

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED AGENDA STUDY SESSION
AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 7, 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 Vice President, Nancy B. Foster, at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2018, in the Auditorium at Dorseyville Middle School. A committee of the whole meeting was held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the administrative conference room.

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, and Wirginis, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Rutkowski. Mr. Wirginis was present via telephone. Absent were Dr. Vyas 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 principals Rachel Fischbaugh, Paul Noro, Kristy Batis, Jon Nauhaus, and Dan Lentz, and teachers Jeff Bryer, Ron Frank, Cheryl Eppers, Joan Marangoni, Antoinette Payner, Mark Matusiak, and Ryan Devlin, who then introduced the guests.

•The following employees will be recognized for 25 years of service to the district:

Hartwood Elementary School – **Lisa Bellinotti** and **Amy Zottola**;

Kerr Elementary School – **Sean Baldis**;

O'Hara Elementary School – **Debra Fetterman** and **Thomas Hong**;

Dorseyville Middle School – **Cheryl Eppers**, **Anne Goggin**, **David Goggin**, **Kevin Grecek**, **Mary Jo Montgomery**, **Peter Pinko**, and **Michael Wolinsky**; and

Fox Chapel Area High School – **James Angelo**, **Peter Shiner**, and **Jill Tabis**.

•Three Dorseyville Middle School eighth grade students were selected to perform with the 2018 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Junior High Orchestra. The students chosen are **Caroline Song** (cello), **Katherine Voigt** (viola), and **Annie Yonas** (1st violin). The PMEA District 1 Junior High Orchestra included the best student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Green, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students participated in practices March 16 and 17 and performed a concert on March 17 at Mt. Lebanon High School. The group was conducted by guest conductor Bingiee Shiu, the lead director of the Memorial High School Orchestra program in Houston, Texas.

•Dorseyville Middle School seventh grader **Elijah Conklin** qualified for the 2018 Pennsylvania Geographic State Bee. The 29th Pennsylvania Geographic Bee was held April 6 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg and this was Elijah's second year to qualify to participate.

The state bee is open to students in grades four-eight who won the competition at their school level and then earned high marks on an online National Geography Bee test. Elijah was named the Dorseyville Middle School winner and competed against other sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at DMS. At the state bee, Elijah compete against more than 100 of the top-scoring students in Pennsylvania.

•Several Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards for their entries in the regional Scholastic Art Awards of 2018. The Fox Chapel Area Gold Key winners were juniors **Hannah Higgins**, **Rachel Himmel** (two Gold Keys), **Michela Nicholas**, **Sofia Porter Bacon**, **Seo Yeon Wang**, and **Hosoo Yoo**; sophomore **Fiona Healy**; and freshmen **Jessica McCann** and **Nora McDougall**. The Dorseyville Middle

School Gold Key winner was eighth grader **Kadence Boykin**. The Gold Key winners had their work sent to New York for national judging where they competed with other regional winners from across the United States for national awards.

The regional award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges which included artists, art educators, and art professionals. The Fox Chapel Area High School art teachers are **Ron Frank, Joan Marangoni, Jody Shell, Christine Smith, Sarah Stewart, and Amy Wickman**.

- Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Lauren Copeland** recently won an award as part of the 2018 Pittsburgh Area High School Students Ceramic Exhibition. Lauren won an Award of Excellence and \$50 for her piece entitled "Obvara Raku." A total of 70 students from 14 schools from the Pittsburgh region entered pieces in the show and they were judged by Gary "Greeny" Greenburg, an assistant professor of art at Clarion University.

The exhibition was held at Clay Place at Standard April 12-May 3. Clay Place at Standard is an exhibition space in Carnegie's industrial zone founded on a strong tradition of award-winning pottery. Through various shows, Clay Place puts the spotlight on local and national artists, from students to professionals.

Lauren is under the instruction of Fox Chapel Area High School art teacher **Joan Marangoni**.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won first place in their division at the Pittsburgh Data Jam. The students are seniors **Albert Liu, Andreas Paljug, and Max Wolfendale**; juniors **Arnav Gupta and Zachary Lakkis**; and sophomores **J. Oliver Choo and Rajeev Godse**. The group's presentation topic was "A Machine Learning Approach to Diagnosing Common Thorax Diseases."

The purpose of the Pittsburgh Data Jam is to introduce high school students to big data and data analytics and to provide them with hands-on learning. The competition was held February 27, 2018, at the University of Pittsburgh and included 15 teams from across Allegheny County.

- Four Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the regional CalcuSolve competition. The team of sophomores **J. Oliver Choo, Rajeev Godse, and Anzu Sekikawa** and freshman **Vinisha Sant** won first place in the team competition for grades nine and ten. Additionally, Rajeev placed first and Justin placed second in the individual category of the competition for students in grades nine and ten.

The contest was held October 12, 2017. Approximately 280 students from about 40 school districts from across the Pittsburgh area participated in the competition that was held at Duquesne University.

CalcuSolve is a competition that tests students' problem-solving skills related to mathematics. Students compete as part of a group as well as individually.

- Three Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in their events at the Pittsburgh Diocesan Qualifying Tournament for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Championship Tournament.

The team of senior **Sara Puthenpurayil** and sophomore **Rajeev Godse** won third place in Policy Debate and freshman **Jackson Romero** won fourth place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. These three students have advanced to represent the Pittsburgh Diocese at the Grand National Championship Tournament May 26 and 27, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

The Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Forensic League national-qualifying tournament was held March 3 at Fort Couch Middle School in the Upper St. Clair School District. Approximately 215 students from 20 high schools from the Pittsburgh region participated in the tournament.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League's (PHSSL) District 2 state championship-qualifying tournament. The team of seniors **Sara Puthenpurayil** and **Albert Liu** won first place and qualified to represent the region at the PHSSL State Tournament. The state tournament was held March 16 and 17, 2018, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Approximately 180 students representing 14 high schools from Allegheny, Beaver, and Butler counties competed in the District 2 state-qualifying tournament. The tournament was held February 24 at Pine-Richland High School.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School student placed at the Pine-Richland High School Invitational forensic tournament. Sophomore **Rajeev Godse** won first place in Lincoln Douglas Debate with a perfect record of five wins and no losses.

The tournament was held January 20, 2018, at Pine-Richland High School. Approximately 440 students from 31 high schools from Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia participated in the tournament.

- Five Fox Chapel Area High School students won first-place awards at the Mars Area High School Invitational forensic tournament. Junior **Jonah Green** won first place in Student Congress and sophomore **Rajeev Godse** won first place in Impromptu Speaking.

The tournament was held January 6, 2018, at Mars Area High School. Approximately 130 students from 13 high schools from Western Pennsylvania participated.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Brother Rene Sterner Steel City Classic forensic tournament. The team of senior **Sara Puthenpurayil** and sophomore **Rajeev Godse** won first place in Policy Debate.

The tournament was held December 15, 2017, at Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School. A total of 191 students from 25 high schools from Western and Central Pennsylvania competed at the event.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed first at the annual M & M Forensic Tournament. The team of senior **Sara Puthenpurayil** and sophomore **Rajeev Godse** won first place in Policy Debate and had an undefeated record.

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.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Westminster Model United Nations (UN) Conference. The team of juniors **Diana Crookston** and **Grace Stasolla** placed first.

Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School delegation of students representing the United Kingdom won the Best Overall Delegation (first place). That team included juniors **Diana Crookston**, **Tristan McClelland**, and **Grace Stasolla**; and sophomores **Jackson Boychuk**, **Hanna Chen**, **Casey Monroe**, **Shando Naini**, **Boomba Nishikawa**, and **Thomas Traub**.

Approximately 200 students from 16 Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio high schools participated in the Westminster Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 11, 2018, at Westminster College.

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.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School student won an individual award at The Ohio State University Model UN Conference. Sophomore **Rajeev Godse** was awarded first place. Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School team as a whole won Best Small School Delegation (first place overall among schools with fewer than 20 delegates at the conference). The entire team included senior **Sara Puthenpurayil**; juniors **Isabella Boleng**, **Diana Crookston**, **Tristan McClelland**, **Grace Stasolla**, and **Ziya Xu**; sophomores **Hanna Chen**, **Rajeev Godse**, **Gavin Hitchens**, **Boomba Nishikawa**, **Zeynep Ozkaya**, **Sina Shaikh**, **Shando Naini**, **Helene Tracey**, **Thomas Traub**, and **Felix Veser**; and freshman **Jackson Romero**.

Approximately 200 students representing 12 high schools from Pennsylvania and Ohio participated in the Ohio State University Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 6-8, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Duquesne University Model UN Conference. First-place awards went to sophomores **Boomba Nishikawa** and **Aaron Santilli**.

The conference was held January 26, 2018, at Duquesne University and 350 students from 21 high schools in the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the event.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Annual University of Pittsburgh Model UN Conference. The team of seniors **Emilia Bianchini** and **Bridget Wang**; sophomores **Alyssa Carnevali**, **Hannah Drum**, **Gavin Hitchens**, **Zeynep Ozkaya**, **Aaron Santilli**, **Sina Shaikh**, **Helene Tracey**, and **Felix Veser**; and freshmen **Harrison Calig** and **Bennett Marsh** were awarded first place overall in the large delegation category. Winning other first-place awards were senior **Andreas Paljug**, junior **Zachary Lakkis**, and sophomores **Sina Shaikh** and **Felix Veser**.

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.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned high marks on the 2018 National Latin Exam. Gold Medal/Summa Cum Laude awards were earned by sophomores **Hanna Chen** and **Claire Fenton**. The National Latin Exam was taken in March 2018. Approximately 143,000 students from 50 states and 24 foreign countries participated.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students competed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Leadership Conference and 55 placed and qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first place regional winners included: seniors **Christopher Bonavita**, **Jarad Reiss**, **Brianna Smith**, **Jordan Taxay**, **Tanvi Yende**, and **Zachary Zytneck**; juniors **Vaishavi Agrawal**, **Daniel Andrud**, **Abby Baldauf**, **Noah Fritsch**, **Sanjana Harish**, **Meredith Kenney**, and **Ziya Xu**; sophomores **Jackson Boychuk** and **Michael Prato**; and freshmen **Arda Akinci**, **David Kronman**, **Arsh Kumaran**, **Nathaniel Lazzara**, **Isabella Liberto**, and **John Lindgren**. Second place regional winners were: seniors **Emilia Bianchini**, **Braddock Lalor**, and **Jeffrey Savin**; juniors **Mitchell Miles** and **Jonathan Simon**; sophomores **Blair Echnat** and **Aaron Santilli**; and freshmen **Bennett Marsh**, **Vivian Shao**, and **Hyun Shin**. Third place regional winners were: seniors **Elena Liberto**, **Albert Liu**, **Ryan Santilli**, **Sarah Sheerer**, **Ashley Trusiak**, and **Adam Woo**; sophomores **Gwendolyn Cullen** and **Samantha Dockey**; and freshmen **Zane Gavazzi**. Fourth place regional winners were: senior **Scott Hastings**; juniors **Isabella Boleng**, **Kristen Friday**, **Ryan Kerr**, **Alyssa Melani**, and **Zachary Yonas**; sophomore **Alyssa Carnevali**; and freshmen **Melina Bradley** and **Domenica Delaney**. Fifth place regional winners were: seniors **Cooper Collins**, **Alexander Miles**, and **Sai Yarlagadda**; junior **Gina Wang**; sophomore **Hannah Drum**; and freshman **Ian Cohen**. All of these students have qualified to participate at the state-level FBLA Conference that was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 9-11, 2018.

The FBLA Regional Leadership Competition was held December 14, 2017, at The Fez in Hopewell, Pennsylvania. Approximately 300 students from schools from 10 school districts participated in the regional competition.

- Six Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned first through fourth places at the 2018 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference and qualified to participate in the national conference. Juniors **Daniel Andrud** and **Noah Fritsch** won second place; freshman **David Kronman** won third place; and freshmen **Emily Li**, **Kaylee Werner**, and **Zoey Zoschg** won fourth place. All six of these students qualified for the National FBLA Leadership Conference which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 28-July 1.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 9-11 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Approximately 4,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Shanko Congalton**.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following textbooks will be recommended for approval at the June 11, 2018, Board meeting. They will be available for review until June 11, 2018, in the administrative offices:

Fox Chapel Area High School

Updated copyright of current textbooks:

“PreCalculus” by Ron Larson; Publisher: Cengage Learning; updated Copyright 2016, 7th edition; for PreCalculus and PreCalculus Accelerated Grades 9-12

“Principles of Business” by Les R. Dlabay, James L. Burrow, and Brad A. Kleindl; Publisher: South-Western Cengage Learning; updated Copyright 2017, 9th edition; for Introduction to Business Grades 9 and 10

New textbooks for adoption:

“Foundations of Language and Literature” by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, and Tracy Scholz; Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth High School Publishers; Copyright 2018; for English 9 and English 9 Accelerated

“Advanced Language and Literature” by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, and Lance Balla; Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth High School Publishers; Copyright 2016; for English 10 and English 10 Accelerated

• **District Named one of “Best Communities for Music Education”**

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been named among the 2018 Best Communities for Music Education. This is the seventh year in a row that the district received this prestigious designation! Fox Chapel Area is one of only 82 in the state of Pennsylvania and one of 583 school districts in the nation chosen for this honor that recognizes outstanding commitment to music education. The districts were selected through a program sponsored by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation which acknowledges and celebrates schools and districts across the United States for demonstrating outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the Best Communities for Music education designation, Fox Chapel Area answered questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music-making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs.

• **High School Students Named 2018 National Merit Finalists**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been designated as National Merit Finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The Finalists from Fox Chapel Area High School are **Albert Liu**, **Elizabeth Mountz**, and **Jordan Taxay**.

These Fox Chapel Area High School students were named Semifinalists in September 2017 and have met all the requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition for National Merit Scholarships which will be announced this spring. The students are selected as Finalists based on their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores and other factors, including SAT scores, a student essay, a school recommendation, and having an outstanding academic record throughout high school.

Each year college-bound 11th grade students complete the PSAT/NMSQT. All the students who take this test are automatically enrolled in the National Merit Scholarship Program and approximately 15,000

advance to become Finalists. The Finalists represent less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors and compete for some 7,500 Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million to be offered in the spring of 2018.

The NMSC is a privately financed, not-for-profit corporation.

• **Students Win Awards at Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

Nineteen Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF).

Fox Chapel Area High School freshman **Sanjay Seshan** received second place in the senior engineering/robotics category and also won sponsor awards from FedEx Ground, Inc.; Harrisburg University of Science & Technology; and Innovation Works. Freshman **Amulya Garimella** was named a second-place winner in the senior biology category and she also won sponsor awards from Duquesne University–Dept. of Biological Sciences and the University of Pittsburgh–Dept. of Neuroscience. Junior **Zachary Lakkis** won third place in the senior medicine/health/microbiology category and also won a sponsor award from the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh. Junior **Sanjana Harish** received a sponsor award from Harrisburg University of Science & Technology. Sophomore **Rajeev Godse** won a sponsor award from the American Society for Quality.

Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Janise Kim** received a second place in the intermediate engineering/robotics category and also won sponsor awards from Duquesne Light; FedEx Ground, Inc.; Michael Baker Corporation; and the Society of Women Engineers. Eighth grader **Zoe Lakkis** won second place in the intermediate computer science/math category and also won sponsor awards from the American Society for Quality and Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Eighth grader **Mona Gerges** won third place in the intermediate biology category and also won an affiliate award from the U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps (Office of Naval Research). Eighth grader **Theodor Urban** was awarded third place in the intermediate computer science/math category. Sixth grader **Lucas Gravina** won third place in the junior physical sciences & engineering category and he also won a sponsor award from Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation. Sixth grader **Adhitya Thirumala** won an honorable mention sponsor award from the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, Inc.

The following students received Perseverance Awards for the number of years they have been participating in the Covestro PRSEF: juniors Zachary Lakkis (Honorary Scientist) and **Gina Wang** (Associate Scientist); sophomores **Hanna Chen** (Associate Scientist), **Jasmine Eng** (Associate Scientist), **Serena Fisher** (Associate Scientist), and **Ameya Velankar** (Associate Scientist); freshmen **Suparna Agrawal** (Junior Scientist) and **Amulya Garimella** (Junior Scientist); and eighth graders **Zoe Lakkis** (Junior Scientist) and **Siddharth Yende** (Junior Scientist).

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. More than 1,000 students from more than 100 schools competed for over \$1 million in cash prizes and scholarships. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research, constructed a display, and explained their work to a committee of judges. The science fair was held at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh March 23 and 24, 2018.

• **Students Win Honorable Mentions in Shakespeare Contest**

Three Fox Chapel Area School District students received honorable mentions as part of the 24th Annual Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest. Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Karl Pil** and Dorseyville Middle School eighth graders **Zoe Lakkis** and **Lance Wilhelm** all received honorable mentions in the Upper Division Monologues category. Karl performed as Henry in a scene from "King Henry V." Zoe portrayed Helena in a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Lance performed as Cassius in a scene from "Julius Caesar."

The contest was held in February 2018 at the Pittsburgh Public Theater. Over 10 days, the students performed monologues and/or scenes from the works of William Shakespeare. More than 1,000 students from 90 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area participated.

• **Students Place at Freshman-Sophomore Forensic Tournament**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Freshman-Sophomore Forensic Tournament. Sophomore **Jackson Boychuk** won third place in Student Congress, sophomore **Noah Hertzman** was awarded third place in Impromptu Speaking, and freshman **Xavier Perry** won sixth place in Poetry Interpretation.

The Freshman-Sophomore Forensic Tournament was held April 7, 2018, and was hosted by Seton LaSalle High School. Approximately 180 students from 17 high schools from Western Pennsylvania competed at the tournament.

• **Students Place at State Forensic Tournament**

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament. Freshman **Jackson Romero** finished in seventh place in Student Congress – House. The Policy Debate team of seniors **Sara Puthenpurayil** and **Albert Liu** finished in eighth place. Additionally, sophomore **Rajeev Godse** placed in the top 24 in Impromptu Speaking and the team of sophomores **Jackson Boychuk** and **Gavin Hitchens** finished in the top 24 in News Broadcasting.

The state tournament was held March 16 and 17, 2018, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in Bloomsburg. Approximately 720 students representing 98 high schools from across the state participated in the tournament.

• **Students Place at Westminster Model UN Conference**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Westminster Model United Nations (UN) Conference. The team of sophomores **Jackson Boychuk** and **Thomas Traub** placed third.

Approximately 200 students from 16 Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio high schools participated in the Westminster Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 11, 2018, at Westminster College.

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.

• **Students Place at OSU Model UN Conference**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students won individual awards at The Ohio State University Model UN Conference. Freshman **Jackson Romero** won second place and juniors **Diana Crookston** and **Tristan McClelland** and sophomore **Gavin Hitchens** all won honorable mentions (equivalent to third place).

Approximately 200 students representing 12 high schools from Pennsylvania and Ohio participated in The Ohio State University Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 6-8, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.

• **Students Place in State FBLA Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned sixth through tenth places at the 2018 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. The students are: seniors **Braddock Lalor**, **Jeffrey Savin**, **Ryan Santilli**, and **Zachary Zytneck** and juniors **Vaishavi Agrawal**, **Melina Bradley**, **Sanjana Harish**, **Gina Wang**, and **Ziya Xu**.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 9-11 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Approximately 4,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Shanko Congalton**.

• **Students Earn High Scores on National Latin Exam**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned high marks on the 2018 National Latin Exam. A Silver Medal/Maxima Cum Laude award was given to junior **Marissa Hardiman**. Certificates/Magna Cum Laude awards were earned by senior **Delaney Roberts** and freshman **Amulya Garimella**. Cum Laude recognition and a certificate was earned by junior **Elizabeth Kaslewicz**. The National Latin Exam was taken in March 2018. Approximately 143,000 students from 50 states and 24 foreign countries participated.

• **Student Named to All-Star Wrestling Team**

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Donovan Cutchember** has been named to the Tribune-Review/Valley News Dispatch All-Star Wrestling Team. The team was selected by the Valley News Dispatch sports staff.

• **Students Chosen for Roundball Classic**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School seniors were chosen to play in a Roundball Classic All-Star basketball game. **Carson Cohen** and **Domanic McGriff** were selected for the boys' all-star basketball Class 6A team. The Roundball Classic games were played April 20 and 21, 2018, at Geneva College. The Roundball Classic is the showcase for the top senior basketball players in Western Pennsylvania. The games feature players from all six classifications and two teams filled with WPIAL standouts from all the classifications. The class 6A players played the Class 5A players on April 21.

• **Players Chosen for All-Star Basketball Teams**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School basketball players were recently chosen for all-star basketball teams. Seniors **Carson Cohen** and **Domanic McGriff** were selected for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette WPIAL Class 6A Section 3 All-Section Team. The teams were selected by section coaches. Carson was also chosen for the Valley News Dispatch first team and Domanic was chosen for the second team. The players were featured in the April 8, 2018, Tribune-Review/Valley News Dispatch.

Additionally, five Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to all-section basketball teams. Senior **Claudia Guerrieri** was named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 2 All-Star Second Team and senior **Sarah Sheerer** received an honorable mention to the team. Carson and Domanic were named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 3 All-Star First Team and junior **Bennett Kelly** was named to the second team.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Foster asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated April 9, 2018. On motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Obernauer, and after a discussion, the minutes were approved as submitted, with 6 in favor and 1 opposed, Dr. Cook voting No.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were ten comments.

1. Dana Kellerman, 1299 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, commented on later school start times. She thanked District Forum for holding the panel discussion and the Board members for attending the meeting on April 24. She spoke about the many health and safety benefits of later school start times for middle and high school students. She also spoke about the associations that support this. She urged the Board to move forward with public discussion on this issue in hopes to make the change for the 2019-2020 school year.

2. Peter Black, 315 Canterbury Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, a parent whose son will be attending Dorseyville Middle School next year, commented on fracking in Indiana Township, providing a handout. He said fracking will have a negative impact on the district, and he spoke about the health risks and harms of fracking while referring to the handout. He asked that the district support the petition to Indiana Township and put pressure on Indiana Township to update its ordinances.
3. Vanessa Lynch, 3726 Saxonburg Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, a parent with a daughter in seventh grade at Dorseyville Middle School and a son in fourth grade at Hartwood Elementary School, commented on fracking in Indiana Township, providing a handout. She spoke about the health risks caused by air pollution from fracking and asked that the district take a leading role in the fight against fracking in our communities.
4. Melinda Guinn, 3309 Waterford Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, a parent of a daughter at Dorseyville Middle School, a daughter at Hartwood Elementary School, and two children who are slated to attend Hartwood Elementary School, commented on fracking in Indiana Township. She thanked the Board for attending community meetings pertaining to various topics over the past few months. She said she appreciates how much they care for the kids, and asked that the district consider how we are going to address the safety issues involved with fracking and keep our children safe.
5. Joan Vondra, 4 Old Timber Trail, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, a parent of two daughters who attended Fox Chapel Area, commented on fracking in Indiana Township, providing a handout. She said it is the Board's responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of the students of the district while they are in school and on school property. She spoke about various health and safety hazards related to fracking. She asked the Board for air monitoring, that they request the use of diesel filters, and make a written commitment not to lease any school property for gas or oil extraction.
6. Dianne Peterson, 125 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15215, commented on fracking in Indiana Township, providing a handout. She said the health and safety of the children is the Board's responsibility while they are in school or on buses. She asked that the Board learn about the risks and have a plan to evacuate students from Dorseyville Middle School and Hartwood Elementary School in case of a fracking accident, and that they do not sign away the mineral rights on any district property. She spoke about health concerns associated with fracking and asked that they take the time to review the handout she provided.
7. Cathy Peterson, 125 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15215, a 2016 graduate of Fox Chapel Area, commented on fracking in Indiana Township. She quoted the "vision" of our district from the website and spoke about various dangers associated with fracking. She asked the Board to create a thorough evacuation plan, not to sell the mineral rights on any school property, monitor the air quality at all times, and request and share weekly updates from Range Resources.
8. Rajani Vaidyanathan, 941 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, a parent of a middle schooler, commented on fracking in Indiana Township and a later school start time at the high school. She spoke about the environmental impact on our children's health, the negative effects from on-site housing at the fracking site, communication between the district and Range Resources, and the need for an evacuation plan. She asked that the Board not sign any leases for gas extraction on district property, and to sign and support the petition to Indiana Township. She also spoke about how difficult it is for her teenager to wake up some mornings and asked the Board to explore the possibility of starting school later.
9. Robert Nishikawa, 125 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15215, commented on fracking in Indiana Township and a later school start time at the high school. He quoted a recent district letter from the superintendent stating that the school's number one priority is the safety of our children. He spoke about negative health effects from fracking and said the Board has a moral obligation to protect the children from harm. He asked the Board to send a letter to Indiana Township stating that the Board is against having fracking near any district school. He also said he is in favor of a later start time at the high school.

10. Lucy Hainan, 213 Emerson Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15215, a parent of three daughters, commented on school start times as well as the safety and health of her children. She said the conversations this evening are making her think about what she really wants for her children, that she takes pride in the school and takes pride in the fact that she moved here, but that the true safety and health of her children are above all.

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. Mauro and seconded by Mrs. Rutkowski, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items:

1. Disbursements (A)

General fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$5,471,810.91 from April 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018, are approved.

2. Disbursements (B)

GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$428,097.92 for April 2018 are approved.

3. Disbursements (C)

Athletic capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$5,073.74 for April 2018 are approved.

4. Finance Report

The finance report for March 2018 is acknowledged and filed for audit.

5. Budget Transfers

The budget transfers for 2017-2018 are approved.

6. Student Activity Financial Reports

The third quarter 2017-2018 middle school and high school student activity financial reports are acknowledged and filed for audit.

7. Property Damage Release

Accept \$1,480.00 from Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. for the cost to repair building damage caused by Turner Dairy Farms, Inc. There is no cost to the district.

8. Resolution 2018-7 – Real Estate Tax Collectors Bonds

Approve Resolution 2018-7, fixing the amounts of the bonds required of the elected or appointed tax collectors in each of the municipalities for the period January 1, 2018, and to the settlement of their respective 2021 duplicates with regard to the collection of real estate taxes.

9. 2018-2019 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget

The Resource Planning Committee has studied the Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for 2018-2019 as prepared and recommended by the administration. The proposed real estate millage rate is 19.5750 mills which is a 1.2 percent increase from the current year and under the PDE index of 2.4 percent.

Therefore, be it resolved, to adopt the 2018-2019 Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$103,358,610 as presented with a real estate tax of 19.5750 mills and a continuation of all other taxes without change.

INSTRUCTION

C. Instruction

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

1. Textbooks for Approval – Fox Chapel Area High School

Approve the following updated copyright of a current textbook:

“The Americans” by Gerald A. Danzer, Jorge J. Klor de Alva, Larry S. Krieger, Louis E. Wilson, and Nancy Woloch; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; updated Copyright 2017; for US History III Grade 11

Approve the following new textbooks:

“American Government and Politics Today” by Steffen W. Schmidt, Mack C. Shelley II, and Barbara A. Bardes; Publisher: Cengage Learning, Inc.; Copyright 2018-2019; for Modern American Society Grade 12

“Essential Speech” by Rudolph F. Verderber, Kathleen S. Verderber, and Deanna D. Sellnow; Publisher: South-Western Cengage Learning; Copyright 2011; for Public Speaking Grades 10-12

2. Course Deletion – Fox Chapel Area High School

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

Science Department – Evaluating Environmental Systems

3. Course Addition – Dorseyville Middle School

Approve the following secondary program pilot course for Dorseyville Middle School, effective for the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year, with the intention to implement in the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year:

English Language Arts Department – Language Arts 8 Advanced

4. Pilot for Digital Course Materials – Fox Chapel Area High School

Approve the health and physical education department at Fox Chapel Area High School to pilot the use of the digital resource CK-12 for Discovery Health A and B in grades 9 and 10, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

**5. University of Pittsburgh
Maximizing Adolescent Potentials (MAPS) Program – Agreement**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the University of Pittsburgh Maximizing Adolescent Potentials (MAPS) Program, effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021.

6. The Children’s Institute – The Day School – Agreement

Ratify the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Day School at The Children’s Institute for an education program for an unnamed student for the 2017-2018 school year, effective April 30, 2018, at the per diem rate of \$344.45.

**7. The Children’s Institute
Extended School Year (ESY) Program – Services Agreements**

Approve the services agreements between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Children’s Institute for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for the period June 27, 2018, through July 26, 2018, for four unnamed students at a cost of \$3,700.00 per student.

8. June 2018 Candidates for Graduation

Approve the list of candidates for June 2018 graduation submitted by the Fox Chapel Area High School principal.

9. Settlement

Approve settlement of claim by parents of student S.G. as presented.

LEGISLATION/POLICY

D. Legislation/Policy

No action is requested.

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. Professional

- (1) The resignation of Randi K. M. Leonard, business education teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, is accepted effective January 21, 2019.

b. Educational Support

- (1) The resignation of Thomas L. Posey, personal care assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 9, 2018.

c. Nutrition Center

- (1) The resignation of Barbara A. Berg, nutrition center employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 6, 2018.

d. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Abigail E. Dorrance, high school field hockey first assistant coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 10, 2018.
- (2) The resignation of Brandon W. Peifer, interscholastic strength and conditioning assistant coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective May 14, 2018.
- (3) The resignation of Sergio W. Rometo, high school freshman football assistant coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 6, 2018.
- (4) The resignation of Timothy J. Schilcher, interscholastic strength and conditioning head coach, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective May 11, 2018.

e. Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Katelyn R. Deet, mentor teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 30, 2018.
- (2) The resignation of Katelyn R. Deet, SMALLab Coordinator at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 30, 2018.
- (3) The resignation of Michael G. Kestner, safety patrol sponsor at Kerr Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective the end of the 2017-2018 school term.

2. Leaves

a. Professional

- (1) Amy E. Buches, mathematics teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, previously approved for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, beginning April 4, 2018, with return scheduled for May 21, 2018, is approved for an extension of the childrearing/adoption leave, with return scheduled for May 29, 2018.
- (2) Katelyn D. Ziegler, elementary teacher at Hartwood Elementary School, is approved for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective June 12, 2018, with return scheduled for October 26, 2018.

3. Appointments

a. Custodial/Maintenance

- (1) David D. Fowler is ratified as a 10-month, 8-hour per day, custodian at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective April 16, 2018. Salary and benefits will be set as per the Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the reassignment of Christopher Skwortz.
- (2) David G. Pcolar is ratified as a 10-month, 8-hour per day, custodian at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective May 3, 2018. Salary and benefits will be set as per the Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of Karon Henderson.

b. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

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

Sean D. Mawhinney	Cross County Head Coach – MS	\$2,270.00
Brandon W. Peifer	Interscholastic Strength/Conditioning Head Coach	\$1,164.60

4. Agreement – Dorseyville Middle School Athletic Trainer

- a. The agreement between Tonya S. McKenzie and the Fox Chapel Area School District is approved, effective August 13, 2018, through May 20, 2019, with an annual salary of \$17,000.00.

OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES

E. Operations/Cooperative Services

On motion by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Obernauer, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Operations/Cooperative Services items 1., 2., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9., 10., 11., 12., and 13. Item 3. was approved with 6 in favor and 1 opposed, Dr. Cook voting No:

1. The Hill Group, Inc. – Proposal

Approve the proposal from the Hill Group, Inc., as consultants on facilitating the Pennsylvania Department of Education required District Comprehensive Plan for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, the Dorseyville Middle School schedule parent survey, and the community survey for later school start times for the Fox Chapel Area School District at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. This will be paid from federal funds.

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

Approve change orders GC-012 and PC-002 at a total cost of \$10,197.89 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.

**3. Plancon Part F – Construction Documents – Resolution 2018-5
Kerr Elementary School Project**

Approve Resolution 2018-5 authorizing the administration and Canzian/Johnston & Associates LLC to prepare and submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for architectural review, all necessary documents to complete Plancon Part F, construction documents for the Kerr Elementary School project, including the completed construction drawings and specifications to be used for the bidding process.

4. Medical Examiner, Athletic Examiner, and Team Physician – Agreement

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Matthew C. Schaffer, M.D., as medical examiner, athletic examiner, and team physician, for the period of two years beginning June 1, 2018, and ending on May 31, 2020, at an annual compensation of \$21,800.00 for the first year and \$23,800.00 for the second year.

5. 2018-2019 Dental Examiners

Approve Dr. Brian Buzzatto and Dr. Susan Buzzatto as dental examiners for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$8 per student, at original entry into school and in grades three and seven.

6. Computer Logic Group – PowerSchool Customizations

Authorize the Computer Logic Group to develop customization reports in PowerSchool for the Fox Chapel Area School District effective immediately at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

7. ACS, A Division of IdentiSys, Inc. – Contract Proposal

Approve the contract proposal from ACS, A Division of IdentiSys, Inc., to provide identification badge services for the Fox Chapel Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$2,112.00.

8. YMCA – Agreement and Lease

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the YMCA for the before-/after- school child care program during the school year and a day care camp during the summer for the 2018-2019 school year. There is no cost to the district. During the summer months, the YMCA will pay the district the amount of \$550.00 per week for custodial and facility usage.

9. A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget Resolution

The A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2018-2019 is \$9,470,125. The Fox Chapel Area School District’s share of the 2018-2019 A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget is approved as set forth below:

	<u>Total Members Share</u>	<u>Fox Chapel Area SD Share</u>
Operating Budget	\$6,131,975	\$474,177
Debt Service Budget	<u>1,385,150</u>	<u>215,529</u>
	\$7,517,125	\$689,706

10. School Board Treasurer – Appointment

The appointment of Robert Mauro as School Board Treasurer is approved.

11. PSBA 2018 Delegate Assembly – Appointment of Voting Delegate

The appointment of Eric C. Schmidt as voting delegate to the PSBA 2018 Delegate Assembly is approved.

12. Resolution 2018-6

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Classification Reform

Approve Resolution 2018-6 calling for PIAA classification reform to level the competitive arena.

13. Athletic Summer Camps/Activities

The following teams are approved to hold summer camps/activities in 2018 for athletes in the Fox Chapel Area School District:

- Fox Chapel Area Boys' Baseball
- Fox Chapel Area Boys' /Girls' Basketball
- Fox Chapel Area Cheerleading
- Fox Chapel Area Cross Country
- Fox Chapel Area Diving
- Fox Chapel Area Field Hockey
- Fox Chapel Area Football
- Fox Chapel Area Boys' /Girls' Lacrosse
- Fox Chapel Area Boys' /Girls' Soccer
- Fox Chapel Area Girls' Softball
- Fox Chapel Area Boys' /Girls' Volleyball
- Fox Chapel Area Wrestling

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Justin Breen, student government president, gave his report on the blood drive, opportunities fair, prom, mock accident program, the upcoming AP testing, Keystone testing, and finals. He said Mr. Schmidt put on a great mock accident program, and it was very powerful for the students. He said the election is coming up, and he thanked the Board for allowing him to speak over the past year.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

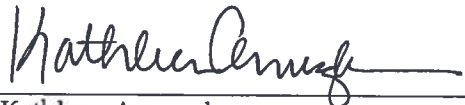
There was no report.

BOARD COMMENTS

Four Board members commented. Mr. Obernauer congratulated the administration and parents on the district and student successes and thanked the community members who made public comments. Mr. Schmidt echoed what Mr. Obernauer said. He also said he is overwhelmed by the number of teachers who were honored for 25-years of service and the experience they bring to the district. Mr. Mauro thanked the community members who made comments about fracking and said he agreed with the evidence they presented. He said we will do everything we can to help, but they need to address Indiana Township with their concerns. Mr. Wirginis said he appreciates the speakers and agreed with Mr. Mauro regarding taking the concerns to Indiana Township.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary