

March 7, 2016

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 March 7, 2016. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster; Assistant Secretary Sandra M. Garbisch; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Lisa M. Rutkowski (via telephone); Eric C. Schmidt; and Joel R. Weinstein.

GUESTS

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

- The Dorseyville Middle School 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Team recently completed an undefeated 2015-2016 season. The team finished with a perfect 22-0 record. In addition to the regular season results, the boys closed out the year as the Shaler Area Junior High Tournament Champions. Earlier in the year they also won the North Allegheny Holiday Tournament and the Western Pennsylvania Junior High School Basketball Championship.

Members of the team were **Scott Bitar, Samuel Brown, Joseph D'Cunha, William Generett, Brendan Kelly, Andrew Landman, Ronald Livingston, Matthew Mattioli, Michael Rice, Gusto Sunseri, Shane Susnak, Brevin Urso, and Arnold Vento.**

- Sandy Edgecombe and Carol Huff with AFS Intercultural Experiences recognized the Fox Chapel Area High School staff for their commitment to inspiring intercultural awareness in tomorrow's leaders fostered through a partnership with AFS USA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment and Fire Drills — Received the enrollment and the fire drills report.

Information

•Students Named 2016 National Merit Finalists

Sixteen Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been designated as National Merit Finalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The Finalists from Fox Chapel Area High School are **Isabel Acevedo, Jessica Berg, Madelyn Coulson, Christopher Esch, Conor Gaffney, David Humphrey, Nicola Lee-Oesterreich, Shaina Munin, Stephen Polcyn, Sophie Rodosky, Anja Schempf, Sreeroopa Som, James Thomson, Daly Trimble, Konrad Urban, and Spencer Williams.**

These Fox Chapel Area High School students were named Semifinalists in September 2015 and have met all the requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards 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 about 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million to be offered this spring.

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

•Students to be Inducted Into National Technical Honor Society

Two Fox Chapel Area High School juniors, **Amber Petrelli** and **David Zaretsky**, will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Both of these students attend school at Fox Chapel Area High School and the A.W. Beattie Career Center. Amber is studying emergency response technology at Beattie and David is studying automotive technology at Beattie. They qualified for the National Technical Honor Society based on attendance, leadership, and their grades at both A.W. Beattie Career Center and at Fox Chapel Area High School.

The students will be inducted at a special ceremony to be held at A.W. Beattie Career Center March 22, 2016. The National Technical Honor Society is a national organization that honors student achievement and leadership, promotes educational excellence, awards scholarships, and enhances the career opportunities for its membership.

•Students Place in Regional PJAS Competition

Several Fox Chapel Area students recently won second and third place awards and special awards at the 82nd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS).

Fox Chapel Area second place winners were: senior **Manasa Thada**; juniors **Austin Fisher**, **Moira McCormick**, and **Ayan Sinha**; sophomores **Tao Sheng** and **Bridget Wang**; freshmen **Theresa Heidenreich** and **Zachary Lakkis**; eighth graders **Hanna Chen**, **Serena Fisher**, and **Christiana Paljug**; and seventh graders **Catherine Heidenreich** and **Elizabeth Schwartzman**.

The Fox Chapel Area third place winners were freshman **Annika Urban** and seventh grader **Amulya Garimella**.

The following Fox Chapel Area High School students received these special awards in addition to their place awards: seniors **Anja Schempf**, **Sreeroopa Som**, and Manasa Thada each received Perseverance awards; junior **Rohan Chalasani** received a Perfect Score Award, a Provost Award – Duquesne University, and a Carnegie Mellon University Institute for Complex Engineered Systems (ICES) Multidisciplinary Award; junior Austin Fisher won a PJAS Director's Award in Biology; junior **Tanvi Meringenti** won a Western Pennsylvania Chapter for the American Vacuum Society (AVS) Award, a Carnegie Mellon University Energy, Science, Technology & Policy Award, and the Duquesne University Award for Excellence in Physics; junior **Ellen Pil** won a PJAS Director's Award in Physics; junior **William Schwartzman** won a PJAS Director's Award in Earth/Space Science; junior Ayan Sinha won an American Chemical Society – Pittsburgh Section Award; sophomore **Sarthak Navjivan** won an Innovation Works Award and a Duquesne University Biomedical Engineering Award; freshman **Kathryn Schwartzman** won a Duquesne University School of Health Sciences Award; and freshman **Gina Wang** won the Meghan Roe Microbiology Persistence Award.

The following Dorseyville Middle School students received these special awards in addition to their place awards: eighth grader **Rajeev Godse** won a Perfect Score Award and a Duquesne University Award and seventh grader **Anthony Nguyen** won an Excellence in Scientific Work Medal of Honor.

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 6.

•Students Place at Knoch Forensic Tournament

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Knoch Knights Groundhog Day Joust Forensic Tournament. Junior **Madeleine Doerr** won third place in Original Oratory and junior **Mihir Garimella** won eighth place in Lincoln Douglas Debate.

The Knoch Forensic Tournament was held February 6, 2016, at Knoch High School. Approximately 300 students from 21 schools from throughout western Pennsylvania and West Virginia competed at the event.

•Students Place in Steel City Forensic Tournament

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Brother Rene Sterner Steel City Invitational Forensic Tournament. Junior **Darwin Leuba** won second place in Student Congress. Additionally, seniors **Julia Lynch** and **Ishan Khatri** won fourth place in Public Forum Debate.

The tournament was held December 19, 2015, at Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh. Approximately 290 students from 21 schools from western Pennsylvania competed at the event.

•Students Place in Lake Erie Forensic Tournament

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the annual M & M Lake Erie Invitational Forensic Tournament. Junior **Jeremy Rodrigues** was awarded third place in impromptu speaking and junior **Darwin Leuba** and sophomore **Sara Puthenpurayil** won fourth place in cross examination/policy debate.

The tournament, sponsored by Mercyhurst and McDowell high schools in Erie, Pennsylvania, was held October 31, 2015, at Penn State Behrend. Approximately 135 students from 16 schools participated in the event.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

April 4, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Hartwood Elementary Library

April 11, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

May 2, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Dorseyville Middle School Auditorium

May 9, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

June 6, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O’Hara Elementary Auditorium

June 13, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated February 8, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Finance

Disbursements (A) — The general fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$6,048,444.53 from February 1, 2016, through February 29, 2016, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$675,630.67 for February 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (C) — Capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$139,184.02 for February 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (D) — Athletic capital projects funds disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$4,006.00 for February 2016 were approved.

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

Budget Transfers — Several budget transfers for 2015-2016 were approved.

2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget — Upon the recommendation of the administration, the Board approved the proposed 2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,021,185. The Fox Chapel Area School District contribution to the program of services budget is estimated to be \$105,607 and will be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education according to the District Aid Ratio and the Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).

Regional Wide Area Network Service Order with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Allegheny Intermediate Unit RWAN E-Rate Consortium — The Board authorized the Fox Chapel Area School District to enter into a service order with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 (AIU3) for Regional Wide Area Network (RWAN) services at a cost not to exceed \$1,167 per month (\$1,825 prior to E-Rate discounts), a reduction of 16%, effective July 1, 2016, through June 20, 2021, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the service order; and the Board authorized the AIU3 to enter into a

master service agreement with DQE Communications, and authorized the AIU3 to apply for E-Rate funding on behalf of the district for the RWAN services. The Board further authorized the extension of the service order for up to an additional five years in the event that the AIU3, in consultation with the district, exercises the right to extend the master service agreement with DQE Communications.

Diamond Assets – Trade-In Agreement — Accepted the proposal to trade in computer equipment considered out-of-date to Diamond Assets for the amount of \$39,965.

First American Equipment Finance – Technology Equipment Lease Agreement — Approved the master lease agreement and technology lease proposal with First American Equipment Finance for technology equipment leasing.

Remake Learning Network Fund – Grant Agreement — Approved the grant agreement with the Remake Learning Network Fund at The Sprout Fund in the amount of \$1,500 for the purpose of a Model Schools Conference stipend. This grant is made possible through the leading support of The Grable Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Instruction

2016-2017 School District Calendar — Approved the 2016-2017 school district calendar. The calendar is available on the district’s website at *www.fcasd.edu*.

The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh – Day School Service Agreement — Approved the day school service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh for services for one unnamed student.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2016-2017 Services Agreement — Approved the 2016-2017 services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for specialized educational services.

Course Approval — Approved the following secondary pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year: AP Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism.

Course Change — Approved the following secondary program course change for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year: AP Physics 2 to AP Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism.

Legislation/Policy

Policies – Revised — Approved the following revised policies: No. 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, No. 806 – Child Abuse, and No. 916 – School Volunteers.

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

- **Penny M. Capek**, spirit committee sponsor, due to personal reasons, effective for the 2016-2017 school term.

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

- **Matthew W. Sasson**, football 6th assistant coach – HS, due to personal reasons, effective February 12, 2016.
- **Rebecca A. Urso**, head fall and winter cheerleading coach – MS, due to personal reasons, effective February 25, 2016.

Leave

Professional — Approved the following professional leave:

- **Krista L. Matonak**, 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, beginning April 18, 2016, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2016-2017 school term.

Appointments

Custodial/Maintenance — Ratified/approved the following maintenance employees:

- **Patrick J. Fitzgerald** for a 12-month, 8-hours/day maintenance position with the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective February 29, 2016. Salary and fringe benefits are as per the Service Employees International Union Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **David George**.
- **James P. Shannon** for a 12-month, 8-hours/day maintenance position with the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective March 14, 2016. Salary and fringe benefits will be as per the Service Employees International Union Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the pending retirement of employee “X.”

Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic — The following non-athletic supplemental contracts were ratified for the 2015-2016 school term: **Sean Baldis** – Mentor Teacher, **Jennifer Billings** – Mentor Teacher, **Deborah Burnett** – Mentor Teacher, **Carrie Ferguson** – Mentor Teacher, **Stephanie Kurlej** – Mentor Teacher, **Lisa Lang** – Mentor Teacher, **Justin Patterson** – Mentor Teacher, **Barbara Scully** – Kindergarten Grade Level Chair, and **Jessica Taylor** – Mentor Teacher.

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — The following athletic supplemental contracts were approved/ratified for the 2015-2016 school term: **Mark Braun** – Baseball Head Coach – Middle School, **Louis Thon** – Baseball Assistant Coach – Middle School, and **Jordan Varee** – Boys’ Volleyball Assistant Coach – High School.

Volunteers – Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were approved for the 2015-2016 school term: **Daniel J. Guardino** – Boys’ Volleyball – High School, **Cara Reese** – Girls’ Volleyball – Middle School, and **Michael Rios** – Boys’ Volleyball – High School.

Change of Status

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

- **Alexandra K. Schanck**, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, as an instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, effective February 8, 2016. Hourly salary was set based on the salary scale for instructional assistants, Step 1, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Alyce Rieger**.

Purchase-of-Service

Health Services — Ratified a purchase-of-service agreement between **Susan M. Osche** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, to provide health services, effective February 11, 2016, through the end of the 2015-2016 school term, at an hourly rate.

Act 93

Administrative Compensation and Performance Appraisal Agreement — The Fox Chapel Area School District Act 93 Administrative Compensation and Performance Appraisal Agreement was approved effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Change Order – Fox Chapel Area High School Construction — Approved change order 004-EC-021 at a total cost of \$3,758.75 for the high school construction project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Termination of Construction Manager’s Agreement — Approved the termination of the construction manager’s agreement as to the Dorseyville Middle School, Kerr Elementary, O’Hara Elementary, and Fairview Elementary School renovation projects.

ComDoc, Inc. – Lease Agreement — Approved the lease agreement and addenda between the Fox Chapel Area School District and ComDoc, Inc. for equipment leasing and print management services.

Donation – Athletics — Accepted a donation to the Fox Chapel Area School District Athletic Department in the amount of \$2,124 from the Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame Committee to be used for the purchase of a new Game Ready cold therapy modality, including the control unit and knee attachment, through Medco Sports Medicine.

Donation – Viola Outfit — Accepted a donation of a 15.5” viola outfit with a current value of \$1,200 to the Fox Chapel Area High School music department from Mr. Scott Kauma.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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