

June 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School June 13, 2016. President Terry Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster, Assistant Secretary Sandra M. Garbisch, Treasurer Charles R. Burke Jr., Somer Obernauer Jr., Eric C. Schmidt, and Joel R. Weinstein.

GUESTS (June 13, 2016)

Plaque — The Board presented a plaque to the following Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board member:

• **Kenneth Haase** was recognized for his service and dedication to the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board for the period November 1996-May 2016.

GUESTS (June 6, 2016)

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

• Several Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were selected to perform with prestigious bands.

— **NAfME All-National Concert Band** – Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Philip Swigon** (bassoon) was selected by audition to perform with the prestigious 2015 National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Concert Band. The band was made up of approximately 150 of the top student musicians from all 50 states. The band performed in conjunction with the NAfME annual conference October 28 in Nashville, Tennessee.

— **PMEA District 1 Honors Band** – Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently selected to perform with the 2015 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Band. Senior **Olivia Van Dyke** (oboe); juniors **Rohan Chalasani** (flute) and **Philip Swigon** (bassoon); sophomores **Benjamin Franks-Meinert** (bassoon), **Elizabeth Mountz** (oboe), and **Zachary Zytznick** (clarinet); and freshmen **Hannah Kim** (flute) and **Glenna Van Dyke** (clarinet) were selected by audition to perform with the band. The band is comprised of approximately 120 of the best student musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The PMEA District 1 Honors Band concert was held November 22 at Bethel Park High School.

— **PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble** – Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Robert Wallace** (tenor saxophone) was selected by audition to perform with the 2015 PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble. Each year three jazz ensembles are made up from students who audition from the 90 school districts that make up PMEA District 1. The PMEA Honors Jazz Ensemble performed at Duquesne University in December.

— **Allegheny Valley Honors Band** – Several Fox Chapel Area students were selected by audition to perform with the 2016 Allegheny Valley Honors Band. This group is comprised of select student musicians from Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts. The students chosen were Fox Chapel Area High School seniors **Dillan Thomson** (French horn) and Olivia Van Dyke (oboe); juniors **Nathan Andrud** (French horn) and Robert Wallace (tenor saxophone); sophomores Benjamin Franks-Meinert (bassoon), Elizabeth Mountz (oboe), **Victoria Mountz** (trombone), and Zachary Zytznick (clarinet); and freshmen **Isabela Berg** (bass clarinet), **Justin Breen** (trombone), Hannah Kim (flute), **Noah Manges** (percussion), **Alexander Perez** (trumpet), and Glenna Van Dyke (clarinet). Dorseyville Middle School students chosen were eighth graders **Hanna Chen** (flute), **Roman DiSanti** (trumpet), **Hannah Drum** (clarinet), **Hyelim “Rose” Lee** (flute), **Michael Mendelson** (tuba), **Anna Meyer** (French horn), **Abigail Miller** (alto saxophone), **Jacob Rendall** (French horn), **Anzu Sekikawa** (clarinet), **Kavya Soman** (flute), **William Wang** (trumpet), and **Qingqing Zhao** (clarinet) and seventh grader **Joey Wang** (clarinet). The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at Hampton High School January 21 and 22.

—**PMEA District 1 East Band** – Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the 2016 PMEA District 1 East Band. This group was comprised of a premier group of 120 student musicians who auditioned from high schools in Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students selected were seniors Dillan Thomson (French horn) and Olivia Van Dyke (oboe), juniors Philip Swigon (bassoon) and Robert Wallace (tenor saxophone), and sophomores Benjamin Franks-Meinert (bassoon) and Elizabeth Mountz (oboe). The PMEA District Band was held January 29 at Norwin High School.

—**PMEA Region 1 Honors Band** – Five Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2016 PMEA Region 1 Honors Band. This group is comprised of approximately 120 students from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students selected were seniors Dillan Thomson (French horn) and Olivia Van Dyke (oboe), junior Philip Swigon (bassoon), and sophomores Benjamin Franks-Meinert (bassoon) and Elizabeth Mountz (oboe). The PMEA Region Band was held February 11-13 at Valley High School.

—**PMEA All-State Concert Band** – Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore Elizabeth Mountz (oboe) was selected by audition to perform with the prestigious 2016 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Concert Band. The PMEA All-State Concert Band is made up of approximately 120 of the top student musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania. The All-State Festival was held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 30-May 2 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

•Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with prestigious Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) orchestras.

—**PMEA District 1 Orchestra** – Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by application to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Orchestra. The orchestra was comprised of a select group of student musicians from across the Pittsburgh area. The students chosen were senior **Olivia Van Dyke** (oboe); juniors **Elizabeth Heidenreich** (violin), **Timothy Sutton** (cello), **Philip Swigon** (bassoon), and **Bohan Yao** (viola); and sophomores **Benjamin Franks-Meinert** (bassoon) and **Elizabeth Mountz** (oboe).

A total of 160 students were selected to participate in the District 1 Orchestra Festival which was held at Upper St. Clair High School January 7-9.

—**PMEA 2016 Western Region State Orchestra** – Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA 2016 Western Region State Orchestra. The students are senior Olivia Van Dyke (oboe); juniors Elizabeth Heidenreich (violin), Timothy Sutton (cello), Philip Swigon (bassoon), and Bohan Yao (viola); and sophomore Benjamin Franks-Meinert (bassoon). The Western Region State Orchestra included students from across the western half of Pennsylvania.

Approximately 120 students were selected for the Western Region State Orchestra and the festival was held at Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy in Erie, Pennsylvania, February 25-27.

—**PMEA All-State Orchestra** – Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the prestigious 2016 PMEA All-State Orchestra. The students chosen were senior Olivia Van Dyke (oboe); juniors Elizabeth Heidenreich (violin), Timothy Sutton (cello), Philip Swigon (bassoon), and Bohan Yao (viola); and sophomore Benjamin Franks-Meinert (bassoon). The PMEA All-State Orchestra was made up of approximately 120 of the best student musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania.

The All-State Orchestra Festival was held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference March 30-April 2 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and culminated with a concert April 2.

•Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with prestigious 2016 Pennsylvania Music Educator Association (PMEA) choral groups.

—**PMEA District 1 Chorus** – Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA District 1 Chorus. The students chosen for the choir were senior **Joseph Desmone** (Bass 1) and juniors **Elizabeth Heidenreich** (Soprano 1), **Carlie Platt** (Soprano 2), **William Schwartzman** (Bass 1), **Philip Swigon** (Bass 2), and **Thomas Swigon** (Bass 1). The PMEA District 1 Chorus featured students from across the Pittsburgh area and the festival concert was held at Penn Hills High School February 5.

—**PMEA Region 1 Chorus** – Five Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA Region 1 Chorus. These students are juniors Elizabeth Heidenreich (Soprano 1), Carlie Platt (Soprano 2), William Schwartzman (Bass 1), Philip Swigon (Bass 2), and Thomas Swigon (Bass 1). This choral group included students from school districts in Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Approximately 180 students were selected for the Region 1 Chorus and the festival concert was held at Western Beaver High School March 18.

—**PMEA All-State Chorus** – Fox Chapel Area High School junior William Schwartzman (Bass 1) was selected by audition to perform with the PMEA All-State Chorus. The all-state chorus featured the best singers from across the state of Pennsylvania and the group was featured in a concert in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 2.

•Seven Dorseyville Middle School and two Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform at special choral festivals.

—Two Dorseyville Middle School seventh graders were chosen to perform at the Mucho Macho Music Young Men’s Choral Festival. The students are **Matthew Eschman** and **Samuel Lichtenstein**. Matthew and Samuel performed with the choir in November 2015 at McKeesport High School. Approximately 90 boys from schools from across Southwestern Pennsylvania participated in the festival.

—Two Fox Chapel Area High School students and five Dorseyville Middle School students were selected to perform with the young women’s choral festival, Sweet Harmony. The students are freshmen **Anna Aupke** and **Alaina Kotchey**, eighth graders **Alyssa Fabian** and **Christiana Paljug**, seventh graders **Cindy Deng** and **Amara Ostroff**, and sixth grader **Eleanor Petersen**. The Sweet Harmony choral festival was held in November at Upper Saint Clair High School and approximately 100 young women from the area were chosen for the choir.

•Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were named first place winners in the 2016 Taiwan International Science Fair. Senior **Konrad Urban** and junior **Suvir Mirchandani** won first place in the Computer Science and Information Engineering category. The title of their project was “Automated Illustration of Text to Improve Semantic Comprehension.” For their project, the pair developed a software system that converts natural language input into illustrations in order to improve communication with individuals who have language communication disorders.

The fair was held January 25-30 at the National Taiwan Science Education Center in Taipei, Taiwan. Nearly 500 students from 22 countries competed at the fair. Konrad and Suvir qualified for the Taiwan International Science Fair by placing at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in May 2015.

•Several Fox Chapel Area students won first place awards at the 82nd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). These students also qualified for the state competition.

Fox Chapel Area first place winners were: seniors **Anja Schempf** and **Sreeroopa Som**; juniors **Rohan Chalasani**, **Tanvi Meringenti**, **Ellen Pil**, and **William Schwartzman**; sophomore **Sarthak Navjivan**; freshmen **Sanjana Harish**, **Ji-Yool Moon**, **Kathryn Schwartzman**, and **Gina Wang**; eighth graders **Rajeev Godse**, **Anzu Sekikawa**, and **Ameya Velankar**; and seventh grader **Anthony Nguyen**. The first place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition was held May 15-17, 2016, at Penn State University (Main Campus).

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.

•Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won first place awards at the 82nd Annual State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area first place state winners were seniors **Anja Schempf** and **Sreeroopa Som**; juniors **Rohan Chalasani**, **Tanvi Meringenti**, **Ellen Pil**, and **William Schwartzman**; sophomore **Sarthak Navjivan**; freshmen **Sanjana Harish** and **Ji-Yool Moon**, eighth graders **Rajeev Godse** and **Anzu Sekikawa**; and seventh grader **Anthony Nguyen**.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were among approximately 3,000 students in grades seven-twelve who participated in the state PJAS competition. Each researched their science projects for several months and was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges.

The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 15-17, 2016. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first place winners at the 82nd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

•Two Dorseyville Middle School students won first place awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF). Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Rajeev Godse** won first place in the intermediate computer science/math category and seventh grader **Amulya Garimella** won first place in the intermediate engineering/robotics category.

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 23 counties in Western Pennsylvania and one county in Maryland. More than 1,200 students competed for more than \$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 April 1 and 2, 2016.

The Covestro PRSEF, a program of Carnegie Science Center's SciTech initiative, has been a Pittsburgh tradition since 1940. It is affiliated with the Society for Science & the Public (SSP).

•Several Fox Chapel Area High School students qualified to compete in the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference. The students qualified for states at the TSA Regions 1 and 6 Leadership Conference which was held January 28, 2016, at California University of Pennsylvania. The following six Fox Chapel Area High School students won first places in the regional competition: seniors **Joshua Manuel**, **Maya McCann**, **Alisa Quemado**, and **Elaine Yates**; junior **Jeremy Rodrigues**; and sophomore **Jorgen Wu**. These students won second places in the regional competition: seniors **Jacob Caruso**, **John Gurklis**, **Jessica Hertzberg**, **Jacob Smith**, and **Elaine Yates**; juniors **Austin Fisher**, **Mackenzie Myers**, and **Waleed Tariq**; sophomores **Karissa Becer**, **Won Ho Kang**, **Sarthak Navjivan** (three second places), and **Sai Yarlalagadda**; and freshmen **Arnav Gupta** and **Elizabeth Uber** (two second places). Third place regional winners were: seniors **Daniel Beluk** and **Joseph Klaas**; juniors **Erik Bothe**, **Samantha Cider**, **Adam Cook**, **Won Jun Kang**, **Daniel Markovitz**, and **Sean McCoy**; sophomores **Andrew Auth**, **Elizabeth Mountz**, and **Ruopeng Wang**; and freshman **Nishika Mohnot**. The following 11 Fox Chapel Area High School students also qualified for the state competition: seniors **Ishan Khatri**, **Stephen Polcyn**, **Sreeroopa Som**, and **Konrad Urban**; juniors **Kevin Kilmer** and **Jonathan Monroe**; sophomores **Anita Bargaje** and **Nikita Bargaje**; and freshmen **Michael Braham**, **Sanjana Harish**, and **Jonathan Hopkins**.

The regional conference offered more than 31 state-qualifying events. It culminated with an awards presentation and closing ceremonies at which time many students were recognized for their achievements. The TSA Regions 1 and 6 Leadership Conference is the first of three levels of competitive conferences. The second level of competition is the Pennsylvania TSA State Leadership Conference which was held April 13-16 at Seven Springs Resort. The third level is the National TSA Leadership Conference which will be held June 28-July 2 in Nashville, Tennessee.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference and qualified for the national conference. The Fox Chapel Area first place winner was junior **Jeremy Rodrigues** and the second place winners were juniors **Jeremy Rodrigues** and **Jonathan Monroe**. Jeremy and Jonathan have advanced to the national competition which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, June 28-July 2. The state competition was held April 13-16, 2016, at the Seven Springs Conference Center.

Founded in 1978, TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The state conference culminated with an awards banquet during which many students were recognized for their achievements.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won second place at the Southwestern Pennsylvania BotsIQ Preliminary Competition and qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area High School's robot, "La Venganza del Diablo," won all of its battles in the winner's bracket and advanced to the finals. In the finals, the team finished second and qualified for the PA BotsIQ State Competition. Team members included seniors **Joseph Klaas, Brian Koglin, Dylan Lion, Jacob Pilarski, Jacob Smith, Darrien Thomas,** and **Andrew Wirkowski** and juniors **Thomas McFadden, Christopher Snider, Andrew Sobek, Amanda Trusiak,** and **Skylor Wright**.

The preliminary competition was held at Butler County Community College March 10, 2016. The Pennsylvania BotsIQ state competition was held April 8 and 9 at California University of Pennsylvania.

BotsIQ is an educational robotics competition for high school age students. It provides students with a unique, hands-on experience that allows them to discover the possibilities of a career in the manufacturing sector and other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the PA BotsIQ State Competition and qualified for the National Robotics League Battle Bot Competition. The robot was named "La Venganza del Diablo" and the team members were seniors **Joseph Klaas, Brian Koglin, Dylan Lion, Jacob Pilarski, Jacob Smith, Darrien Thomas,** and **Andrew Wirkowski** and juniors **Thomas McFadden, Christopher Snider, Andrew Sobek, Amanda Trusiak,** and **Skylor Wright**. A total of 80 battle bot teams participated in the state competition which was held at California University of Pennsylvania April 8 and 9, 2016. The National Robotics League Battle Bot competition was held May 20 and 21 at California University of Pennsylvania and 65 teams from across the United States qualified to participate.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Shaler Area STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Competition. The team of juniors **Vincent Lundy, Solana Morningstar,** and **Krista Spuhler** won first place for their catapult. The students built a catapult and tested it over a month-long period. The catapult was then taken to the competition where it was judged for both accuracy and distance while throwing a tennis ball. The students were also judged on several STEAM-related challenges that were coordinated by the Carnegie Science Center.

Students from nine area high schools participated in the contest, which was sponsored by PPG. The competition was held April 26, 2016, at Shaler Area High School.

- Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Helen Paulini** was named a winner in The Emperor Science Award program. As a winner, Helen will now have the opportunity to work alongside and be mentored by an esteemed scientist on a multi-week cancer research project and to become part of the next generation of cancer researchers.

Cancer research is very important to Helen, as she, herself, is a cancer survivor. Helen will be doing research this summer at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia alongside a team led by pediatric oncologist and co-head of the Pediatric Cancer Dream Team, John Maris, M.D. The research Helen will be a part of will focus on pediatric cancers, specifically the genes that cause neuroblastoma in children.

"The opportunity to learn more and work with researchers doing these studies is especially meaningful to me," Helen says. "I am grateful to the doctors and scientists responsible for the treatment of my childhood cancer who made and continue to make great contributions to the health of myself and many others."

Helen is one of 100 winners nationwide in this, the inaugural year of The Emperor Science Award program. As part of her application, Helen wrote an essay answering the question, "Tell us why scientific research is so important to helping find a cure for cancer. And, if YOU could be a scientific researcher, what would you study and why?"

The Emperor Science Award program was made possible by founding donors Genentech, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Novartis and is an initiative designed to encourage high school students to explore careers in science, specifically cancer research and care, through a unique mentoring opportunity. The Emperor Science Award partners are Stand Up To Cancer and PBS LearningMedia.

As part of her award, Helen will also receive a Google Chrome Notebook to enhance her studies, a \$1,500 stipend for expenses, and the opportunity to continue the mentoring program through high school to further her academic pursuits.

Stand Up To Cancer and PBS LearningMedia received almost 1,200 applications for the award from 10th and 11th graders across the nation interested in pursuing a career in science research.

- Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Nina Khorey** recently earned the highest score in the nation on the 2016 Le Grand Concours (National French Exam). Nina won the Platinum Award, meaning that she earned the top score in the nation in her division (French 5E). Nina, along with the other Platinum winners, will be featured in the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) fall publication. She will receive a platinum medal, a plaque, and a Lauréat National certificate. She is also eligible for the grand prize drawing of a trip to a language camp in Quebec this summer.

A total of 4,753 students participated in the Level 5 French Exam and a total of 86,832 students participated in all the French exams given.

- Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Cassidy Carson** has been selected to receive a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship. Cassidy will spend her junior year of high school studying abroad in Germany. She will live with a German family and attend a gymnasium (a college prep high school) for 10 months (September 2016-July 2017). The students studying abroad will also travel to Berlin where they will address the German Bundestag (the lower house of parliament). Cassidy is one of only about 250 students from the United States selected to participate in this program for the 2016-2017 school year. Cassidy's home placement in Germany will be facilitated by the American Field Service (AFS) organization.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange is for motivated high school students who want to experience a culture and learn a language through a full immersion experience. Initiated in 1983, the program was created to strengthen ties between Germany and the United States through citizen diplomacy. The program was founded in celebration of the 300th year anniversary of the first German immigration to the United States. The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program is jointly funded by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag, and in the U.S. is overseen by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. More than 24,000 students have prepared themselves for success in an increasingly global world by participating in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program.

- Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Emma Paulini** has been awarded an all-expenses-paid summer study trip to Germany. Emma was selected as a national winner after scoring in the 91st percentile on the Level IV 2016 National German Exam for High School Students. The exam is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

Emma is one of only 44 outstanding German students from across the nation chosen to receive the award. The study trip includes round-trip air transportation to Germany from New York. In Germany, Emma will stay with a host family, attend a “Gymnasium” (a college-prep high school), and take excursions to places of cultural and historical significance.

More than 21,000 students from across the country took the exam. After qualifying based on her exam score, Emma then had to answer several short essay questions in German and in English and she was also interviewed by a committee comprised of high school teachers and college professors of German.

“This year’s prize winners are some of the finest students in the U.S.,” said Keith Cothrun, executive director of the AATG. “The prize is a great reward for excellence in learning German – and the best way to better get to know a fascinating language and culture through first-hand experiences living with a German family and attending school.”

The study trip, now in its 56th year, is made possible through a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany. Founded in 1926 and celebrating its 90th anniversary, the AATG represents German teachers at all levels of instruction. The AATG is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the teaching of language, literature, and culture of the German-speaking countries.

- Three Fox Chapel Area High School students won first place in the annual German Day Competition. Junior **Emma Paulini** won first place in the fictional writing category. In the art category, junior **Krista Spuhler** won first place. Sophomore **Cassidy Carson** was awarded first place in the poetry recitation category.

The German Day competition was open to middle school and high school students from across western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and was held March 17, 2016, at Washington & Jefferson College. More than 400 students participate in the event each year which is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

- Two Fox Chapel Area School District students recently earned gold awards on the 2016 National German Exam. Junior **Emma Paulini** and sophomore **Carl-Emil Johansen** each won gold awards.

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

- Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Yelim Lee** won first place in the 2016 Pittsburgh Brain Bee. As the regional winner, Yelim won \$500 and qualified for the 2016 National Brain Bee which was held in Baltimore at the University of Maryland during National Brain Awareness Week in March.

A total of 19 juniors and seniors from local high schools participated in the Pittsburgh Brain Bee, which featured questions about the brain. The regional competition was held February 13 at the University of Pittsburgh and was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Sreeroopa Som** was recently named a gold medalist in the Trib Total Media’s 2016 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program. Sreeroopa was among 548 students from 97 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh region nominated for the award. The award is based on academic achievements, school activities, and community service. Several of the nominees were honored at an awards banquet April 27.

- Fox Chapel Area High School seniors **Hansen Bursic** and **Daly Trimble** were recently honored by the Pennsylvania Youth Action Conference Advisory Committee. The teens were honored for their work in facilitating the Proud Youth of Pittsburgh Convention. The convention was held in November 2015 at Chatham University and involved more than 100 student members from Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs from various schools from throughout Western Pennsylvania. Hansen and Daly worked for months, along with representatives from THRIVE Southwest PA (a community organization that focuses on youth LGBT issues), with the goal of uniting students from GSA clubs from across the region. They organized the convention which included guest speakers, workshops, and breakout sessions, and covered the topics of diversity and inclusion. Hansen and Daly also spent a great deal of time meeting with various youth groups and members of GSA clubs from across the region. The convention was called “a breakthrough regional forum for LGBTQ students.”

Hansen and Daly were honored as part of the Fifth Annual Pennsylvania Youth Action Conference in Philadelphia. The award was presented at a banquet at the University of Pennsylvania April 9, 2016. The Pennsylvania Youth Action Conference is the largest annual statewide gathering of young LGBTQ leaders.

- Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Gwendolyn Davison** was selected as a 2016 Carson Scholar. As a Carson Scholar, Gwendolyn received a \$1,000 college scholarship and was also named the recipient of the Maureen Yaw Endowment.

In celebration of her achievements, Gwendolyn was invited to attend the 12th Annual Carson Scholars Fund Pittsburgh Awards Ceremony April 17 at Heinz Field. There, she and 281 students (89 for the first time, and 192 renewed their Carson Scholar status) were honored for their accomplishments. World-renowned retired pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson delivered the keynote speech at the ceremony.

This year, 626 students from across the nation were named 2016 Carson Scholars. Additionally, 841 students renewed their Carson Scholar status. Each year the fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar to a select group of high-achieving students in grades four-eleven who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and humanitarian qualities.

Over the past 20 years, the Carson Scholars Fund has awarded more than 7,300 scholarships to students. The Carson Scholars Fund was started by Dr. Carson and his wife, Candy, and is dedicated to impacting the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are academically talented and socially conscious. The fund is a nonprofit public charity based in Maryland.

- The Fox Chapel Area High School Boys' Varsity Tennis Team recently won the Class AAA Section 3 team championship, the WPIAL Class AAA Championship, and was the PIAA runner-up. The team finished the regular season undefeated, with a record of 13-0. The team members were seniors **Lucas Fennell, Thomas Fennell, and Siddharth Rajupet**; juniors **Neil Bencherif and Jared Cohen**; sophomores **Karsten Lagerquist and Kurran Singh**; and freshmen **Jayanth Kashyap, Jared Nord, and Robert Shymansky**. The team's overall record was 20 wins and only one loss.

Among the season's highlights were Jay Kashyap's undefeated record in doubles play during the regular season and senior Sidd Rajupet and freshman Robby Shymansky both qualifying for the PIAA boys' tennis singles championship.

- The Fox Chapel Girls' Ultimate Frisbee Team recently won the Pittsburgh High School Ultimate League (PHUL) Spring Championship and competed in the USAU Ultimate Frisbee Pennsylvania High School State Championships. The team members were: seniors **Sarah Bernhard, Christina Brown, Emily Casile, Maya McCann, Ciera Miller, Jasmine Pabla, Darra Reppermund, Rebecca Salamacha, Freesia Vettier, Maya Weis, and Michele Wolff**; juniors **Allison Gould, Elizabeth Heidenreich, Morgan Hurley, Ursula Meyer, and Ellen Pil**; sophomores **Rachel Miles, Elizabeth Mountz, Victoria Mountz, and Elizabeth Sodini**; and freshmen **Katherine Eames, Kate Feczko, Jessica Federoff, Theresa Heidenreich, Courtney Kennedy, Mia Marsico, Jordana Matamoros, Margaret McCoy, and Alexandra Meinert**. The team was undefeated (8-0) during the regular season.

- Three members of the Fox Chapel Area High School Track Teams qualified for the 2016 PIAA Track & Field Championships. Senior **Michael Bove**, sophomore **Caelen Miller**, and freshman **Annika Urban** all qualified for the PIAA championships. The 2016 PIAA Track & Field Championships were held May 27 and 28 at Shippensburg University.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Textbook for Review – The new edition textbook for Fox Chapel Area High School students listed below will be recommended for approval at the August 15, 2016, Board meeting. It will be available for review until July 13, 2016, in the administrative offices.

- “Business Management 14th Edition” by James Burrow, Ph.D., Brad Kleindl, Ph.D., and Michael Becrat, DMgt.; Publisher: South-Western Cengage Learning; Copyright 2017; for Business Management Grades 11-12.

Information

•Student News Publication Wins First Place National Award

Fox Chapel Area High School’s 2015-2016 student news publication Fox Tales Quarterly has been named a first place winner in the 2016 American Scholastic Press Association’s Annual Newspaper Competition. The Scholastic Press Association remarked that Fox Tales Quarterly is “an excellent school newspaper, which shows the creativity and journalistic knowledge of editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout/graphics designers and advisor.”

The 2015-2016 senior staff members of Fox Tales Quarterly are seniors **Maria Burns, Ishan Khatri, Daly Trimble, and Marjorie Trimble**; juniors **Alex Smolar, Marty Taxay, Bliss Uribe, and Micah Ziff**; and sophomore **Bridget Wang**. The students’ advisor is Fox Chapel Area High School gifted education teacher **Lisa Giguere**.

The American Scholastic Press Association’s contest is open to students from middle schools, high schools, and colleges from across the United States. Entries include magazines, newspapers, and yearbooks and they are judged on page design, story layout, graphics, headlining, cover design, and photography.

•DMS Orchestras Win Awards

The Dorseyville Middle School Sinfonia and Philharmonic orchestras recently placed at a Music in the Parks Festival. The Sinfonia placed first in their division with a “Superior” rating. The Philharmonic placed first in their division with a “Superior” rating and won first overall orchestra (which included both middle and high school orchestras). The Philharmonic also won the Espres de Corps Award trophy which is presented to students from a school who demonstrate proper social behavior as well as musical behavior/encouragement. The orchestras received trophies for their winning performances.

The Music in the Parks festival was held May 7, 2016, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. More than 30 ensembles from schools from Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia competed.

The Dorseyville Middle School Sinfonia Orchestra includes 26 students and the Philharmonic includes 64 students, all in grades six, seven, and eight. The orchestras are under the direction of teacher **Jeff Bryer**.

•DMS Choirs Win Awards

The Dorseyville Middle School (DMS) Girls Chamber Chorus and the DMS FoxTones performed both independently and together as the DMS Mixed Choir at a Music in the Parks Festival in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Mixed Choir took first place and was ranked “Superior,” the highest rating possible. The group was also awarded the Overall Best Jr. High/Middle School Choral Award. The DMS Girls Chamber Chorus also placed first and earned a “Superior” rating. The DMS FoxTones earned a first place and a rating of “Excellent” (the second highest rating). The Music in the Parks Festival was held May 13 and 14, 2016, at Hershey Park and the groups competed against students from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

The Dorseyville Middle School Girls Chamber Chorus includes 55 girls in sixth through eighth grades; the FoxTones includes 20 boys in grades six through eight; and the Mixed Choir (made up of the Girls Chamber Chorus and the FoxTones) includes 75 boys and girls in grades six through eight. The choirs are under the direction of teacher **Amy Beresik**.

•DMS Band Wins First Place

The Dorseyville Middle School Honors Band recently earned first place at a Music in the Parks Festival. The band also earned a rating of "Superior" which is the highest rating possible. Bands from Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia competed in the festival and the DMS Honors Band received a trophy for its performance. The Music in the Parks festival was held May 20 at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Dorseyville Middle School Honors Band includes 48 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The band is under the direction of teacher **Anne Osterle Goggin**.

•Student Candidate in Presidential Scholars Program

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Stephen Polcyn** was named a candidate in the 2016 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Approximately 4,000 students from across the United States, and 130 from Pennsylvania, were candidates in this year's program.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 52nd year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Students are initially selected for the program based on academic achievement and having scored exceptionally well on the SAT or the ACT. The candidates must then complete an application which includes essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports, and transcripts. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and the quality and content of their essay.

•Students Win Awards at Regional Science & Engineering Fair

Six Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF). Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Sreeroopa Som** won fourth place in the medicine/health/microbiology category, junior **Ellen Pil** won fourth place in the senior behavioral and social science category, and sophomore **Sarthak Navjivan** was awarded fourth place in the senior engineering/robotics category. Dorseyville Middle School sixth grader **Siddharth Yende** was named a third place winner in the junior physical science category, eighth grader **Anzu Sekikawa** was named a fourth place winner in the intermediate chemistry category, and seventh grader **Elizabeth Schwartzman** received a fourth place in the intermediate engineering/robotics category.

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 23 counties in Western Pennsylvania and one county in Maryland. More than 1,200 students competed for more than \$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 April 1 and 2, 2016.

The Covestro PRSEF, a program of Carnegie Science Center's SciTech initiative, has been a Pittsburgh tradition since 1940. It is affiliated with the Society for Science & the Public (SSP).

•Students Win Awards in State Science Competition

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won awards at the 82nd Annual State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area second place winners were freshmen **Kathryn Schwartzman** and **Gina Wang** and eighth grader **Ameya Velankar**. Additionally, sophomore **Sarthak Navjivan**, eighth grader **Rajeev Godse**, and seventh grader **Anthony Nguyen** each received a Perfect Score Award.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were among approximately 3,000 students in grades seven-twelve who participated in the state PJAS competition. Each researched their science projects for several months and was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges.

The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 15-17, 2016. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first place winners at the 82nd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

•**Students Compete at State TSA Conference**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference which was held April 13-16, 2016, at the Seven Springs Conference Center. The Fox Chapel Area finalists earning fourth-tenth places were: seniors **Daniel Beluk, Jacob Caruso, Ishan Khatri**, Jonathan Monroe, and **Jacob Smith**; juniors **Erik Bothe, Sean McCoy, Mackenzie Myers**, and **Juliette Naugle**; and sophomores **Elizabeth Mountz** and **Jorgen Wu**.

Founded in 1978, TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The state conference culminated with an awards banquet during which many students were recognized for their achievements.

•**High School Robotics Teams Place in Combat Bots Competition**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School robotics teams placed at the Sixth Annual Combat Bots competition. Fox Chapel Area's robot "Throat Punch" finished third winning more battles than any other bot. The "Throat Punch" robot team included juniors **Erik Bothe, Andrew Fugh, Donovan Gorgas**, and **Jacob Mozurak**. Fox Chapel Area's "Dragon Lord" finished fourth overall and the team members were seniors **Jacob Smith** and **Andrew Wirkowski** and junior **Christopher Snider**. Fox Chapel Area's all-girls combat team "Marduk" won best engineered Combat Bot and finished seventh overall. The "Marduk" team included seniors **Elena Berg** and **Clara Ferreira**, junior **Hanna Belotti**, and freshman **Karissa Becer**.

As part of combat bots, students design, test, and engineer the entire robot including the "weapon," wiring harness, and control systems. The activity incorporates STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education.

The Combat Bots competition was held April 27, 2016, at Pine-Richland High School. Thirty robotics teams from five school districts participated

•**High School Students Score High on National Latin Exam**

Fourteen Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned high marks on the 2016 National Latin Exam. Silver Medals/Maxima Cum Laude awards were given to juniors **Ariane Akhand, David Han, Anna McDougall**, and **Suvir Mirchandani**; sophomore **Nathan VanDemark**; and freshmen **Marissa Hardiman, Elizabeth Kaslewicz**, and **Ziya Xu**. Magna Cum Laude recognition and certificates were earned by sophomores **Shania Khatri** and **Elizabeth Sodini** and freshman **Catherine McDonough**. Cum Laude recognition and certificates were earned by sophomores **Karissa Becer** and **Delaney Roberts** and freshman **Annika Urban**.

The National Latin Exam was taken in March 2016. Approximately 154,000 students from 50 states and 19 foreign countries participated.

•**Students Nominated for Outstanding Young Citizen Program/Two Named Finalists**

Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently nominated for the Trib Total Media's 2016 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program and two were named among the Elite Top 100. Among the Elite Top 100 were senior **Sreeroopa Som** and junior **Elizabeth Heidenreich**. The other nominated students are seniors **Kelly Arel, Rebecca Heilmann, Samantha Olbrich, Amanda Puthenpurayil**, and **Mia Vento** and junior **Skylor Wright**.

A total of 548 students representing 97 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area were nominated for the award which is based on academic achievements, school activities, and community service. Several of the nominees were honored at an awards banquet April 27. They were also featured in a special pull-out section of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review April 12.

•DMS Student Renews Carson Scholar Status

Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Claire Katz** recently renewed her Carson Scholar Status. In celebration of her achievement, Claire was invited to attend the 12th Annual Carson Scholars Fund Pittsburgh Awards Ceremony April 17 at Heinz Field. There, she and 281 students (89 for the first time, and 192 renewed their Carson Scholar status) were honored for their accomplishments. World-renowned retired pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson delivered the keynote speech at the ceremony.

This year, 626 students from across the nation were named 2016 Carson Scholars. Additionally, 841 students renewed their Carson Scholar status. Each year the fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar to a select group of high achieving students in grades four-eleven who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and humanitarian qualities.

Over the past 20 years, the Carson Scholars Fund has awarded more than 7,300 scholarships to students. The Carson Scholars Fund was started by Dr. Carson and his wife, Candy, and is dedicated to impacting the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are academically talented and socially conscious. The fund is a nonprofit public charity based in Maryland.

•Wrestlers Achieve Academic All-State Honors

Four Fox Chapel Area High School wrestlers were honored by the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association. Sophomore **Zachary Carcy** was named to the Academic All-State Third Team and seniors **Derrin Dietz** and **Andrew Kopco** and sophomore **Jared Pegher** all received an Honorable Mention to the Academic All-State Team. The students are selected based on their success on the mat and in the classroom.

•District Wins Awards in State Publications Contest

The Fox Chapel Area School District recently received state awards in the 2015 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) Excellence in Education Communications Contest. The district received an Award of Honor for the 2014-2015 State of the Schools, which was part of the fall 2015 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine. The district also received an Award of Honor for its Facebook page. The district's Facebook page is located at: <http://www.facebook.com/foxchapelarea>.

Entries from educational institutions from throughout Pennsylvania were submitted for the 2015 PenSPRA contest. Thirty-three were given Awards of Excellence and 53 received Awards of Honor.

Fox Chapel Area School District's winning publication and the Facebook site was coordinated by **Bonnie Berzonski**, the district's coordinator of communications.

PenSPRA is a nationally-recognized professional organization. PenSPRA supports student achievement through responsible school and community relations, fosters the continual development of its members, and strengthens the leadership role of the school public relations professional.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

August 15, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Bus. Mtg. – High School LGI Room

September 12, 2016 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Sess. & Reg. Bus. Mtg. – High School LGI Room

October 10, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – A.W. Beattie Student Career Center Conf. Center

October 17, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

November 7, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Kerr Elementary – Multipurpose Room

November 14, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

December 5, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Sess. & Reg. Bus. Mtg. – High School LGI Room

The reorganization meeting will be held December 5 immediately following the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated May 9, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Finance

Disbursements (A) — General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$6,178,273.91 from May 1, 2016, through May 31, 2016, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$344,064.99 for May 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (C) — Capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$7,800.00 for May 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (D) — Athletic capital projects funds disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$1,500.00 for May 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (E) — General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$754,192.61 from June 1, 2016, through June 9, 2016, were approved.

Interfund Transfer — Approved an interfund transfer from Fund 10 (General Fund) to Fund 32 (Athletic Capital Projects Fund) in the amount of \$22,236.00 for ticket sales.

Finance Reports — The finance reports for April and May 2016 were acknowledged and filed for audit.

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

Computer Maintenance Agreements — Approved the following computer maintenance agreements:

- The computer hardware maintenance agreement with Service Express, Inc. in the amount of \$16,656 for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.
- The exterior network fiber testing agreement with ABS Building System Integrators, LLC in the amount of \$2,992 for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The emergency maintenance agreement with ABS Building System Integrators, LLC for services as needed for the 2016-2016 school year.

Award of Bids — The administration was authorized to award the following bids for the 2016-2017 school year:

AIU Paper Bid – Contract Paper Group Inc., 1531 Boettler Road, Suite E, Uniontown, OH 44685 – \$630.90; Lindenmeyr Munroe, 1005 Beaver Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 – \$129.20; Sterling Paper, R.J. Casey Industrial Park, Columbus and Preble, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 – \$224.30; and WB Mason, 1751 Lincoln Highway, Rt. 30, North Versailles, PA 15137 – \$48,001.92.

Final 2016-2017 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2016-9 — Approved Resolution 2016-9 as follows: RESOLUTION #2016-9 – 2016-2017 General Fund Operating Budget — RESOLVED, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$99,934,540 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and a copy of said budget as finally adopted shall be on record in the office of the Secretary of the Board of School Directors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies and reenacts a tax for general revenue purposes of 1% on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned by residents of Fox Chapel Area School District during the period beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and for each successive fiscal year thereafter and on the net profits earned during said period from business, professions and other activities conducted by residents of Fox Chapel Area School District, in the same form as Resolution No. 1969-5 heretofore adopted by the Interim Operating Committee of Fox Chapel Area School District on June 29, 1970; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies a realty transfer tax for general revenue purposes of 1% upon the transfer of real estate or on interest in real estate situate within Fox Chapel Area School District for the period from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for each succeeding fiscal year thereafter by the adoption of Resolution No. 1986-2; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies and reenacts a tax for general purposes in the amount of \$10 upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Fox Chapel Area School District in the fiscal year 2016-2017 and in each fiscal year thereafter, in the same form as Resolution No. R-1972-4 heretofore adopted by the Board of School Directors on January 1, 1973; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Fox Chapel Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of the funds as itemized in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, the necessary revenue for the same to be provided by the taxes hereinabove levied by the Board of School Directors and by a school tax levy on real estate which is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of eighteen and nine thousand eight hundred twenty-two ten thousandths mills on the dollar on the total amount of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property in the Fox Chapel Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, at the rate of \$18.9822 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

The Resource Planning Committee, the administration, and the Board of School Directors studied the budget needs for 2016-2017. A proposed final budget in the amount of \$99,934,540 as presented with 18.9822 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 9, 2016. The budget was advertised and made available to the public for review and comment for the past 34 days. The Board of School Directors and the administration have reviewed the comments. A budget in the amount of \$99,934,540 was presented for final approval.

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2016-10 — Approved Resolution 2016-10 regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion as presented at the meeting.

2016-2017 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget — Approved the 2016-2017 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget in the amount of \$1,478,809.00.

Retiree Billing Services Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and AMCA Systems, LLC effective July 1, 2016, at a cost of \$3.00 per individual retiree billed per month.

Instruction

Drug and Alcohol Counselor – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and **Susan M. Fink** as alternative education drug and alcohol counselor at Fox Chapel Area High School for the 2016-2017 school term effective August 30, 2016, at a cost of \$15,500.

Audubon Society of Western PA (Kindergarten-Grade 4 Environmental Program) – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the kindergarten through grade four environmental educational program for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$25,145.

Audubon Society of Western PA (Fifth Grade Environmental Program) – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the fifth grade environmental educational program for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$54,905.

Margaret (Peg) Smith, Ed.D. – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from **Margaret (Peg) Smith, Ed.D.**, of the University of Pittsburgh, as an educational consultant for professional development services in regard to mathematics curriculum and instruction for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Michael D. Rettig, Ph.D. – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from **Michael D. Rettig, Ph.D.**, of James Madison University and School Scheduling Associates, LLC as an educational consultant for professional development services in regard to school scheduling for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000.

Diane J. Briars, Ph.D. – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from **Diane J. Briars, Ph.D.**, mathematics education consultant, for professional development services in regard to mathematics curriculum and instruction for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

The Buck Institute for Education – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from the Buck Institute for Education for professional development services in regard to project-based learning for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Textbooks for Approval — Approved the following textbooks:

- “Economics for Today” by Irvin B. Tucker; Publisher: Cengage Learning; Copyright 2017; for Economics AP.
- “The American Pageant” by David M. Kennedy & Lizabeth Cohen; Publisher: Cengage Learning; Copyright 2016; for United States History AP.

Waterfront Learning Services – Contract — Approved the contract between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit d/b/a Waterfront Learning Services for the 2016-2017 school year for cyber education software as needed for Fox Chapel Area Online students.

Family Services of Western Pennsylvania – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Family Services of Western Pennsylvania for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, for school-based mental health services and the child/adolescent partial hospital program.

ASSET STEM Education – Membership Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and ASSET Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$6,720 for professional development and an estimated cost based on enrollment of \$56,244.19 for elementary classroom modules.

2016-2017 STEAM Grant Agreement – Information — A 2016-2017 STEAM Grant for the project entitled “Innovation Lab @ DMS” in the amount of \$20,000 was approved by the Center for Creativity of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – New — Approved the following new policy:

- No. 823 – Naloxone (Narcan).

Policy – Revised — Approved the following revised policy:

- No. 246 – Student Wellness.

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

Professional — Accepted the following professional resignation:

- **Jean A. Ditillo**, elementary teacher at O’Hara Elementary, due to retirement, effective June 17, 2016.

Custodial/Maintenance — Accepted the following maintenance resignation:

- **John H. Gubanic**, maintenance employee for the Fox Chapel Area School District, due to retirement, effective June 16, 2016.

Nutrition Center — Accepted the following nutrition center resignations:

- **Celeste Hastings**, nutrition center employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, effective June 13, 2016.
- **James R. Kutchko**, delivery van driver for the Fox Chapel Area School District, due to retirement, effective September 5, 2016.
- **Cheryl L. Michalowski**, nutrition center employee at Kerr Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective May 10, 2016.

Health Services — Accepted the following health services resignation:

- **Cynthia M. Akanowicz**, contracted nurse for the Fox Chapel Area School District, due to retirement, effective May 13, 2016.

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

- **Adam E. Danielson**, intramurals flag football O'Hara, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Denise A. Lynch**, intramurals MS activity sponsor 14, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Stuart Lyon**, high school boys' basketball 1st assistant, due to personal reasons, effective June 3, 2016.
- **Jessica L. Markowski**, intramurals MS activity sponsor 6, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

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

- **David J. Goggin**, social studies department head, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Denise L. Lynch**, newspaper sponsor MS, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Lucy G. Peters**, kindergarten grade level chairperson, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Erin E. Rowlands**, yearbook sponsor MS, due to personal reasons, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Leaves

Professional — Approved the following professional leaves:

- **Kerry S. Frank**, an elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, beginning August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for January 20, 2017.
- **Jessica L. Marshall**, an elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, beginning August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for November 7, 2016.
- **Rene B. Mills**, a speech and language teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, beginning August 26, 2016, with return scheduled for March 24, 2017.
- **Kelli L. Schneider**, a reading teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, beginning August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for January 20, 2017.

Appointments

Administrative – Coordinator of Literacy — Approved the following administrative appointment:

- **Sari L. Brecosky** as coordinator of literacy for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective date to be determined. Yearly salary was set, with benefits as per the employment agreement. This is a new position.

Administrative – Assistant Business Manager — Approved the following administrative appointment:

- **Kimberly M. Pawlishak** as assistant business manager for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective June 16, 2016. Yearly salary was set (prorated), with benefits as per the employment agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Deborah Gazica**.

Professional — Approved the following professional appointments:

- **Ryan M. Devlin** as a media production teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective August 22, 2016. This position is available due to the retirement of **Douglas Martin**.
- **Sarah R. Jones** as an elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School, effective August 22, 2016. This position is available due to the resignation of **Kathryn Hoel**.
- **Molly E. Sharbaugh** as a reading/language arts teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, effective August 22, 2016. This position is available due to the retirement of **Anne Brasile**.
- **Ashley L. Thiebaud** as an elementary teacher at Hartwood Elementary School, effective August 22, 2016. This position is available due to the retirement of **Theresa Solomon**.

Ancillary Services — Approved the following ancillary services appointment:

- **Christopher M. Wiatrowski** as a 10-month, 8-hours per day, district driver for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective June 14, 2016. Salary was set as per the wage scale for nutrition center employees. This position is available due to the retirement of **James Kutchko**.

Supplemental Contract – Athletic — The following athletic supplemental contract was approved for the 2016-2017 school term: **Timothy Schilcher** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning Head Coach.

Leave Replacements

Professional — Approved the following professional leave replacements:

- **Stefanie L. Guffey** as a first-semester leave replacement reading teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, effective August 22, 2016, through the day after the last day of school for students for the 2016-2017 school term. This position is available due to the child-rearing leave of **Kelli Schneider**.
- **Esther E. Hull** as a one-year leave replacement vocal music teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, effective August 22, 2016, through the day after the last day of school for students for the 2016-2017 school term. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of **Amy Beresik**.
- **Leah M. Jacobs** as a first-semester leave replacement elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, effective August 22, 2016, through January 20, 2017. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of **Danielle Gumto**.
- **Ryan S. Moore** as a first-semester leave replacement reading/language arts teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, effective August 22, 2016, through January 20, 2017. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of **Tracy Barbosky**.
- **Darragh L. Topper** as a first-semester elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School, effective August 22, 2016, through January 20, 2017. This position is available due to the child-rearing leave of **Kerry Frank**.

Purchase-of-Service

Security Guard — Approved the following purchase-of-service security guard agreement:

- between **Joseph E. Abbott** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at an hourly rate.

Health Services — Approved the following purchase-of-service health services agreements:

- between **Kristan M. Mawhinney** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective August 30, 2016, through the end of the 2016-2017 school term, at an hourly rate.
- between **Donna M. Wallace** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective August 30, 2016, through the end of the 2016-2017 school term, at an hourly rate.

Employment Agreements

Approval — Approved the following employment agreements: Assistant Network Systems Manager – **Vincent T. Vantine**, Behavior Specialist (2) – **Ava M. Kilgore** and **Stacey E. Trpcic**, Director of Ancillary Services – **Daniel A. Breitreutz**, and Technology/Maintenance Repair Specialist – **Sean M. Rhoades**.

Compensation Adjustments

Nutrition Center — The hourly (except where indicated) wage scale for nutrition center employees for for the positions listed below for 2016-2017 was approved as follows: Substitute Employee, Substitute Employee for 3+ years, General Food Worker 1, General Food Worker 2, General Food Worker 3, General Food Worker 4, General Food Worker 5, General Food Worker 6, Satellite Leader 1, Satellite Leader 2, High School Asst. Manager, High School Manager (per year), and Delivery Van Driver.

Summer Programs

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District 2016 Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 114 hours of instruction plus 27 hours of preparation: **Brianna Amascoto, Sarah Bialas, Darrick Borland, Ambur Bowen, Kylie Cavanaugh, Katelyn Dorman, Shannon Frick, Leah Jacobs, Sarah Jones, Kaila O'Malley, Lisa Pacheco, Carly Pasinski, Cara Reese, Maria Ricci, Katie Romea, Barbara Scully, Koren Shelvey, Erin Smith, Rachel Tobias, and Cathy Zierenberg**.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Facilitator — **Lauren Nasser** was approved as the 2016 Elementary Summer Learning Academy facilitator at an hourly rate with a maximum of 160 hours.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the 2016 Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate: **Heath Asbury, Lorraine Beatty, Katelyn Deet, Cara Donnelly, Dana Ferrari, Laura Sherwin, and Ashley Thiebaud**.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Nutrition Center Employee — **Denise J. Spencer** was approved as a nutrition center employee for the 2016 Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 204 hours.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District 2016 Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 95 hours including time for preparation: **Greg Arabia, Alexis Barron, Rachel Courbis, Christine DeAngelis, Kevin Grecek, Bethany Irwin, Kaila Kramer, Jessica Markowski, Mary Jo Montgomery, Ryan Moore, Peter Pinko, Michael Quinn, Andrew Shaw, Erin Smith, and Christopher Studebaker**.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Science Instructor — Peter Pinko was approved as an instructor for the 2016 Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Science AM/PM program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 141 hours including time for preparation.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Extension of 9th Period School Year Instructor — Noelle Schaffold was approved as an instructor for the 2016 Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Extension of 9th Period School Year Program-AM at an hourly rate with a maximum of 15 hours including time for preparation.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Facilitator — Joseph Eisel was approved as the facilitator for the 2016 Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate not to exceed 160 hours.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Project-Based Learning Program Facilitator — Joseph Eisel was approved as the facilitator for the 2016 Dorseyville Middle School Summer Project-Based Learning Program at an hourly rate not to exceed 111 hours.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the 2016 Dorseyville Middle School summer programs: **Meredith Burke, Jane Hudok, Douglas Kitay, Jessica Perrin, Zachary Price, Franca Rago, Alexandra Schank, and Debra Skiles.**

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Nutrition Center — Sherry M. Lloyd was approved as a nutrition center employee for the Fox Chapel Area School District 2016 Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 204 hours.

Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Program Personal Care Assistants — The following individuals were approved as personal care assistants for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Program at an hourly rate on dates and hours the assigned students attend the summer program: **Patricia Letters and Sandra Wollam.**

Fox Chapel Area High School Summer Program Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Summer Program at a per course rate: **Chad Morley** (Algebra I & II/Geometry), **Bonnie Pazin** (SAT Preparation), **Laura Ward** (English), and **Deborah Welty** (Health).

Fox Chapel Area High School Summer Program Physical Education Instructor — James Angelo was approved as an instructor for the Physical Education Credit-Recovery 9-12 and Recreation Sports 11-12 for the Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Summer Program at a per course rate, plus an additional amount of money for the coordination and registration activities in advance of program implementation.

Fox Chapel Area High School Freshman LAUNCH Program Coordinator — Lesley Cowles was approved as the Fox Chapel Area High School Freshman LAUNCH Program coordinator for the Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Freshman LAUNCH Program at a flat rate.

Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Freshman LAUNCH Program Instructors — The individuals below were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Freshman LAUNCH Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 22 hours per week including two hours of preparation: **Kelly Barone, Jeffrey Bonifate, Caryn Campbell, Samantha Curti, Stacie Djonovic, Michele Fischer, Myriam Fontes, Jennifer Lancz, Stephanie Martin, Krista Matonak, Meghan Meabon, Gregory Miller, Brandon Rios, Heather Skillen, and Laura Ward.**

Fox Chapel Area High School Freshman LAUNCH Program Activity Day Instructor — Todd Massak was approved as an instructor for the Activity Day Freshman LAUNCH Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of four hours.

Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Western Pennsylvania Summer STEMM Academy — The individuals listed below were approved for the Fox Chapel Area High School 2016 Western Pennsylvania Summer STEMM Academy: **Lisa Giguere** – Director (flat rate), **Randi Leonard** – Assistant Director (flat rate), **Kenneth Grimm** – Research/Project Coordinator (hourly rate/maximum 50 hours), **Heather Skillen** – Research/Project Coordinator (hourly rate/maximum 50 hours), and **Julie Susser** – Research/Project Coordinator (hourly rate/maximum 50 hours).

Fox Chapel Area High School Summer Programs Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the 2016 Fox Chapel Area High School summer programs at an hourly rate: **Justin Guadagni** and **Justin Papariello**.

Suspension

Employee — Approved the suspension of employee “X,” effective May 27, 2016.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Aesop Customer Agreement — Approved the Aesop Customer Agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Frontline Technologies Group, LLC for substitute tracking services effective July 1, 2016, in the amount of \$10,380.

Authorization for Auction — Authorized the auction of various excess, obsolete, or non-usable furniture and equipment items, and disposal of if not sold through the auction.

IN Community Magazines, Inc. – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and IN Community Magazines, Inc. beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Reappointment — Approved the reappointment of Pa Del Tax, Inc. as delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

Student Meal Prices — Approved the following meal prices for the 2016-2017 school year: Elementary Lunch – \$2.55, Secondary Lunch – \$2.85, Secondary Tier Lunch – \$3.25, Milk – \$0.50, Breakfast – \$1.25, Reduced Lunch – \$0.40, Reduced Breakfast – \$0.30, and Adult Lunch – \$3.95.

Authority Board Authorization — Authorized the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board to approve payment of invoices and change orders for the months of June and July 2016 on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors.

Authority Board Reappointment — Approved the reappointment of **Jeffrey Klamut**, Esq., to the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board for a term of five years effective July 1, 2016.

Authority Board Appointment — Approved the appointment of **John Casile** to the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board effective July 1, 2016, to replace the seat vacated by **Kenneth Haase**.

Change Order – Fox Chapel Area High School Construction — Approved change order 02-PC-015 at a cost of \$1,410.56 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.

AIA Agreement – Thomas & Williamson, LLC — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Thomas & Williamson, LLC for construction management services related to the Dorseyville Middle School alterations project.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Title IX: David P. McCommons, Ed.D. (412/967-2456)

Section 504 and ADA: Lonnie Carey, Ed.D. (412/967-2435)

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