's Correspondence

none

VII. Treasurer's Actions

A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board approve the Bills for Payment. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. Action on the approval of the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. Action on the approval of the Budget Control Reports
1st: Mrs. Gaskill 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Gaskill made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz, that the Board approve the Budget Control Reports. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

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 C. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Maxin Motion: 8-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Maxin to combine Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the previously combined Personnel and Curriculum Items IX. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Acknowledge the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Mrs. Pam Marsh, Food Service employee, effective May 1, 2026.

B. Action on the approval to hire Mrs. Carol Staley, Payroll, PIMS & Child Accounting Administrator, effective July 1, 2026 per the attached agreement.

C. Action on the approval to hire Mrs. Madison Romanetti, Central Office Administrative Assistant/General Registrar, effective May 18, 2026 per the PSEA-NEA Secretaries and Aides contract, contingent upon the receipt and final review of any and all paperwork.

X. Buildings and Grounds

Motion to combine Building and Grounds Items X. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini to combine Building and Grounds Items X. A. through B as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Building and Grounds Items X. A. through B as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz to approve the previously combined Building and Grounds Items X. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval to repair access control for 13 doors at Fort Cherry High School and 6 doors at Fort Cherry Elementary Center by IntertechCI for a total cost of $15,295.00, per the attached quote.

B. Action on the approval to enter into an agreement with Alex E. Paris Contracting Company, Inc. to complete parking lot paving, repair, and striping for $114,364.68, per the attached quote.

XI. Transportation

none

XII. Finance

Motion to combine Finance Items XII. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Diaz Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz to combine Finance Items XII. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Finance Items XII. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini to approve the previously combined Finance Items XII. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval to transfer $75,000.00 from General Fund to the Technology Fund.

B. Action on the approval to transfer $800,000.00 from General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

C. Action on the approval of the 2026-2027 Western Area Career & Technology Center budget as attached. The budget represents a total of $6,418,818.00 with the member districts' contribution cost of $5,887,844.00. Fort Cherry's portion is $97,548.92 for 2026-2027. The District's 2025-2026 portion was $164,086.17.

XIII. Technology

Motion to combine Technology Items XIII. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 8-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini to combine Technology Items XIII. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Technology Items XIII. A. through C. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy to approve the previously combined Technology Items XIII. A. through C. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Action on the approval to retroactively approve the purchase 150 2-in-1 Chromebook devices with casing, provisioning, and warranty from Trafera at the cost of $69,525.00 per the attached quote. This purchase replaces the previously approved Chromebook purchase from the March 23, 2026 meeting that were no longer available.

B. Action on the approval of a one year service contract between Fort Cherry School District and Red Rover Technologies, LLC. for the 2026-2027 school year, per the attached. The annual subscription rate is $9,600.00 plus a one time onboarding fee of $5,300.00.

C. Action on the approval of the renewal of a PDF annotation and digital assignment tool at a one year cost of $3,603.25 per the attached quote.

XIV. Athletics

Motion to combine Athletics Items XIV. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy to combine Athletics Items XIV. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Athletics Items XIV. A. through B. as a group.
1st: Mrs. Smith 2nd: Mrs. Sepesy Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Sepesy to approve the previously combined Athletics Items XIV. A. through B. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Zachary Vincenti, assistant Varsity Boys' and Girls' Track Coach, effective immediately.

B. Action on the approval of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team to attend an overnight trip at West Liberty Team Camp in West Liberty, WV on June 19 –21, 2026.

XV. Activities

none

XVI. Policy

A. Action on the approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance. The federal procurement thresholds are updated to comply with a law that requires an adjustment for inflation every five (5) years.
1st: Mrs. Sepesy 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Sepesy made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance. The federal procurement thresholds are updated to comply

with a law that requires an adjustment for inflation every five (5) years. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

XVII. Miscellaneous

Motion to combine Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through E. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 8-0

Mr. Diaz made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini to combine Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through E. as a group. Motion passed unanimously,
8-0.

Motion to approve the previously combined Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through E. as a group.
1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mrs. Smith Motion: 8-0

Mrs. Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Diaz to approve the previously combined Miscellaneous Items XVII. A. through E. as a group. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A. 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 for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. Action on the approval of the agreement between Fort Cherry School District and the Bradley Center to provide School Based Mental Health for the 2026-2027 school year.

C. Action on the approval of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement between Fort Cherry School District and Center for Community Resources for the 2026-2027 school year.

D. Action on the approval to decline the use of IDEA part B funds to provide CEIS in the 2026-2027 school year.

E. Action on the approval of the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

none

XIX. Executive Session

At 7:27 PM the April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

XX. Adjournment

1st: Mr. Diaz 2nd: Mr. Salvini Motion: 8-0

Mr. Diaz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Salvini, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2026 and begin a new executive session to further discuss personnel issues. Motion passed, 8-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Mrs. Jodi McKay, Board President

Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary