

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Directors Fort Cherry School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fort Cherry School District was held Monday, January 23, 2023, beginning at 6:00 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:

Mr. Chase Ogburn	Mrs. Julie Sepesy
Ms. Beverly Schwab	Mrs. Jeanine Miles
Mrs. Cynthia Gaskill	
Mr. Louis Ursitz	
Mr. Cory Matchett	

The following members were excused/absent:

Mr. Paul Bianchini	Mrs. Jodi McKay
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The following non-members were present:

Mr. Thomas Samosky, Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager  
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary (transition)  
Mr. Russell Lucas, Solicitor, Andrews and Price  
Ms. Melanie Rush, Superintendent Intern

The following community members were present:

Mr. Loni Libert	Mrs. Nikki Sarchet
Mr. Ken Schulz	Mr. Eric Walker
Mrs. Lynn Schulz	Mrs. Rayshelle Walker
Mrs. Leslie Orlandini	

The following people attended virtually:

Mrs. Bri Eiler	Dr. Sarah Ogburn
Mr. Chris Hallowich	Ms. Nicole Irvine
Mr. Conner Graber	Kim
Ms. Carol Taylor	Tracey
Dr. Eric Lauver	Mrs. Jodi McKay (joining at 7:57 pm)

**I. Executive Session (6:00pm)**

Executive Session was held starting at 6:00pm and ending at 7:10 pm.  
Executive session items discussed were personnel and labor negotiations.

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

By Whom: Vice President Sepesy

Time: 7:14 pm

**III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023**

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 7-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab to approve the agenda of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**IV. Board Recognition Month Celebration**

The Board was thanked and recognized for their time and dedication to the Fort Cherry School District and Community.

**V. Fort Cherry Musical Presentation**

An excerpt from Annie presented by Mrs. Andrea Garry and students; Nathaniel Garry, Darci Sarchet, Mason Schulz, Paige Orlandini, and Abby Walker.

**VI. Remarks by Visitors**

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

None

**VII. Action on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular/Reorganization Meeting of December 5, 2022.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular/Reorganization Meeting of December 5, 2022. Motion passed, 7-0.

**VIII. Secretary's Correspondence**

Mrs. Staley reported the Board received a Thank You note from PTO for the Boards' service to the District. PTO also made a donation in the name of the Board to Helping Hands.

## **IX. Treasurer's Actions**

### **A. Action on the approval of Bills for Payment**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 7-0

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

### **B. Treasurer's Report Account Summaries. Action to approve the Treasurer's Report Account Summaries.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab

Motion: 7-0

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

### **C. Action on the approval of Budget Control Reports**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs. Gaskill

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett

Motion: 7-0

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

## **X. Reports**

### **A. Board Reports**

None

### **B. Solicitor's Report**

None

### **C. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Samosky thanked the Fort Cherry Education Foundation for their support of teachers and students. The Foundation has sponsored three \$500 scholarships for Elementary School Teachers and three \$500 scholarships for High School Teachers. Superintendent's report is filed with the minutes and posted on the website.

## **XI. Personnel and Curriculum**

### **A. Acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Ariel Morris, part-time paraprofessional, effective immediately.**

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Morris as a part-time paraprofessional, effective immediately, and thanked her for her service.

- B. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Carlos Huaman, substitute Maintenance/Custodian, effective December 6, 2022.

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Carlos Huaman, substitute Maintenance/Custodian, effective December 6, 2022 and thanked him for his service.

- C. Acknowledge the resignation of Mr. John L. Sullivan, part-time Safety and Security Officer, effective June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the resignation of Mr. John L. Sullivan, part-time Safety and Security Officer, effective June 30, 2023, and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

- D. Action on the approval of the PSEA-NEA Secretary and Aides Contract effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve the PSEA-NEA Secretary and Aides Contract effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- E. Acknowledge the grievance settlement between the Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Secretaries and Aides Educational Support Personnel Association regarding the PIMs position.

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the grievance settlement between the Fort Cherry School District and the Fort Cherry Secretaries and Aides Educational Support Personnel Association regarding the PIMs position.

- F. Action on the approval of Mrs. Jennifer Ingram as the Elementary (4-8) English Language Arts long-term substitute, effective January 2, 2023.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Mrs. Jennifer Ingram as the Elementary (4-8) English Language Arts long-term substitute, effective January 2, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- G. Action on the approval of Mr. Peter Speakman for the Network Technician position contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork and documents.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Mr. Peter Speakman for the Network Technician position contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork and documents. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- H. Action on the approval of Ms. Sharon Cerceillo as the permanent, 5-hour cafeteria employee per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Ms. Sharon Cerceillo as the permanent, 5-hour cafeteria employee per the FC Maintenance/Food Service Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- I. Action on the approval of Mrs. Kelly Timco as a Paraprofessional Aide per the Fort Cherry Secretaries/Aides Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork and documents.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Mrs. Kelly Timco as a Paraprofessional Aide per the Fort Cherry Secretaries/Aides Educational Support Personnel Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon final receipt and review of any and all new hire paperwork and documents. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- J. Action on the approval of Mrs. Mary Burford to attend the 2023 PASBO Annual Conference in Pocono Manor, PA from March 14-17, 2023 (travel, lodging, and registration to exceed \$900.00)

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

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## **XII. Buildings and Grounds**

- A. Action on the approval of Allegheny Restoration, Inc to do masonry repairs and apply waterproofing around six (6) windows around the high school locker room for a cost of \$4831.00.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Matchett made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Schwab, that the Board approve Allegheny Restoration, Inc to do masonry repairs and apply waterproofing around six (6) windows around the high school locker room for a cost of \$4831.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Action on the approval for RAME to replace the gutters on the high school gym at a cost of \$21,900.00.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve RAME to replace the gutters on the high school gym at a cost of \$21,900.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- C. Action on the approval for A+ Doorman to replace two doors in the high school building (#21 boiler room and #2 high school office) at a cost of \$12,200.00.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve A+ Doorman to replace two doors in the high school building (#21 boiler room and #2 high school office) at a cost of \$12,200.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- D. Action on the approval for Wilson Restoration, Inc. to repair and replace the high school cafeteria expansion joints for a cost of \$6500.00.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve Wilson Restoration, Inc. to repair and replace the high school cafeteria expansion joints for a cost of \$6500.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

### **XIII. Transportation**

None

### **XIV. Finance**

- A. Action on the approval of Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager, being made a delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve Mrs. Mary Burford, Business Manager, being made a delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- B. Action to adopt Resolution #5 – 2023-01-23 – Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for budget year 2023/2024.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, to approve the action to adopt Resolution #5 – 2023-01-23 – Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act for budget year 2023/2024. Roll call was made and all members voted Yes. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- C. Action on the approval to purchase electronic time kiosks from Touchpoint at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.00.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ogburn                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ogburn made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve to purchase electronic time kiosks from Touchpoint at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.00. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**XV. Technology**

None

**XVI. Athletics**

None

**XVII. Activities**

None

**XVIII. Policy**

- A. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 246 – Student Wellness

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the reading of Policy 246 – Student Wellness.

- B. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 808 – Food Services

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the reading of Policy 808 – Food Services.

- C. Acknowledge the first reading of Policy 808.1 – Student Accounts

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged the reading of Policy 808.1 – Student Accounts.

**XIX. Miscellaneous**

- A. Acknowledge Mrs. Emma Johnston and the Fort Cherry Retired Teachers Association for their donations of a kaleidoscope and two sundials to the Ray Johnston Outdoor Discovery Center.

Mrs. Sepesy thanked and acknowledged Mrs. Emma Johnston and the Fort Cherry Retired Teachers Association for their donations of a kaleidoscope and two sundials to the Ray Johnston Outdoor Discovery Center.

- B. Acknowledge Washington County Community Foundation DCED Grant awarded for Technology for \$5,625.00.

Mrs. Sepesy acknowledged and thanked the Washington County Community Foundation for awarding Fort Cherry the DCED Grant for Technology in an amount of \$5,625.00.

- C. Action on the approval of the Fort Cherry District Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ursitz, that the Board approve the Fort Cherry District Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- D. Action on the approval to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate to serve on the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors.

No motion was made. The action is tabled until the February 27, 2023 Board Meeting.

- E. Action on the approval to allow a clothing collection/donation bin to benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America on campus.

1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Schwab                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Matchett                      Motion: 7-0

Ms. Schwab made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Matchett, that the Board approve to allow a clothing collection/donation bin to benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America on campus. The bin will be located on the pavement on the left corner of the Elementary Center. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

- F. Action on the approval of the Dual Enrollment contract between Fort Cherry School District and the Community College of Beaver County. This contract will be automatically renewed every year unless terminated by either party with 90 days' notice.

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ogburn                      Motion: 7-0



Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the Dual Enrollment contract between Fort Cherry School District and the Community College of Beaver County. This contract will be automatically renewed every year unless terminated by either party with 90 days' notice. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**XX. Public Comment**

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

Mr. Loni Libert congratulated Fort Cherry School District placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Western Division and 4<sup>th</sup> Overall in the Academic League.

**XXI. Executive Session**

No executive session was necessary.

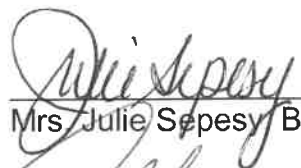
**XXII. Adjournment**

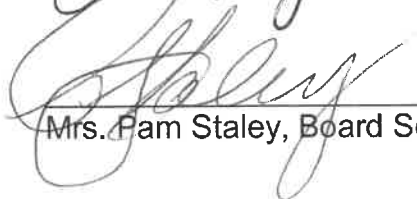
1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Ursitz

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Ogburn

Motion: 7-0

Mr. Ursitz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ogburn, that the Board approve the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

  
Mrs. Julie Sepesy, Board Vice-President

  
Mrs. Pam Staley, Board Secretary