

December 5, 2016
Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its combined agenda study session and regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School December 5, 2016. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster, Assistant Secretary Sandra M. Garbisch, Treasurer Joel R. Weinstein, Robert Mauro, Somer Obernauer Jr., and Eric C. Schmidt.

GUESTS

Certificates of Merit — The Board presented certificates of merit to the following students:

- The Fox Chapel Area High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team was recently named the WPIAL Class 4A Section 3 co-champions and participated in the PIAA playoffs. The team members were: seniors **Annamarie Alfery, Harper Bennett, Mikayla D'Cunha, Deena DeBaldo, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Madeline Lucey, Bryanna Urso, and Dixon Veltri**; juniors **Diana Beasley, Emilia Cano-Czagany, Fallon Curry, Katherine Goodwin, Lainey Kasian, Margaret Lazzara, Katherine Livingston, Julie Mallinger, Abigail Pogue, and Katrina Stevenson**; sophomores **Maura Curry, Kate Feczko, Hannah Flanders, Theresa Heidenreich, Sabrina McQuarrie, Julie Scheffler, Alexis Schutzman, Sarah Sinnott, and Grace Wiegand**; and freshmen **Paige Asbury, Claudia DeMartino, Samantha Dockey, Blair Echnat, Claire Fenton, Chloe Germanos, Elizabeth Giuffre, Gabriella Guerrieri, Casey Lazear, Sophia Williams, and Keara Yasko**. The team's overall record was 16 wins and 7 losses.

- The Fox Chapel Area High School Varsity Field Hockey Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 2 Championship and the WPIAL Class AAA Championship, and participated in the PIAA playoffs. The team members were: seniors **Megan Botos, Megan Eisengart, Megan McCrady, and Krista Spuhler**; juniors **Sally Dean, Sarah Fownes, Gwynneth Heidinger, Mia Jamiolkowski, Molly Kelly, Grace Kneppshield, Katie McIlroy, Abigail Pitcairn, and Paige Ryan**; sophomores **Abigail Baldauf, Sydney Condron, Kate Goodwin, Marissa Hardiman, Mia Hursh, Courtney Kennedy, Rebecca Klaas, Brianna Lucas, and Carolyn Veith**; and freshmen **Bryn Gerlach, Isabella Lagazzi, Megan Matthis, and Sloan Rost**. The team was undefeated in the section (12-0) and had an overall record of 16 wins and five losses.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment and Fire Drills — The Board received the enrollment and fire drills report.

Information

•Math Teacher Recipient of the University of Chicago Educator Award

Fox Chapel Area High School math teacher **Kristine Yacamelli** was selected to receive the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award. The award recognizes teachers who are nominated by their former students and Yacamelli was nominated by 2016 Fox Chapel Area High School graduate **Anja Schempf** who now attends the University of Chicago.

Each year, the university invites entering first-year students to nominate an educator who has influenced them, challenged them, or helped them along the path toward intellectual growth. The university receives hundreds of letters from students inspired by teachers who have changed the course of their lives.

As a winner, Yacamelli received an engraved glass award and a congratulatory letter from the University of Chicago.

•Students Place in Ohio Forensic Tournament

Two Fox Chapel Area High School seniors recently placed at the John F. Kennedy High School Invitational Forensic Tournament. **Ellen Pil** won second place in Student Congress and **Madeleine Doerr** won sixth place in Original Oratory.

The tournament was held October 29, 2016, at John F. Kennedy High School in Warren, Ohio. Approximately 340 students from 21 schools from Pennsylvania and Ohio competed at the event.

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Annual Reorganization Meeting.*

•Students Place at UVA Model UN Conference

Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the 26th Annual University of Virginia Model United Nations (UN) Conference. Sophomore **Diana Crookston** won an honorable mention (equivalent to third place). Additionally, Seniors **Omar Abdalla**, **Lee Beasley**, and **David Han**; juniors **Emilia Bianchini** and **Bridget Wang**; and sophomore **Tristan McClelland** all won verbal recognitions (equivalent to fourth place).

More than 1,000 students from 53 schools across the eastern United States participated in the University of Virginia Model UN Conference. The conference was held November 18-20, 2016, at the University of Virginia.

The purpose of the Model UN conferences is to enable students to role play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conferences, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings (pending Board approval at the reorganization meeting)

January 9, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Meeting – HS LGI Room

February 6, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Hartwood Elementary Library

February 13, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

March 6, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Fairview Elementary Multipurpose Room

March 13, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

April 3, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Meeting – HS LGI Room

May 1, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Dorseyville Middle School Auditorium

May 8, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

June 5, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O’Hara Elementary Auditorium

June 12, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated November 14, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS — The superintendent recommended that action be taken on the following items of business:

Finance

Disbursements (A) — General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$6,861,654.55 from November 1, 2016, through November 30, 2016, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$724,165.78 for November 2016 were approved.

Finance Report — The finance report for October 2016 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

Budget Transfers — Several budget transfers for 2016-2017 were approved.

AdvanEdge Solutions, Inc. – E-Rate Consulting Services – Agreement — Approved the agreement with AdvanEdge Solutions, Inc. for E-Rate consulting services for funding year 2017-2018 at a cost of \$1,880.00.

Instruction

Course Approval – Dorseyville Middle School — Ratified the following secondary pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year, with the intent to be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – HMH Collections 6-12 National 2017 – Literacy Grade 8.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – New — Approved the following new policy: No. 827 – Conflict of Interest.

Policies – Revised — Approved the following revised policies: No. 609 – Investment of District Funds and No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance.

Personnel

Candidates for employment under this section were approved subject to verification of the results of physical and drug screening examinations, required clearances, and all other essential employment requirements under Policy and Administrative Regulations 304-AR and 304-AR-4.

Resignations

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — Accepted the following athletic supplemental contract resignations:

- **Sara J. Kirsch**, girls' high school head volleyball coach, due to personal reasons, effective November 7, 2016.
- **Sara J. Kirsch**, girls' middle school head volleyball coach (50%), due to personal reasons, effective November 7, 2016.
- **Stanley S. Strzemppek**, girls' spring intramural at Kerr Elementary, due to personal reasons, effective November 22, 2016.
- **Theresa A. Thompson**, girls' basketball intramural at Kerr Elementary, due to personal reasons, effective November 9, 2016.

Appointments

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — The following athletic supplemental contracts were approved/ratified for the 2016-2017 school term: **Katie Altieri** – Girls' Basketball Intramural, Kerr Elementary; **Katie Altieri** – Girls' Spring Intramural, Kerr Elementary; **Erin Kust** – Head Cheerleading Coach, Winter (50%) – MS; and **Heidi Rice** – Head Cheerleading Coach, Winter (50%) – MS.

Change of Status

Educational Support Staff — Ratified the following personal care assistant change of status:

- **Adam Santoro**, personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, as an instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, effective November 15, 2016. Hourly salary was set based on the salary scale for instructional assistants, Step 1, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Alexandra Schanck**.

Salary Crossovers

Professional Employees — The following professional employees are eligible to crossover on the salary scale for the 2016-2017 school term based on verification of additional credits earned: **Jennifer Armenis** from B+15 to B+24, **Tera Clutter** from M+0 to M+15, **Stacie Dojonovic** from M+45 to PH+0, **Heather Flynn** from M+0 to M+15, **Alison Francis** from M+0 to M+15, **Shannon Frick** from B+15 to M+0, **Kelly Glus** from M+15 to M+30, **Danielle Gumto** from M+0 to M+15, **Mary Ruth Hammer** from B+15 to B+24, **Anna Hopper** from B+0 to M+0, **Kristen Jedlicka** from M+0 to M+15, **Sarah Mammay** from B+15 to B+24, **Kristin Pollick** from M+0 to M+15, **Alex Sackandy** from B+24 to M+0, **Brian Yanizeski** from M+0 to M+15, and **Erin Yokel** from B+24 to M+0. This change is retroactive to the beginning of the current school year in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

Volunteer

Athletic — The following athletic volunteer was ratified, effective November 18, 2016: **Timothy Frank** – Wrestling – High School.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Donation – Piano — Accepted the donation of a piano to the Fox Chapel Area School District with a current value of \$2,500.00 from **Jeff & Mary Sacre**.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**December 5, 2016
Reorganization Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its reorganization meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School December 5, 2016. Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. Also in attendance were Treasurer Joel R. Weinstein, Nancy B. Foster, Sandra M. Garbisch, Robert Mauro, Somer Obernauer Jr., and Eric C. Schmidt.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT — Elected Mr. Mauro temporary president. Mr. Mauro took his seat to conduct the election of the president.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT — Re-elected Mr. Wirginis president of the Board. Mr. Wirginis took his seat and conducted the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT — Re-elected Mrs. Foster as vice president of the Board.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY — Re-elected Mrs. Garbisch as assistant secretary of the Board.

REORGANIZATION BUSINESS — The superintendent recommended that action be taken on the following items of business:

Appointments

A.W. Beattie Board — Approved the appointments of Mr. Obernauer and Mrs. Rutkowski as representatives to the A.W. Beattie Board.

PSBA Legislative Representative — Approved the appointment of Mr. Schmidt as the PSBA legislative representative.

Calendar of 2017 School Board Meetings — Approved the calendar of 2017 School Board meetings:

Agenda Study Sessions

January 9, 2017 (High School)

January 9 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.

February 6, 2017 (Hartwood Elem. School)

March 6, 2017 (Fairview Elementary School)

April 3, 2017 (High School)

April 3 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.

May 1, 2017 (Dorseyville Middle School)

June 5, 2017 (O'Hara Elementary School)

August 14, 2017 (High School)

August 14 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.

September 11, 2017 (High School)

September 12 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.

October 2, 2017 (High School)

November 6, 2017 (Kerr Elementary School)

December 4, 2017 (High School)

December 4 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.

Reorganization Meeting – December 4, 2017 (immediately following the combined meeting).

Regular Business Meetings

January 9, 2017 (High School)

February 13, 2017 (High School)

March 13, 2017 (High School)

April 3, 2017 (High School)

May 8, 2017 (High School)

June 12, 2016 (High School)

NO MEETINGS IN JULY 2017

August 14, 2017 (High School)

September 11, 2017 (High School)

October 9, 2017 (High School)

November 13, 2017 (High School)

December 4, 2017 (High School)

All Board meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Authorization for Proper Signatures — Authorization was given to make any required change of signatures on all bank accounts and to execute signature cards as necessary to implement this action.

Facsimile Signatures — The Board president and secretary were authorized to use a facsimile signature for signing checks and the superintendent, Board secretary, and Board treasurer were authorized to use the check signing machine.

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The Fox Chapel Area School District is an equal rights and opportunity school district. The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or handicap/disability. The district shall make reasonable accommodations for identified physical and mental impairments that constitute disabilities, consistent with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.

Additional information pertaining to civil rights, school district policies, and grievance procedures can be obtained by contacting the compliance officers listed below between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. This notice is available from the compliance officers in large print, on audiotape, and in Braille.

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