

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED AGENDA STUDY SESSION
AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The combined agenda study session and regular business meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District was called to order by President, Terry L. Wirginis, at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2018, in the LGI Room at the Fox Chapel Area High School. An executive session was held prior to the meeting for a litigation issue.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL-CALL

The Board members present at roll call were Messrs. Obernauer, Schmidt, Vyas, and Wirginis, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Rutkowski. Absent were Mr. Mauro and Mrs. Garbisch. Also present were Dr. Freeman, Dr. McCommons, Mr. Giuffre, and Mrs. Anuszek. Other members of the public were present.

GUESTS

Dr. Freeman introduced Mr. Vancheri.

•Peter J. Vancheri, CPA, Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP, presented the district financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Dr. Freeman introduced Mr. Nauhaus, principal of Dorseyville Middle School who thanked the School Board.

•**School Director Recognition Month** – Dorseyville Middle School Students thanked the Board and honored them with a musical selection under the direction of Mr. Bryer and presented them with a hand made piece of artwork under the direction of Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Montgomery, and Mrs. Etters.

Mr. Wirginis thanked the students and their parents and guardians.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Make-A-Wish Telethon Raises More Than \$37,000!

Fox Chapel Area School District students held their 28th annual telethon Friday, December 22, 2017, and raised more than \$37,000! This year's total brings the money raised by Fox Chapel Area students to more than \$804,000 over the last 28 years for various local and regional charities.

The telethon raised money for Make-A-Wish• Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia and involved students from all six schools in the Fox Chapel Area School District (Fairview, Hartwood, Kerr, and O'Hara elementaries; Dorseyville Middle School; and Fox Chapel Area High School). Student, teacher, parent, and community representatives also participated in the telethon benefitting Make-A-Wish by making donations during the live event. The telethon was coordinated by the Fox Chapel Area High School Student Government and the digital media production students of the high school who plan and produce the event.

This year, the telethon was available in high definition and was streamed live on the Swift Fox Media YouTube channel. Following the live broadcast, the telethon can be viewed any time through the Swift Fox Media YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/swiftfoxmedia>. The telethon was also aired live through Verizon FIOS and Comcast.

Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia grants the wishes of children with critical medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy in 57 Pennsylvania counties and West Virginia. Since 1980, Make-A-Wish has enriched the lives of children with critical medical conditions through its wish-granting work.

The fundraising for Make-A-Wish this year was a return to the telethon's roots as Make-A-Wish was the Fox Chapel Area High School Telethon's first charity in 1990.

High School Women's Choir Chosen to Perform at Eastern Division Conference

The Fox Chapel Area High School Vulpes Cantantes women's choir has been chosen to perform at the 2018 American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division Conference. The group will perform March 8 at First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in conjunction with the organization's biannual conference. The Vulpes Cantantes is one of only three high school choirs chosen to perform from submitted audition recordings. The ACDA Eastern Division includes 11 eastern states stretching from Maine to Maryland and concert attendees will include choral directors and musicians from across the country.

The Vulpes Cantantes includes 50 9th-12th grade female students and the choir is under the direction of conductor **Benjamin Murray**.

• Student in Top 32 in Patriot Games Forensic Tournament

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Rajeev Godse** finished among the top 32 Lincoln Douglas debaters at the Patriot Games Classic Tournament. The tournament was held December 2 & 3, 2017, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. More than 1,500 students representing approximately 115 high school speech and debate programs from across the United States participated in the tournament.

• High School Students Place at UVA Model UN Conference

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the annual University of Virginia Model United Nations (VAMUN) Conference. Juniors **Diana Crookston** and **Grace Stasolla**, sophomore **Rajeev Godse**, and freshmen **Anthony Nguyen** and **Jackson Romero** all won honorable mentions (equivalent to third place).

More than 1,000 students from 49 high schools across the eastern United States participated in the University of Virginia Model UN Conference. The conference was held November 17-29, 2017, 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.

• Girls' Named to All-Section Volleyball Teams

Three Fox Chapel Area High School volleyball players were named to all-section teams. Senior **Tessa Friday** was named to the all-section first team. Senior **Katherine Chomko** and junior **Meredith Kenney** were named to the second team. The team members are selected by the coaches.

• Boys' Soccer Team Members Chosen for All-Star Soccer Teams

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen for two all-star boys' soccer teams. Chosen for the WPIAL Class 4A All-Star Team were senior **William Tabor** and sophomores **Zane Ingram** and **Josh Miller**. Additionally, Will and Zane were both named to the Valley News Dispatch All-Star Boys' Soccer Second Team.

• **Girls' Soccer Team Members Chosen for All-Star Soccer Teams**

Four girls' soccer players were named to the Valley News Dispatch All-Star Soccer teams. Seniors **Katherine Livingston** and junior **Sarah Sinnott** were named to the first team. Senior **Greta Lazzara** and junior **Kate Feczko** were named to the second team.

• **Students Named to Special Football Teams/Coach Named Coach of the Year**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School football players were named to special all-star teams. Ten were named to Class 5A Allegheny Nine All-Conference teams. Seniors **Jesse Cohen**, **Riley Michael**, **Micah Morris**, and **Chase Villani** were named to the first team. Seniors **Luke Brown** and **Adam Woo** and junior **Cole Waxter** were named to the second team. Seniors **Scott Hastings**, **Andrew Jeffrey**, and **Jacob Wecht** all received honorable mentions to the team. Additionally, their coach, **Tom Loughran**, was named the Allegheny Nine Conference Coach of the Year.

Six players were named to the Valley News Dispatch All-Star teams. Senior **Nick Gizzo** was named the Valley News Dispatch Offensive Player of the Year. Jesse, Micah, and Chase were all named to the first team. Second team all-stars included Riley and Cole. The students were featured in the Sunday, December 17, 2017, Valley News Dispatch.

• **Students Selected for All-Star Field Hockey Teams**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to all-star field hockey teams. Senior **Grace Kneppshield** was named all-WPIAL and all-section and senior **Paige Ryan** was also named all-section. Senior **Mia Jamiolkowski** and sophomore **Isabella Lagazzi** were honorable mention all-section selections.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wirginis asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting or the reorganization meeting dated December 4, 2017. On motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mrs. Foster, the minutes were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments

NEW BUSINESS

The superintendent is recommending that action be taken on the following items of business:

FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

A. Facilities/Transportation

No action is requested.

FINANCE

B. Finance

On motion by Dr. Vyas and seconded by Mr. Obernauer, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items:

1. Disbursements (A)

General fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$8,964,964.48 from December 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, are approved.

2. Disbursements (B)

GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$1,123,838.34 for December 2017 are approved.

3. Finance Report

The finance report for November 2017 is acknowledged and filed for audit.

4. 2016-2017 Audit Report

The audit report submitted by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, is approved.

5. FCASD Election Not to Increase Tax Rate Above the Index – Resolution 2018-1

The Fox Chapel Area School District resolution 2018-1 electing not to increase the tax rate above the index in the 2018-2019 General Operating Budget is approved.

6. Asset Control Solutions, Inc. – Agreement

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Asset Control Solutions, Inc. for the management of fixed assets effective January 8, 2018, at an annual cost of \$10,000.00.

INSTRUCTION

C. Instruction

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Mrs. Rutkowski, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Instruction items:

1. Course Changes

Approve the following secondary program course changes for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year:

English

“Elements of Literacy I” and “English 9” (two English courses) to “Elements of Literacy II and English 9” (combined, year-long course)

Health and Physical Education

“Health – Wellness” and “Health – Body Systems” (two health courses) to “Health – Wellness and Body Systems” (combined, two-year course)

2. Course Deletion

Approve the following secondary program course deletion for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year:

Technology Education

Advanced Engineering

3. Course Addition

Approve the following secondary program course addition for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year:

Technology Education

Engineering & Innovation

LEGISLATION/POLICY

D. Legislation/Policy

On motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mrs. Foster, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Legislation/Policy items:

1. Policy – New

Approve the following new policy:

No. 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services

2. Policies – Revised

Approve the following revised policies:

No. 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
No. 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
No. 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
No. 819 – Suicide Prevention/Intervention

3. Policies – Deleted

Approve deleting the following policies:

No. 248 – Unlawful Harassment – Pupils (now included in No. 103)
No. 348 – Unlawful Harassment – Employees (now included in No. 104)

PERSONNEL

E. Personnel

On motion by Mrs. Rutkowski and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Personnel items:

Candidates for employment under this section are 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.

1. Resignations

a. Educational Support

- (1) The resignation of Nanette Campbell, instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, is accepted effective February 2, 2018.

b. Supplemental Contract – Non-Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Tammy J. Balestrino, elementary gifted department head, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective January 1, 2018.

2. Leave

a. Professional

- (1) Shannon R. Frick, elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, is approved for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective January 28, 2018, with return scheduled for April 27, 2018.

3. Appointment

a. Educational Support

- (1) Sandra R. Shank is approved as a twelve-month building secretary at O'Hara Elementary School, effective January 15, 2018. Salary will be set at \$17.79 per hour based on the salary scale for Twelve-Month Secretaries, 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 Danielle Turner.

4. Salary Crossovers

The professional employees listed below are eligible to crossover on the salary scale for the 2017-2018 school term based on verification of additional credits earned. This change is retroactive to the beginning of the current school year in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mathieu, Richard	B+0	B+24
Thiebaud, Ashley	B+0	B+15

5. Extra Innings

a. Teachers

- (1) The following are approved as Extra Innings teachers for the 2017-2018 school term at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 60 hours of planning/instruction:

Fairview Elementary School

Michael Rowe
Sarah Savitz
Angela Wilhelm

Hartwood Elementary School

Lynn DePellegrini
Katherine Frederick
James Jones
Maria Stewart
Audrey Marie Vandembord

Kerr Elementary School

Stephanie Abriatis
Sean Baldis
Meagan Dailey
Terri Kedzierski
Nicole Kuntz
Cara Reese

O'Hara Elementary School

Leah Jacobs
Katie Klinger
Amy Myer
Maria Ricci
Jessica Steiner
Alexis Taylor

- (2) Mary Jo Bisceglia is approved as an Extra Innings substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school term at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

b. Instructional Assistants

- (1) The following are approved as Extra Innings instructional assistants for the 2017-2018 school term at a rate of \$20.00 per hour with a maximum of 35 hours:

Hartwood Elementary School

Kimberly Brose
Patricia Letters

Kerr Elementary School

Connie Banachoski

6. Volunteers – Athletic

- a. The following athletic volunteers are ratified, effective December 13, 2017:

Claire Kintner	Track
Ronald Walkowski	Softball

OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES

E. Operations/Cooperative Services

On motion by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Operations/Cooperative Services items:

1. Change Orders – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project

Approve change orders PC-001 and EC-002 at a total cost of \$7,775.00 for the O’Hara Elementary 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.

2. Change Order – Fairview Elementary School Alterations Project

Approve change order GC-007 at a cost of \$3,081.54 for the Fairview Elementary School alterations project. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

3. Donation – Cello

Accept the donation of a cello to Dorseyville Middle School with a current value of \$1,211.00 from Richard and Tija Jacob.

4. Settlement

Approve settlement of lawsuit filed by Beattie Education Association against various school districts including the Fox Chapel Area School District, as presented.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

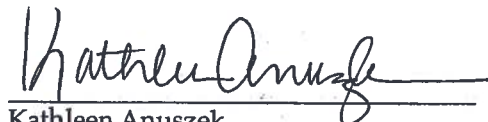
Mr. Frank commented that next Friday is the mid-year point of the school year, that the annual telethon was very successful, and he invited everyone to the upcoming Allegheny County Wrestling Tournament hosted by Fox Chapel Area High School.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were five comments. Dr. Vyas, Mrs. Foster, and Mr. Wirginis wished everyone a Happy New Year. Dr. Cook commented that she is happy to be here and the music was wonderful. Mr. Schmidt also enjoyed the music and complimented the high school chorus for a recent holiday performance in Sharpsburg.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.


Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary