

April 3, 2017

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 April 3, 2017. 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.; Lisa M. Rutkowski; Eric C. Schmidt; and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.

GUESTS

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

•Six Fox Chapel Area School District elementary school students were recently selected to perform at the first-ever Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Elementary String Festival. The participating Fox Chapel Area students were Hartwood Elementary School fifth graders **Ada Chu, Peter Manelis, and Gloria Wen**, and O’Hara Elementary fifth graders **Lincoln Baldwin, Rachel Milcheck, and Ranny Weng**.

The festival included more than 100 of the best elementary string players from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students practiced together, participated in master classes, and performed a concert March 10, 2017, at Quaker Valley Middle School.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team was recently named the WPIAL Class 6A Section 3 co-champions. The team members were: seniors **Marvin Dusabe, Jake Livingston, Elias Panos, Michael Snowball, and Dimitri Spina**; juniors **Carson Cohen, Micah Morris, David Shtrahman, Sai Yarlagadda, and Joseph Zappala**; sophomores **Bennett Kelly, Ryan Kerr, Noah Marks, Owen McManus, and Kenyon Weis**; and freshmen **Samuel Brown and Arnold Vento**. The team’s overall record was 19 wins and four losses.

•Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Michael Mahon** recently qualified for the PIAA Wrestling Championships. The PIAA Wrestling Championships were held March 8-11, 2017, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Prior to qualifying for the championships, Mike was named the WPIAL Class 3A Section 3 182-pound champion.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls’ Varsity Swimming & Diving Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 Championship. The team members were: seniors **Camille Cagley, Madeleine Doerr, Kotone Kataoka, Sada Lantgios, Maia Pauley, Bliss Uribe, Dixon Veltri, and Megan Wiese**; juniors **Joslyn Filo, Morgann Green, Julia Kisslinger, Sadye Miller, Elizabeth Mountz, Rebekah Polcyn, and Molly Wiese**; sophomores **Ipek Aydin, Katherine Eames, Margaret Fox, Maria Luciana, and Annika Urban**; and freshmen **Hanna Chen, Gwendolyn Cullen, Isabelle Doerr, Jaclyn Filo, Serena Fisher, Grace Gackenbach, Margaret Gaddess, Bryn Gerlach, Natalia Hainan, Lylah Simeone, and Angelique Uku**. The team was undefeated in the regular season and their record was 11 wins and no losses.

Additionally, high school sophomore **Jonah Cagley** won first place at the WPIAL Class AAA Diving Championship and qualified for the PIAA Championship where he placed third in the state. Joslyn qualified for the PIAA Swimming Championship. The PIAA Swimming Championship was held March 18 & 19 at Bucknell University and the diving championship was held March 25.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Textbooks for Review

The following textbooks will be recommended for approval at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting. They will be available for review until May 3, 2017, in the administrative offices:

- Fox Chapel Area High School – “Economics” by Sally Meek, John Morton, and Mark Schug; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Copyright 2018; for Modern American Society Grade 12 and
- Dorseyville Middle School – “Collections 8” by Kylene Beers, Martha Hougen, Carol Jago, William L. McBride, Erik Palmer, and Lyndia Stack; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Copyright 2015; for Language Arts Grade 8.

Information

•DMS Students Score High on Math Exam

Three Dorseyville Middle School students recently scored high on the American Mathematics Contest (AMC) 8 exam. Eighth grader **Harry Chen** placed first at DMS and scored in the top five percent nationally. Additionally, eighth grader **Mark Puthenpurayil** placed second at DMS and was also in the top five percent nationally. Seventh grader **Nathaniel Mueller** was the third place winner at DMS.

The AMC 8 is a 25-question, 40-minute, multiple-choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills. The AMC 8 is part of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) American Mathematics Competitions. Students from U.S. and international schools compete for school, regional, and national awards in this contest.

•Students Place Second & Third at PJAS Regional Competition

Several Fox Chapel Area students recently won awards at the 83rd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). The Fox Chapel Area second place winners were: juniors **Andreas Paljug**, **Trisha Shah**, and **Claudia Simon**; sophomores **Vaishavi Agrawal**, **Sanjana Harish**, **Kathryn Schwartzman**, and **Gina Wang**; freshmen **Serena Fisher** and **Christiana Paljug**; eighth graders **Suparna Agrawal**, **Jackson Romero**, and **Nishi Thawani**; and seventh grader **Janise Kim**. The third place winner was senior **Ayan Sinha**.

The following Fox Chapel Area High School students received these special awards in addition to their place awards: senior **Austin Fisher** and **Ayan Sinha** each received six-year Perseverance awards; junior **Shania Khatri** received an Innovation Works Award; sophomore **Theresa Heidenreich** won a PJAS Director's Award in Biology and a Duquesne University Excellence in Scientific Pursuit award; sophomore **Zachary Lakkis** won a Carnegie Mellon University for Nucleic Acids Science and Technology Award; freshman **Hanna Chen** received the Southwest Pennsylvania Outreach Award and the Society of Women Engineers' Award; freshman **Rajeev Godse** won a Perfect Score Award and a PJAS Director's Award in Math; and freshman **Anzu Sekikawa** won the Duquesne University Award for Excellence in Chemistry and Biochemistry – Dr. Kurt C. Schreiber and a PJAS Director's Award in Chemistry.

The following Dorseyville Middle School students received these special awards in addition to their first place awards: eighth graders **Catherine Heidenreich** and **Elizabeth Schwartzman**, and seventh grader **Theodor Urban** each won a Duquesne University Award for Excellence in Scientific Pursuit; seventh grader **Mona Gerges** received a Perfect Score Award, a Westinghouse Women in Engineering Award, and an American Chemical Society Award; and **Theodor Urban** also won an American Society of Civil Engineers Award.

The participating students (from several schools from Allegheny and Westmoreland counties) researched their science projects for several months. During the competition, each of the students was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges. The regional competition was held at Duquesne University February 4.

•Students Place in Pittsburgh Diocesan Tournament

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed in their events at the Pittsburgh Diocesan Qualifying Tournament for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Championship Tournament. Three students will serve as alternates to the national championships. Seniors **Joshua Cagan** and **Austin Fisher** won sixth place in Duo Interpretation and are the first alternates, and freshman **Jonathan Rodrigues** won seventh place in Extemporaneous Speaking and is the second alternate. Additionally, at the tournament, senior **Jeremy Rodrigues** and sophomore **Jonah Green** were both recognized as Student Congress Super Session Senators and they advanced to the final round of competition. The Grand National Championship Tournament will be held May 26-28, 2017, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Forensic League national-qualifying tournament was held March 4 at Fort Couch Middle School in the Upper St. Clair School District. Approximately 190 students from 20 high schools from the Pittsburgh region participated in the tournament.

•Students Earn High Marks on National German Exam

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently earned high marks on the 2017 National German Exam. Freshmen **Eve-Lyn Nicklas** and **Aaron Santilli** won bronze awards, and honorable mention awards went to juniors **Joseph Kirklewski** and **Bridget Shelestak**, sophomore **Courtney Kennedy**, and freshman **Shando Naini**.

The National German Exam was taken at Fox Chapel Area High School earlier this school year and students from across the United States take the exam. The Fox Chapel Area students are under the instruction of German teachers **Tanja Koller** and **Drew Richards**.

•Students Place in German Day Competition

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed in the annual Three Rivers German Day Competition. In the fictional writing category, junior **Anna Paviglianiti** won second place, and sophomore **Courtney Kennedy** was awarded third place. Junior **Emma Francioni** won second place for her drawing and freshman **Alyssa Mattheis** won second place for her painting.

The Three Rivers German Day Competition was open to middle school and high school students from across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and was held March 16, 2017, at Washington & Jefferson College. More than 400 students participate in the event each year which is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

•High School Students Selected for Cager Classic

Four Fox Chapel Area High School seniors were selected to participate in the 21st Annual Alle-Kiski Valley Cager Classic All-Star boys' and girls' basketball games. The students are **Jake Livingston** and **Michael Snowball** (selected for the east boys' team) and **Gabby Badway** and **Bryanna Urso** (selected for the east girls' team).

A total of 50 senior boys and girls from school districts across the Alle-Kiski Valley were chosen to play on the teams. The A-K Valley Cager Classic games were played March 25, 2017, at Highlands High School.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

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

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

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

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated March 13, 2017.

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 \$9,819,069.30 from March 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$663,304.63 for March 2017 were approved.

Disbursements (C) — Athletic capital projects funds disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$6,692.50 for March 2017 were approved.

Finance Report — The finance report for February 2017 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

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

Tax Collectors' Depositories — The following depositories listed below for real estate elected tax collectors were approved as recommended by the appropriate elected official: Aspinwall – Georgene Veltri – PNC Bank, Blawnox – Kathleen Ulanowicz – Allegheny Valley Bank, Indiana – Phyllis Will – PNC Bank, and Sharpsburg – Patricia Hyatt – North West Savings Bank. The Board of School Directors must approve the depositories for real estate elected tax collectors annually.

DQE Communications – Renewal Agreement — Approved the renewal agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and DQE Communications for additional internet bandwidth for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020, at a monthly cost of \$1,500.00.

Asset Control Solutions, Inc. – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Asset Control Solutions, Inc. for the management of fixed assets effective April 3, 2017, at an annual cost of \$9,500.00.

Frontline Education – Master Services Agreement — Approved the master services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Frontline Education for an applicant tracking system effective July 1, 2017, at a startup cost of \$4,675.00, and an annual subscription cost of \$5,820.00.

Reimbursement Resolution 2017-7 — Approved Resolution 2017-7 permitting the district to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations for certain capital expenditures as permitted by the applicable reimbursement regulations.

Award of Bids – Athletic — The administration was authorized to award the following bids for the 2017-2018 school year:

- **Athletic Supplies Bids – Fall and Winter** — BSN Sports, P.O. Box 49, Jenkintown, PA 19046 – \$2,521.02; Century Sports, 115 E. McMurray Road, McMurray, PA 15317 – \$42,407.09; Pyramid School Products, 6510 N. 54th Street, Tampa, FL 33610 – \$1,971.15; and School Specialty Inc., ATTN: Bid Dept., 14 Marble Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601 – \$211.95.
- **Athletic Medical Supplies Bids** — Moore Medical, Bids & Quotes Dept., 1690 New Britain Avenue, P.O. Box 4066, Farmington, CT 06032 – \$12.50; Medco Supply, 500 Fillmore Avenue, Tonawanda, NY 14150 – \$1,409.11; and Everything Medical, P.O. Box 33958, Las Vegas, NV 89133 – \$701.36.

Resolution 2017-8 — Approved Resolution 2017-8 appointing Janney Scott LLC as managing underwriter and the law firm of Dinsmore Shohl LLP as bond counsel in regard to the school district’s debt financing for both outstanding and proposed capital improvement projects.

2017-2018 Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Rates – Information — The Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium approved rates listed below are effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. The PPO, EPO, United Concordia Flex, and Davis Vision plan increases are each 1.9 percent.

<u>Monthly Coverage</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Parent/Child</u>	<u>Parent/Children</u>	<u>Employee/Spouse</u>	<u>Family</u>
Cmnty. Blue Flex PPO	\$585.99	\$1,313.81	\$1,445.19	\$1,591.89	\$1,655.13
Cmnty. Blue Flex EPO	\$547.42	\$1,227.88	\$1,350.64	\$1,487.12	\$1,546.29
UC Flex	\$ 26.71				\$ 87.81
Davis Vision	\$ 4.88				\$ 11.92

Instruction

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2017-2018 Services Agreement and 2016-2017 Services Agreement

Addendum — Approved the 2017-2018 services agreement and the addendum to the 2016-2017 services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for specialized educational services.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds — Approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement — Approved the subgrant agreement for Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) – Part B between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Pediatric Therapy Specialists, Inc. – Contract — Approved the contract between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pediatric Therapy Specialists, Inc. for occupational therapy and physical therapy services effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, at a cost of \$55/hour per student.

Course Changes — Approved the following secondary program course changes for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year: Business – Business Computer Publications to Computer Business Applications, Business – Advanced Business Computer Publications to Advanced Computer Business Applications, Tech Ed – Advanced TV Production to Digital Media Production, and Tech Ed – Video/Digital Film Production to Elements of Digital Video.

Course Deletion — Approved the following secondary program course deletion for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year: Business – Microsoft Office and Web Technologies.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – Revised — Approved the following revised policy: No. 216 – Student Records.

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 – Non-Athletic — Accepted the following non-athletic supplemental contract resignations:

- **Jennifer L. DePoli**, yearbook sponsor (50%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Jennifer L. DePoli**, assistant yearbook sponsor (50%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Tara L. MacDowell**, yearbook sponsor (50%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Tara L. MacDowell**, assistant yearbook sponsor (50%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Leaves

Professional — Approved the following professional leaves:

- **Tiffany M. Hess**, elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School, for a one-year educational sabbatical, effective August 21, 2017, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2018-2019 school term.
- **Michelle L. Ubinger**, mathematics teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, for child-rearing/ adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective May 29, 2017, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2017-2018 school term.

Appointments

Ancillary Services — Approved the following ancillary services appointments:

- **Julie K. Leininger** as the nutrition center manager for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective April 17, 2017. Yearly salary was set (prorated), with benefits as per the employment agreement.
- **Richard C. Perkins Jr.** as the custodial/ maintenance supervisor for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective April 24, 2017. Yearly salary was set (prorated), with benefits as per the employment agreement.

Purchase-of-Service Agreement

Health Services — Ratified the following purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Susanne M. Osche** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective April 3, 2017, through the end of the 2016-2017 school term, at an hourly rate.

Changes of Status

Administration — Ratified the following administrative change of status:

- **Kimberly M. Pawlishak**, currently interim business manager for the Fox Chapel Area School District, as business manager for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective April 1, 2017. Yearly salary was set per the employment agreement.

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

- **Melissa J. Zoschg**, personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, as an instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, effective March 13, 2017. Hourly salary was set based on the salary scale for Instructional Assistants, Step 3, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Jennifer Slezak**.

Volunteer

Athletic — The following athletic volunteer was ratified, effective March 6, 2017: **Keith Procyk** – Boys' Baseball High School Volunteer.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Award of Construction Contracts – Dorseyville Middle School Site Project — Awarded a contract to Advanced Builders, Inc., for the general construction contract, with a base bid amount of \$413,100.00 and accepting Alternate GC-01 in the amount of \$31,350.00, for a total contract award of \$444,450.00 for the Dorseyville Middle School site project.

Rejection of Construction Bids – Fairview Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved a motion to reject all bids opened on March 30, 2017, for the Fairview Elementary School alterations project.

Rejection of Construction Bids – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved a motion to reject all bids opened on March 30, 2017, for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids – Fairview Elementary School Alterations Project — Authorized the advertisement of bids for the Fairview Elementary School alterations project.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Authorized the advertisement of bids for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project.

Change Orders – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project — Approved change orders PC-001, PC-002, and PC-003 at a total cost of \$7,590.86 for the middle school alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Special Counsel — Approved, pursuant to Section 406 of the Public School Code (24 P.S. § 4-406), the appointment of Marcus & Shapira LLP, as special counsel to the district for a personnel matter.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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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