

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED AGENDA STUDY SESSION  
AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DECEMBER 4, 2017

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 7:02 p.m. on December 4, 2017, in the LGI Room at the Fox Chapel Area High School. An executive session was held prior to the meeting for contract issues.

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

ROLL-CALL

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

GUESTS

Dr. Freeman introduced Coach Moul, Coach Slezak, and Coach McCrady, who then introduced the guests.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls' Cross Country Team was recently named the PIAA Class AAA champions. The members of the PIAA-winning girls' team were senior **Caelan Miller**; juniors **Anna Folkerts**, **Sarena Seeger**, and **Annika Urban**; and sophomores **Isabelle Doerr**, **Brooke Krally**, and **Grace Sisson**. Additionally, the boys' and girls' cross country teams were both named the WPIAL Class AAA Section 4 team champions and were undefeated in section play, and the girls' team won the Red, White, and Blue Invitational as well as the Mack Cooper Invitational. The additional members of the girls' section-winning team were senior **Megan Stafford** and freshmen **Allison Carey** and **Caroline Green**. The members of the section-winning boys' team were seniors **Jonathan Folkerts** and **Ariel Schwartz**; juniors **Ian Brown**, **Avery Bursick**, and **Gregory Overbeck**; sophomores **Christian Fitch** and **Oscar Oliva**; and freshmen **Shane Funk**, **Ryan Kenyon**, and **Jose Morales**. Additionally, two members of the boys' team, Ian and Christian, also qualified as individuals for the PIAA Class AAA championships. The championships were held November 4 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Caelan, Anna, Sarena, Annika, Brooke, and Grace were also invited to participate in the Nike Cross Regionals Northeast qualifier that was held November 25 in New York where the team placed third. Additionally, head coach **Tom Moul** was named the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches' Association (PTFCA) Girls' Coach of the Year.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls' Varsity Tennis Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 team title. The team members were: seniors **Kira Clark**, **Abbe Cohen**, **Margeaux Essey**, **Morgann Green**, **Charlotte Landman**, **Elena Liberto**, **Amanda Nord**, **Ashley Trusiak**, and **Molly Wiese**; junior **Kristen Friday**; sophomores **Charlotte James** and **Amanda Schilcher**; and freshmen **Molly Dean**, **Emily Fera**, and **Paige Theoret**. The team was undefeated in section play with a record of 9-0.

Additionally, Amanda Nord and Charlotte James were the PIAA Class AAA doubles champions, the WPIAL Class AAA doubles champions, and the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 doubles champions. Amanda also tied the WPIAL record and set a school record winning this WPIAL title all four years of her high school tennis career. Additionally, Amanda was the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 singles champion. The PIAA doubles tournament was held November 3 and 4, 2017, at Hershey Racquet Club in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Varsity Field Hockey Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 2 championship. The team members were: seniors **Sally Dean, Mia Jamiolkowski, Molly Kelly, Grace Knepshild, Katie McIlroy, Abigail Pitcairn, and Paige Ryan**; juniors **Abigail Baldauf, Emily Ben, Sydney Condron, Kate Goodwin, Marissa Hardiman, Olivia Hourvitz, Courtney Kennedy, Rebecca Klaas, Brianna Lucas, and Carolyn Veith**; sophomores **Mary Ellis, Bryn Gerlach, Isabella Lagazzi, Elise Markel, Megan Matthis, and Sloan Rost**; and freshman **Madeline Meyerburg, Brooke Ryan, and Lily Zaltman**. The team was undefeated in the section (12-0) and had an overall record of 15 wins and four losses.

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

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RETIREMENT

The Fox Chapel Area School District wishes to recognize and thank School Board member Joel R. Weinstein for his more than 21 years of service to the students and the community of the Fox Chapel Area School District. Mr. Weinstein has served on the Board since July of 1996. Mr. Wirginis thanked Mr. Weinstein for his service to the district and presented him with a plaque and gift card. Mr. Weinstein reflected on his years of service and said he was proud to work with everyone in the district.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### •District to Hold Act 34 Hearing on New Kerr School

The Fox Chapel Area School District administration is hosting an Act 34 Hearing on the new Kerr Elementary School project. The meeting will be held Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Fox Chapel Area High School in the large group instruction room. The hearing will include discussion from the district's solicitor, the construction manager, architect, and financial consultants.

A new Kerr Elementary School is planned to be built on the current Kerr School property. Construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2018, with the project scheduled to be substantially completed in the late summer or fall of 2019.

#### •Teacher Gets Grant to Enhance Classroom Learning

O'Hara Elementary School fourth grade teacher **Gabrielle Abati** recently received a \$5,000 grant for her classroom from The Grainger Foundation. Ms. Abati will use the grant to enhance science, math, and reading learning in her classroom. She plans to purchase technology, flexible seating, books, and other supplies with the funds.

The Grainger Foundation is an independent private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, and was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, the founder of the Grainger Company. Grainger is a company that distributes a wide range of products used to maintain, repair, and operate facilities. The Grainger Community Grant Program was established to give back to the communities it serves.

#### •High School Students Place at Pitt Model UN Conference

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Annual University of Pittsburgh Model UN Conference. Winning second-place awards were junior **Tristan McClelland**; sophomores **Rajeev Godse, Gavin Hitchens, and Aaron Santilli**; and freshmen **Jackson Romero and Anthony Nguyen**.

Nearly 500 students from 23 high schools from Western Pennsylvania participated in the University of Pittsburgh Model UN Conference. The conference was held November 13, 2017, at the University of Pittsburgh.

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

• **Student Wins Award in Erie Forensic Tournament**

A Fox Chapel Area High School student recently placed at the annual M & M Forensic Tournament. Junior **Jonah Green** won second place in Student Congress. Additionally, Fox Chapel Area's team of debaters won second place in the overall team debate sweepstakes.

The tournament, sponsored by Mercyhurst and McDowell high schools in Erie, Pennsylvania, was held November 4, 2017, at Penn State Behrend. Approximately 120 students from 10 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania participated in the event.

• **Students Win Awards at Upper St. Clair Novice Forensic Tournament**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Upper St. Clair Novice Forensic Tournament. Sophomore **Ameya Velankar** won third place in Impromptu Speaking, freshman **Jackson Romero** won fourth place in Lincoln Douglas Debate and sophomore **Zeynep Ozkaya** won fifth place, and the team of sophomores **Gavin Hitchens** and **Aaron Santilli** won fourth place in Policy Debate.

The Upper St. Clair Novice Forensic Tournament was held October 28, 2017, at Fort Couch Middle School. A total of 268 students from 24 schools from Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia competed at the tournament.

• **Fox Chapel Crew Member Named to Scholastic Honor Roll**

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Helen Paulini**, a member of the Fox Chapel Crew Team, was recently named to the 2017-18 USRowing Scholastic Honor Roll. Helen is one of only 34 students from across the nation to earn a spot on the Honor Roll. The students were chosen from 114 nominations received from athletes representing 62 clubs and school programs across the U.S. Applicants are selected based on high Grade Point Averages (GPAs) and test scores, as well as their rowing accomplishments.

The USRowing Scholastic Honor Roll recognizes high school seniors who have excelled in both academics and rowing. Applicants must be USRowing members, have rowed or coxed at least one year, and successfully competed at or above the league or regional level.

• **Boys' Soccer Team Members Chosen for Special Soccer Teams**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen for special boys' soccer teams. Senior **William Tabor** and sophomore **Zane Ingram** were named to the WPIAL Class 4A Section 3 First Team; seniors **Jacob Miller** and **Ryan Santilli** and sophomore **Joshua Miller** were named to the second team; and senior **Jakob Dunn** and junior **Alexander Marotte** were named to the third team.

• **Girls' Soccer Team Members Chosen for Special Soccer Teams/Coach Named Coach of the Year**

Girls' soccer players seniors **Greta Lazzara** and **Katherine Livingston** and juniors **Kate Feczko** and **Sarah Sinnott** were named to the All-WPIAL Class 4A Team and were also named to the WPIAL Class 4A Section 3 Team, along with junior **Maura Curry** and sophomore **Claudia DeMartino**. The students selected for these two teams were chosen by the Western Pennsylvania High School Girls Soccer Coaches Association. Additionally, Greta, Katherine, Kate, and Sarah were all named to the Big 56 All-Star First Team and senior **Fallon Curry**, juniors **Maura Curry** and **Julie Scheffler**, and sophomores **Claudia DeMartino** and **Blair Echnat** were named to the Big 56 Second Team. Junior **Sabrina McQuarrie** was an honorable mention to the Big 56 Team. Additionally, girls' soccer coach **Peter Torres** was named the WPIAL Class 4A Section 3 Coach of the Year.

• **Alle-Kiski Valley Area Coaches Announce All-Star Cross Country Teams**

Nine Fox Chapel Area High School Cross Country runners were named to All-Kiski Area Coaches All-Star Teams. Senior **Jonathan Folkerts**, juniors **Ian Brown** and **Gregory Overbeck**, and sophomore **Christian Fitch** were named to the boys' first-team. Senior **Caelan Miller**, juniors **Sarena Seeger** and **Annika Urban**, and sophomores **Brooke Krally** and **Grace Sisson** were all named to the girls' first team.

**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 regular business meeting dated November 13, 2017. On motion by Mr. Weinstein and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, 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 Mr. Weinstein and seconded by Mrs. Foster, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items:

**1. Disbursements (A)**

General fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$6,944,107.89 from November 1, 2017, through November 30, 2017, are approved.

**2. Disbursements (B)**

GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$497,348.13 for November 2017 are approved.

**3. Disbursements (C)**

Athletic capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$6,442.75 for November 2017 are approved.

**4. Finance Report**

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

**5. Budget Transfers**

The budget transfers for 2017-2018 are approved.

**6. AdvanEdge Solutions, Inc. – E-Rate Consulting Services – Agreement**

Approve the agreement with AdvanEdge Solutions, Inc. for E-Rate consulting services for funding years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 at a cost of \$2,290.00 per year.

**INSTRUCTION**

**C. Instruction**

No action is requested.

**LEGISLATION/POLICY**

**D. Legislation/Policy**

No action is requested.

**PERSONNEL**

**E. Personnel**

On motion by Mr. Mauro and seconded by Mr. Obernauer, 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 Danielle L. Turner, building secretary, O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 30, 2017.

**b. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic**

- (1) The resignation of Matthew J. LaPatka, middle school cross country assistant coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 22, 2017.
- (2) The resignation of Jennifer J. McCrady, high school field hockey coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 13, 2017.
- (3) The resignation of Peter J. Shiner, middle school cross country head coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 22, 2017.

**2. Leave**

**a. Professional**

- (1) Krista L. Matonak, mathematics teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, is approved for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective March 1, 2018, with return scheduled for May 7, 2018.

**3. Appointments**

**a. Custodial/Maintenance**

- (1) Christopher A. Skwartz is approved as a 10-month, 8-hour per day, athletic maintenance employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective January 2, 2018. Salary and benefits will be set as per Group E of the Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ Collective Bargaining Agreement. This is a new position.

**b. Supplemental Contracts – Athletics**

- (1) The following athletic supplemental contracts are approved for the 2017-2018 school term:

Orlando T. Bellisario	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach 3 – HS	\$2,370.66
Gary S. Gruen	Girls' Lacrosse 1st Assistant Coach – HS	\$3,434.00
Matthew J. Iannazzo	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach 2 – HS	\$2,370.66
John E. Susi	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach 1 – HS	\$2,370.66

**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>
Barbosky, Tracy	M+0	M+15
Beresik, Amy	M+0	M+15
Deet, Katelyn	B+0	B+24
Dixon, Sarah	B+24	M+0
Francis, Alison	M+15	M+30
Gumto, Danielle	M+15	M+30
Hetu, Gail	B+0	M+0
Jones, James	M+45	Ph+0
McKamish, Melissa	B+24	M+0
Meyer, Amy	M+30	M+45
Murray, Benjamin	B+24	M+0
Susser, Julie	M+0	M+15
Ward, Laura	M+0	M+15

**5. Volunteers – Athletic**

- a. The following athletic volunteers are ratified, effective November 14, 2017:

Timothy Carl	Wrestling
Kaila Kramer	Boys' and Girls' Varsity Swimming
Erin Kust	Girls' Varsity Cheerleading

**OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES**

**E. Operations/Cooperative Services**

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

**1. Change Order – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project**

Approve change order HC-013 at a cost of \$7,684.64 for the middle school alterations project as attached pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

**2. Change Orders – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project**

Approve change orders GC-007 and GC-008 at a total cost of \$6,874.01 for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project as attached pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

**3. Lot Consolidation – Kerr Elementary School Project**

Motion to consolidate block & lot 286-M-110 and block & lot 286-S-125 as requested is approved.

**4. Donation – Choral Music**

Accept the donation of choral music to the Fox Chapel Area School District choral department with a current value of \$3,981.00 from Linda Wallace.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Justin Breen, student government president, gave his report on the upcoming telethon.

**FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Frank wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked Mr. Weinstein for his service to the district.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

There were eight comments. Mr. Obernauer, Dr. Vyas, and Mrs. Foster wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked Mr. Weinstein for his service to the district. Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Rutkowski, Mr. Mauro, and Mr. Wirginis thanked Mr. Weinstein for his service to the district. Mr. Weinstein said he really enjoyed it, and he welcomed Edie Cook.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek  
Board Secretary