

May 8, 2017

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 May 8, 2017. Vice President Nancy B. Foster called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were President Terry L. Wirginis (via telephone), Assistant Secretary Sandra M Garbisch, Treasurer Joel R. Weinstein, Somer Obernauer Jr., Lisa M. Rutkowski, and Eric C. Schmidt.

GUESTS (May 1, 2017)

•25-Year Employees — The following employees were recognized for 25-years of service to the district:
Hartwood Elementary School – **Frances Connolly** and **Lynn DePellegrini**;
O’Hara Elementary School – **Roseanne Fiore**, **Barbara Fownes**, and **Shawn Funk**;
Dorseyville Middle School – **Nanci Goldberg**, **Denise Lynch**, **Daryl Natali**, and **Susan Proviano**;
Fox Chapel Area High School – **Kathleen Scigliano**; and
Fox Chapel Area High School Cafeteria – **Michelle Vogel**.

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

•Dorseyville Middle School sixth grader **Elijah Conklin** was named a semifinalist and qualified for the 2017 Pennsylvania Geographic State Bee where he won third place in the state. The 28th Pennsylvania Geographic Bee was held March 31, 2017, at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

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

•A Fox Chapel Area High School student won first place at the annual M & M Lake Erie Invitational Forensic Tournament. Senior **Madeleine Doerr** won first place in original oratory. The tournament, sponsored by Mercyhurst and McDowell high schools in Erie, Pennsylvania, was held November 5, 2016, at Penn State Behrend. Approximately 160 students from 16 schools participated in the event.

•Four Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League’s (PHSSL) District 2 state championship-qualifying tournament. Senior **Ellen Pil** won first place in Student Congress, the team of senior **Jonathan Monroe** and junior **Sara Puthenpurayil** won second place in Policy Debate, and freshman **Rajeev Godse** won second place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. All four of these students qualified to represent the region at the PHSSL State Tournament. The state tournament was held March 17 & 18, 2017, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Approximately 165 students representing 16 high schools from across the region competed in the District 2 state-qualifying tournament. The tournament was held February 25 at Pine-Richland High School.

•Six Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in their events at the Pittsburgh Diocesan Qualifying Tournament and qualified for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Championship Tournament. Senior **Ellen Pil** won third place in Student Congress, senior **Madeleine Doerr** won fourth place in Original Oratory, the team of senior **Jonathan Monroe** and junior **Sara Puthenpurayil** won fourth place in Policy Debate, and the team of seniors **Mihir Garimella** and **Darwin Leuba** won fifth place in Policy Debate. The Grand National Championship Tournament will be held May 26-28, 2017, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Forensic League national-qualifying tournament was held March 4 at Fort Couch Middle School in the Upper St. Clair School District. Approximately 190 students from 20 high schools from the Pittsburgh region participated in the tournament.

•Several Fox Chapel Area High School students placed first at the 20th Annual University of Pittsburgh Model UN Conference. The team of seniors **Jonathan Monroe** and **Clare O’Connor** won first place in the United Nations Development Programme and they also won first place for their position paper in the writing category. The team of freshmen **Rajeev Godse** and **Felix Veser** won first place in the Organization for Islamic Cooperation. In the Large Delegation category, the team of seniors **Omar Abdalla**, **Rohan Chalasani**, **Elias Izenon**, and **Jeremy Rodrigues**; juniors **Braddock Lalor** and **Ryan Santilli**; sophomore **Ziya Xu**; and freshmen **Rajeev Godse** and **Felix Veser** won first place overall.

Approximately 450 students from 24 schools from Western Pennsylvania participated in the University of Pittsburgh Model UN Conference. The conference was held November 7, 2016, at the University of Pittsburgh.

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

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Ninth Annual Westminster Model UN Conference. The team of sophomore **Tristan McClelland** and freshman **Rajeev Godse** were recognized as the Outstanding Delegation (equivalent to a first place) in their committee.

Approximately 210 students from 18 Western Pennsylvania high schools participated in the Westminster Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 19 at Westminster College.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned Gold Medals on the 2017 National Latin Exam. Gold Medal/Summa Cum Laude awards were earned by senior **Suvir Mirchandani** and freshman **Claire Fenton**.

The National Latin Exam was taken in March 2017. Approximately 149,000 students from 50 states and 16 foreign countries participated.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students competed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Leadership Conference and 61 placed and qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first place regional winners included: seniors **Kathryn Kenney, Sophia Lee, Victor Marculescu, Tim Marsh, Tanvi Meringenti, Brooke Stillion, and Jerett Zaleski**; juniors **Emilia Bianchini, Margaret Edgcombe, Toby Lazear, Elena Liberto, Ryan Santilli, Alexa Selwood, Lucy Stone, and Ryan Weinberger**; sophomores **Vaishavi Agrawal, Jayanth Kashyap, Jared Nord, Robert Shymansky, and Zachary Yonas**; and freshmen **Rajeev Godse and Jonathan Rodrigues**. Second place regional winners were: seniors **Grace Mueller and Juliette Naugle**; junior **Jordan Taxay**; sophomores **Abigail Baldauf, Justin Breen, Noah Fritsch, Matthew Good, Meredith Kenney, Michael Kilmer, Jessica Michel, Jessica Paper, and Gina Wang**; and freshman **Jackson Boychuk**. Third place regional winners were: seniors **Rohan Chalasani and Yelim Lee**; juniors **Anita Bargaje, Benjamin Kronman, Braddock Lalor, and Kurran Singh**; sophomores **Jonah Green, Arnav Gupta, Sanjana Harish, Ryan Kerr, and Nishika Mohnot**; and freshmen **Aaron Santilli and Benjamin Schwartz**. Fourth place regional winners were: juniors **Christopher Bonavita, Jocelyn Eckenrode, Claudia Guerrieri, Scott Hastings, and Shane Krhovsky**; sophomores **Elizabeth Kaslewicz and Noah Marks**; and freshman **Shane Susnak**. Fifth place regional winners were: juniors **Fallon Curry and Tanvi Yendi**; sophomores **Daniel Andrud and Kristen Friday**; and freshman **Christiana Paljug**. All of these students qualified to participate at the state-level Future Business Leaders of America Conference that was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 3-5, 2017.

The Future Business Leaders of America Regional Leadership Competition was held in November 2016. Approximately 600 students from schools from across Western Pennsylvania participated in the regional competition.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned first through third places at the 2017 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference and qualified to participate in the national conference. Senior **Tanvi Meringenti** won first place, senior **Tim Marsh** and juniors **Toby Lazear and Lucy Stone** won second places, and junior **Jordan Taxay** and sophomore **Gina Wang** won third places. All six of these students qualified for the National FBLA Leadership Conference which will be held in Anaheim, California, June 27-July 3, 2017. Additionally, senior **Yelim Lee** was named a first place winner in one of the open competitive events held at the state competition.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 3-5 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. More than 4,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Shanko Congalton**.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School students earned high marks on the 2017 National German Exam. Senior **Dominic Gaggini** won a gold award and is now eligible to win a free trip to Germany.

The National German Exam was taken at 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**.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School student placed first in the annual Three Rivers German Day Competition. In the fictional writing category, junior **Bridget Shelestak** won first place.

The Three Rivers German Day Competition was open to middle school and high school students from across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and was held March 16, 2017, 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).

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Yelim Lee** has been named a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award. The award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of time to serve their communities and their country. The award is granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Representatives from Fox Chapel Area High School nominated Yelim for the national honor this past fall in recognition of her volunteer service.

Yelim is the founder of the Pittsburgh area Project LOHIR (Pittsburgh Lending Our Hands to Immigrants and Refugees) and the Fox Chapel Area High School International Friends Club. She works to educate immigrants and refugees to expand their network and community resources; works with Latino youth, including activities that allow them to connect to their heritage; creates and teaches math and science lesson plans for after-school programs at Casa San Jose (Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh); and volunteers with the Pittsburgh Refugee Ministry, primarily creating and implementing hands-on science experiments for children. She is also the founder and president of Fox Chapel Area High School's chapter of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), is the president of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and is the president and founder of the high school's Asian Cultural Club. Yelim has also volunteered at UPMC Mercy, Volunteers of America-All of Us Care, YouthWorks, and the Pittsburgh Korean School.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across the country for outstanding volunteer service. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth.

"The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "By recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

- Several Fox Chapel Area School District students won Gold Key awards for their entries in the Pittsburgh Arts Region of The Scholastic Art Awards of 2017. The show was held February 4-19 at La Roche College and many entries were received from students from schools across the region.

The Fox Chapel Area High School Gold Key winners were seniors **Nathan Andrud, Phoebe Beard, Roy Gao, Elaina Graca, Haley Herrmann** (two Gold Keys), **Alexis Hurwitz** (two Gold Keys), **Amanda Hurwitz** (five Gold Keys), **Emmeline Klatt, Sara Lankes, Ryan Moore, Solana Morningstar, Ashlyn Spencer, Amanda Trusiak, Bryanna Urso** (three Gold Keys), **Brenda Vernon**, and **Ailuo Zhang** (two Gold Keys); juniors **Katherine Goodwin, Julia Kisslinger, Madeline Macek, Sarah Sheerer** (two Gold Keys), **Julia Szymanski**, and **Danielle Werner**; sophomores **Sofia Porter Bacon, Noah Fritsch, Paige Johnson** (two Gold Keys), **Demi Rymer** (two Gold Keys), **Chelsea Taylor**, and **Ziya Xu**; and freshmen **Marilyn Brach** and **Keara Yasko**. Additionally, Amanda Hurwitz won a Gold Key for her portfolio. The Gold Key winners had their work sent to New York for national judging where they competed with other regional winners from across the United States for national awards. The winners of the national contest will participate in The Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibit.

The regional award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges which included artists, art educators, and art professionals. All of these Fox Chapel Area students were honored at a special closing celebration February 19 at La Roche College.

The Fox Chapel Area High School art teachers are **Ron Frank, Joan Marangoni, Jody Shell, Christine Smith, Sarah Stewart**, and **Amy Wickman**.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently named national Gold Medal winners in The Scholastic Art Awards of 2017. Senior **Bryanna Urso** received a Gold Medal for her photograph and sophomore **Sofia Porter Bacon** won a Gold Medal for her digital art.

This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted by students in grades 7-12 through regional contests and less than one percent were recognized at the national level. Prior to being named national winners, all four Fox Chapel Area students were named Gold Key winners in the Pittsburgh Arts Region of The Scholastic Art Awards of 2017. Gold Key works were then judged at the national level by a panel of creative-industry experts and approximately 2,500 were selected as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation by receiving national Gold or Silver Medals.

Bryanna, Sofia, and their Fox Chapel Area teachers have been invited to attend a ceremony at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 8. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards continues to be the nation's longest-running, most prestigious educational initiative supporting student achievement in the visual and literary arts.

- Several Dorseyville Middle School students were selected to perform with prestigious bands.

—**PMEA District 1 Junior High East Band** – Five Dorseyville Middle School students were chosen to participate in the 2017 PMEA District 1 Junior High East Band Festival. The students are eighth graders **Madelyn Francis, Abigail Rickin-Marks, Dylan Stein, and Joey Wang**, and seventh grader **Siddharth Yende**. The band included students from a several county area. The festival was held at the Charles A. Huston Middle School in the Lower Burrell School District March 17 and 18.

—**Allegheny Valley Honors Band** – Five Dorseyville students were selected by audition to perform with the 2017 Allegheny Valley Honors Band. This group is comprised of select student musicians from the Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts. The Dorseyville Middle School students chosen were eighth graders **Madelyn Francis, Nathaniel Kisslinger, Michael VanDemark, and Joey Wang**, and seventh grader **James Trageser**. The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at North Allegheny Senior High School January 6.

- Four Dorseyville Middle School students were selected to perform with the 2017 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Junior High Orchestra. The students chosen were eighth graders **Alexandria Morton, Jack Penland, and Kimia Rafiee**, and seventh grader **Katherine Voigt**. The PMEA District 1 Junior High Orchestra included the best student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Green, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students practiced March 31 and April 1 and performed a concert April 1 at Norwin High School.

- Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Vivian Shao** has been selected as a 2017 Carson Scholar. As a Carson Scholar, Vivian will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. In celebration of her achievements, Vivian was invited to attend the annual Carson Scholars Fund Pittsburgh Awards Ceremony April 8 at Heinz Field. There, Vivian, along with other Carson Scholars, were honored for their accomplishments.

Thousands of students from across the nation are nominated each year by their schools based on their high academic achievement and their commitment to their communities through community service. This year, 483 students from across the nation, and 76 from Pennsylvania, were named 2017 Carson Scholars. Additionally, 872 students will renew 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. According to the Carson Scholars Fund website, "Their compassion for others, dedication to making a difference, and vision for the future is inspiring. Exhibiting self-reflection and perseverance, these scholars represent our future leaders."

To date, the Carson Scholars Fund has awarded more than 7,800 scholarships to students. The Carson Scholars Fund was started by Dr. Ben 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment and Fire Drills — The Board received the enrollment and fire drills report.

Textbook for Review — The following textbook will be recommended for approval at the June 12, 2017, Board meeting and will be available for review until June 8, 2017, in the administrative offices:

- Fox Chapel Area High School – “Sports & Entertainment Marketing” by Ken Kaser and Dotty Boen Oelkers; Publisher: South-Western Cengage Learning; Copyright 2016; for Marketing Grades 11 and 12.

Information

•District Again Named One of “Best Communities for Music Education”

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been named among the 2017 Best Communities for Music Education. This is the sixth year in a row that the district received this prestigious designation! Fox Chapel Area is one of only 73 in the state of Pennsylvania and one of 527 school districts in the nation chosen for this honor that recognizes outstanding music programs. The districts were selected through a program sponsored by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation which acknowledges and celebrates schools and districts across the United States for their commitment to and support of music education.

Now in its 18th year, the Best Communities for Music Education program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who work together to make music education part of the curriculum. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education. These districts and schools set the bar in offering students access to comprehensive music education. The program evaluates schools and districts based on funding, staffing of highly-qualified teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction. Awardees were selected by representatives of the NAMM Foundation and by researchers at The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

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

•Students Win Silver Medals in National Art Competition

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently named Silver Medal national winners in The Scholastic Art Awards of 2017. Senior **Elaina Graca** won a Silver Medal for her photograph and sophomore **Paige Johnson** won a Silver Medal for her jewelry.

This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted by students in grades 7-12 through regional contests and less than one percent were recognized at the national level. Prior to being named national winners, these Fox Chapel Area students were named Gold Key winners in the Pittsburgh Arts Region of The Scholastic Art Awards of 2017. Gold Key works were then judged at the national level by a panel of creative-industry experts and approximately 2,500 were selected as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation by receiving national Gold or Silver Medals.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards continues to be the nation’s longest-running, most prestigious educational initiative supporting student achievement in the visual and literary arts.

•Students Earn High Scores on National Latin Exam

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned high marks on the 2017 National Latin Exam. A Silver Medal/Maxima Cum Laude award was given to sophomore **Marissa Hardiman**. Certificates/Magna Cum Laude awards were earned by junior **Karissa Becer**, sophomores **Jayanth Kashyap** and **Ziya Xu**, and freshman **Hazel Cline**. Cum Laude recognition and a certificate was earned by senior **David Han**.

The National Latin Exam was taken in March 2017. Approximately 149,000 students from 50 states and 16 foreign countries participated.

•High School Students Among the Best at State Forensic Tournament

Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament. Senior **Ellen Pil** won third place in the Senate (qualifying Student Congress) and senior **Jeremy Rodrigues** won sixth place in Impromptu Speaking. Additionally, the following five students placed in the top 20 in their events: sophomore **Jonah Green** placed 14th in the House (non-qualifying Student Congress), freshman **Rajeev Godse** placed 14th in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, the team of senior **Jonathan Monroe** and junior **Sara Puthenpurayil** placed 15th in Policy Debate, and junior **Eduardo Andujar** placed 18th in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

The state tournament was held March 17 and 18, 2017, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Approximately 640 students representing 100 high schools from across the state participated in the tournament.

• **Students Place in State-Qualifying Forensic Tournament**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League's (PHSSL) District 2 state championship-qualifying tournament. The following students placed and served as alternates to the state championships: senior **Mihir Garimella** won third place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, the team of freshmen **Gavin Hitchens** and **William Wang** won fourth place in policy debate, sophomore **Diana Crookston** won fourth place in Extemporaneous Speaking, and senior **Madeleine Doerr** won fifth place in Persuasive Speaking. The state tournament was held March 17 & 18, 2017, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

The following three students also placed at the tournament: the team of junior **Eduardo Andujar** and freshman **Jackson Boychuk** won fifth place in Public Forum and junior **Karissa Becer** won sixth place and sophomore **Adnan Mir** won seventh place in Informative Speaking.

Approximately 165 students representing 16 high schools from across the region competed in the District 2 state-qualifying tournament. The tournament was held February 25 at Pine-Richland High School.

• **Students Among Best at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Forensic Tournament**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School Invitational Forensic Tournament. Senior **Suvir Mirchandani** received an "Outstanding Performance" plaque in Student Congress, senior **Madeleine Doerr** won an "Outstanding Performance" plaque in Original Oratory, and freshman **Rajeev Godse** received an "Outstanding Performance" plaque in Impromptu Speaking. All three students were recognized as being among the top five finishers in their event.

The Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Forensic Tournament was held December 10, 2016, at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School. Approximately 360 students representing 29 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania competed in various speech and debate events at the tournament.

• **Students Place in State FBLA Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the 2017 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. The students that earned fifth-tenth places in the state competition are senior **Sophia Lee**, juniors **Benjamin Kronman** and **Ryan Santilli**, and sophomore **Arnav Gupta**. Additionally, three Fox Chapel Area High School students also placed in the open competitive events held at the state competition. Those students are sophomore **Abigail Baldauf** (fourth place), sophomore **Noah Fritsch** (fifth place), and senior **Tim Marsh** (tenth place).

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 3-5 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. More than 4,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Shanko Congalton**.

• **High School Student Wins Regional Scholastic Writing Award**

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Ian Tracey** won a Silver Key for his short story in the 2017 Pittsburgh Regional Scholastic Writing Awards competition. More than 350 entries, spanning 10 different genres of writing, were received from students from across the greater Pittsburgh area. The students' writing was judged by veteran writing teachers, professional writers, and university faculty and all of the students received their awards at the Regional Writing Awards Ceremony February 25 that was held in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium at the University of Pittsburgh.

The local competition was sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project. The Project is a nonprofit, teacher-centered, teacher-led professional development program serving area schools and students for more than 30 years. It is hosted by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education and is a long-standing affiliate of the National Writing Project. The group partners with schools and community organizations in its efforts to strengthen academic and public literacy.

• **Students Named to All-Section Team**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 3 boys' basketball team. The students are senior **Jake Livingston** and junior **Carson Cohen**. The all-section teams were selected by section coaches.

• **District Wins Awards in State Publications Contest**

The Fox Chapel Area School District recently won state awards in the 2016 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) Excellence in Education Communications Contest. The district received an Award of Excellence for the spring 2016 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine. The district also received Awards of Honor for the 2015-2016 State of the Schools which was part of the fall 2016 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine, and for the 2016-2017 Fox Chapel Area School District Art and Activities Calendar.

Entries from educational institutions from throughout Pennsylvania were submitted for the 2016 PenSPRA contest. Thirty-three were given Awards of Excellence and 32 received Awards of Honor.

Fox Chapel Area School District's winning publication were coordinated by **Bonnie Berzonski**, the district's coordinator of communications. The art and activities calendar is also coordinated by the Fox Chapel Area School District art department teachers.

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**

June 5, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O'Hara Elementary School Auditorium

June 12, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – Fox Chapel Area High School LGI Room

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated April 3, 2017.

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 \$6,434,310.15 from April 1, 2017, through April 30, 2017, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$391,358.98 for April 2017 were approved.

Finance Report — The finance report for March 2017 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

Budget Transfers — The budget transfers for 2016-2017 were approved.

Student Activity Financial Reports — The third quarter 2016-2017 middle school and high school student activity financial reports were acknowledged and filed for audit.

Apple, Inc. – Master Lease Purchase Agreement — Approved the three-year master lease purchase agreement with Apple, Inc. for technology equipment leasing effective July 5, 2017, at a total cost of \$260,094.90.

Resolution 2017-9 — Approved Resolution 2017-9 adopting fees and charges in connection with the collection of taxes, tax claims, and liens.

Resolution 2017-10 — Approved Resolution 2017-10 authorizing the collection of school property taxes in installment payments.

2017-2018 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget — Resolved, to adopt the 2017-2018 Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$103,464,744 as presented with a real estate tax of 19.3429 mills and a continuation of all other taxes without change. The Resource Planning Committee has studied the Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for 2017-2018 as prepared and recommended by the administration. The proposed real estate millage rate is 19.3429 mills which is a 1.9 percent increase from the current year and under the PDE index of 2.5 percent.

Settlement — Approved settlement of claim by parents of student.

Instruction

Textbook for Approval – Fox Chapel Area High School — Approved the following new textbook:

- "Economics" by Sally Meek, John Morton, and Mark Schug; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Copyright 2018; for Modern American Society Grade 12.

Textbook for Approval – Dorseyville Middle School — Approved the following new textbook:

- “Collections 8” by Kylene Beers, Martha Hougen, Carol Jago, William L. McBride, Erik Palmer, and Lyndia Stack; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Copyright 2015; for Language Arts Grade 8

Course Change – Dorseyville Middle School — Approved the following secondary program course change for Dorseyville Middle School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year:

- ELA Literacy/LA/Reading Department – Language Arts 7 and Reading 7 to Literacy 7.

The Children’s Institute – ESY Services Agreements — Approved the services agreements between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Children’s Institute for Extended School Year (ESY) services for two unnamed students at a cost of \$3,600.00 per student.

The Graf Consortium Educational Consultants Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Graf Consortium Educational Consultants for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$16,500.00.

A.W. Beattie Career Center – Mandarin Distance Learning Course Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the A.W. Beattie Career Center for a Mandarin distance learning course for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$300.00 per student.

June 2017 Candidates for Graduation — Approved the list of candidates for June 2017 graduation submitted by the Fox Chapel Area High School principal.

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

Custodial/Maintenance — Accepted the following custodial resignation:

- **Dolores A. Gould**, 12-month custodian at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, effective July 6, 2017.

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

- **Lynn S. DePellegrini**, girls’ spring intramurals (50%) at Hartwood Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective April 4, 2017.
- **Andrew F. Dickson**, boys’ lacrosse assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective April 21, 2017.
- **Belinda L. McBriar**, girls’ assistant cheerleading coach (fall) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective April 21, 2017.
- **Belinda L. McBriar**, girls’ assistant cheerleading coach (winter) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective April 21, 2017.
- **David E. Prevost**, girls’ assistant tennis coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective April 21, 2017.
- **Adriana Vega**, girls’ assistant soccer coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective April 21, 2017.

Leaves

Professional — Approved the following professional leaves:

- **Maureen A. Johnson**, physical education teacher at O’Hara Elementary School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2017, with return scheduled for September 25, 2017.
- **Jessica L. Kohler**, special education teacher at O’Hara Elementary School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 21, 2017, with return scheduled for December 18, 2017.

Appointments

Educational Support — Ratified the following personal care assistant appointment:

- **Jena L. Subasic** as a personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, effective April 17, 2017. Hourly salary was set based on the salary scale for Personal Care 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 transfer of **Melissa Zoschg**.

Supplemental Contract – Athletic — Ratified the following athletic supplemental contract for the 2016-2017 school term: **Katherine A. Frederick** – Girls’ Spring Intramurals (50%) – Hartwood.

Supplemental Contracts – Nonathletic — The following nonathletic supplemental contracts were ratified for the 2016-2017 school term: **Kelly Barone** – World Language Dept. Head – HS, **Stephanie J. Kurlej*** – Best Buddies Coordinator (50%) – DMS, **Jennifer Pro*** – Best Buddies Coordinator (50%) – DMS, **Michelle Ulanowicz** – Mentor Teacher (50%) – O’Hara, and **David J. Wygonik** – Newspaper Sponsor – DMS.
**Leave Replacement (4/17/17-6/14/17)*

Volunteer – Athletic — The following athletic volunteers are ratified: **Richard Correnti** – Boys’ Varsity Lacrosse (effective 3/20/17) and **Alexander Slezak** – Boys’ Varsity Tennis (effective 5/1/17).

Fox Chapel Educators Association

Collective Bargaining Agreement — Approved the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023, as presented.

Resignations/Retirements — Accepted the resignations of the professional employees as presented, due to retirement, as outlined under the Retirement Plan in the 2018-2023 Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, with the effective date to be determined.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Award of Construction Contracts – Fairview Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved to award contracts to the following bidders on the Fairview Elementary School alterations project:

- MASCO Construction, Inc., for the General construction contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$358,975.00;
- McRandal Company, Inc., for the Plumbing construction contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$57,700.00;
- Weider Services, LLC, for the HVAC construction contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$356,400.00; and
- Vern’s Electric, Inc., for the Electrical construction contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$174,402.00.

Change Order – Fox Chapel Area School District Turf and Tracks Renovation — Approved change order GC-3 at a total cost of (\$6,692.50) for the turf and tracks renovations project. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Change Orders – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project — Approved change orders EC-001, GC-003, GC-004, GC-005, GC-006, GC-007, GC-008, HC-006, and HC-007 at a total cost of \$74,332.79 for the middle school alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

School Board Treasurer – Appointment — Approved the appointment of Joel R. Weinstein as School Board Treasurer.

PSBA 2017 Delegate Assembly – Appointment of Voting Delegate — Approved the appointment of Eric C. Schmidt as voting delegate to the PSBA 2017 Delegate Assembly.

2017-2018 Dental Examiners — Approved Dr. Brian Buzzatto, Dr. Susan Buzzatto, and Dr. Michael Manzo as dental examiners for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$8 per student, at original entry into school and in grades three and seven.

Athletic Summer Camps/Activities — The following teams were approved to hold summer camps/activities in 2017 for athletes in the Fox Chapel Area School District: Fox Chapel Area Boys’ Baseball, Fox Chapel Area Boys’/Girls’ Basketball, Fox Chapel Area Cheerleading, Fox Chapel Area Field Hockey, Fox Chapel Area Football, Fox Chapel Area Boys’/Girls’ Lacrosse, Fox Chapel Area Boys’/Girls’ Soccer, Fox Chapel Area Girls’ Softball, Fox Chapel Area Boys’/Girls’ Volleyball, and Fox Chapel Area Wrestling.

Donation – FC Helping FC Fund — Accepted a donation to the Fox Chapel Area School District FC Helping FC fund in the amount of \$50 from the Martz Family Rev. Liv Trust in memory of Robert Mowry.

Donation – Flutes — Accepted the donation of a Yamaha flute with a current value of \$500.00, and a Gemeinhardt flute with a current value of \$400.00, to the Fox Chapel Area School District from Lisa Botos.

Automated Card Systems, Inc. – Service Agreements — Approved the service agreements between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Automated Card Systems, Inc. to provide identification badge services for the 2017-2018 school year at a total cost of \$2,652.54.

YMCA – Agreement and Lease — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the YMCA for the 2017-2018 school year. There is no cost to the district. During the summer months, the YMCA (lessor) will pay the Fox Chapel Area School District (lessee) the amount of \$550.00 per week for custodial and facility usage.

Fox Chapel Killer Whales, Inc. – Agreement and Lease — Approved the agreement and lease between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Fox Chapel Killer Whales, Inc. effective September 1, 2017. The annual rent shall be \$18,000.00, plus the lessee shall reimburse the district for additional custodial costs if needed.

Resolution 2017-11 – Bond Issue — Approved Resolution 2017-11 authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed thirty-seven million nine hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars (\$37,995,000) for the purposes of financing a portion of the costs of certain building renovation and construction costs; providing further that the net proceeds for capital costs from the issuance of such bonds shall not exceed the sum of thirty-two million dollars (\$32,000,000); covenanting to pay, and pledging all available taxing power of the local government unit for the payment of the bonds; establishing a sinking fund and appointing a sinking fund depository; fixing the form, maximum interest rates, maturity dates, and other provisions for the payment thereof; authorizing the acceptance of a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; authorizing a filing of required documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development; ratifying and directing certain actions of officers; and making certain other covenants and provisions in respect of the bonds.

A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget Resolution — The Fox Chapel Area School District’s share of the 2017-2018 A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget was approved as set forth below. The A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2017-2018 is \$9,160,985.

	<u>Total Members Share</u>	<u>Fox Chapel Area SD Share</u>
Operating Budget	\$5,892,930	\$468,428
Capital Budget	\$28,580	\$4,136
Debt Service Budget	<u>\$1,387,075</u>	<u>\$215,829</u>
	\$7,308,585	\$688,393

Plancon Part D – “Project Accounting Based on Estimates” – Information – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Acknowledged that the materials for Plancon Part D, “Project Accounting Based on Estimates,” for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project, have been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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