

December 4, 2017
Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its combined agenda study session and regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School December 4, 2017. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster; Treasurer Joel R. Weinstein; Robert Mauro; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Lisa M. Rutkowski; Eric C. Schmidt; and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.

GUESTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RETIREMENT – Plaque Presentation — The School Board recognized and thanked School Board member Joel R. Weinstein for his more than 21 years of service to the students and the community of the Fox Chapel Area School District. Mr. Weinstein has served on the Board since July of 1996.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

*Please See Page 5 for Board Notes from the
Annual Reorganization Meeting.*

Information

•District to Hold Act 34 Hearing on New Kerr School

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

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

•Teacher Gets Grant to Enhance Classroom Learning

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

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

•High School Students Place at Pitt Model UN Conference

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

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

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

•Student Wins Award in Erie Forensic Tournament

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

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

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

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

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

•Fox Chapel Crew Member Named to Scholastic Honor Roll

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

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

•Boys' Soccer Team Members Chosen for Special Soccer Teams

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

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

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

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

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

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings (pending Board approval at the reorganization meeting)

January 8, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Meeting – HS LGI Room

February 5, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Hartwood Elementary School Library

February 12, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

March 5, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Fairview Elementary School Multipurpose Room

March 12, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

April 9, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Meeting – HS LGI Room

May 7, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Dorseyville Middle School Auditorium

May 14, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

June 4, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O'Hara Elementary School Auditorium

June 11, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated November 13, 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 \$6,944,107.89 from November 1, 2017, through November 30, 2017, were approved.

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

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

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

Budget Transfers — Several budget transfers for 2017-2018 were approved.

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

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

Educational Support — Accepted the following secretarial resignation:

- **Danielle L. Turner**, building secretary, O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective November 30, 2017.

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

- **Matthew J. LaPatka**, middle school cross country assistant coach, due to personal reasons, effective November 22, 2017.
- **Jennifer J. McCrady**, high school field hockey coach, due to personal reasons, effective November 13, 2017.
- **Peter J. Shiner**, middle school cross country head coach, due to personal reasons, effective November 22, 2017.

Leave

Professional — Approved the following professional leave:

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

Appointments

Custodial/Maintenance — Approved the following maintenance appointment:

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

Supplemental Contracts – Athletics — The following athletic supplemental contracts were approved for the 2017-2018 school term: **Orlando T. Bellisario** – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach 3 – HS, **Gary S. Gruen** – Girls' Lacrosse 1st Assistant Coach – HS, **Matthew J. Iannazzo** – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach 2 – HS, and **John E. Susi** – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach 1 – HS.

Salary Crossovers

Professional Employees — The following professional employees are eligible to crossover on the salary scale for the 2017-2018 school term based on verification of additional credits earned: **Tracy Barbosky** from M+0 to M+15, **Amy Beresik** from M+0 to M+15, **Katelyn Deet** from B+0 to B+24, **Sarah Dixon** from B+24 to M+0, **Alison Francis** from M+15 to M+30, **Danielle Gumto** from M+15 to M+30, **Gail Hetu** from B+0 to M+0, **James Jones** from M+45 to Ph+0, **Melissa McKamish** from B+24 to M+0, **Amy Meyer** from M+30 to M+45, **Benjamin Murray** from B+24 to M+0, **Julie Susser** from M+0 to M+15, and **Laura Ward** from M+0 to M+15. This change is retroactive to the beginning of the current school year in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

Volunteers

Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were ratified, effective November 14, 2017: **Timothy Carl** – Wrestling, **Kaila Kramer** – Boys' and Girls' Varsity Swimming, and **Erin Kust** – Girls' Varsity Cheerleading.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Change Order – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project — Approved change order HC-013 at a cost of \$7,684.64 for the middle school alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Change Orders – O'Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved change orders GC-007 and GC-008 at a total cost of \$6,874.01 for the O'Hara Elementary School alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Lot Consolidation – Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved a motion to consolidate block & lot 286-M-110 and block & lot 286-S-125 as requested.

Donation – Choral Music — Accepted the donation of choral music to the Fox Chapel Area School District Choral Department with a current value of \$3,981.00 from **Linda Wallace**.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



**December 4, 2017
Reorganization Meeting**

OATH OF OFFICE — The oath of office for re-elected Board members Robert Mauro; Somer Obernauer Jr.; and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D., and newly-elected Board member Edith L. Cook, Ph.D., was administered by the Honorable Kevin G. Sasinoski, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judge.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its reorganization meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School December 4, 2017. Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Also in attendance were Dr. Cook, Nancy B. Foster, Mr. Mauro, Mr. Obernauer, Lisa M. Rutkowski, Eric C. Schmidt, and Dr. Vyas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT — Elected Mrs. Foster temporary president. Mrs. Foster took her seat to conduct the election of the president.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT — Re-elected Mr. Wirginis president of the Board. Mr. Wirginis took his seat and conducted the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT — Re-elected Mrs. Foster as vice president of the Board.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY — Re-elected Mrs. Garbisch as assistant secretary of the Board.

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

Appointments

School Board Treasurer — Approved the appointment Mr. Mauro as the School Board Treasurer.

A.W. Beattie Board — Approved the appointments of Mr. Obernauer and Mrs. Rutkowski as representatives to the A.W. Beattie Board.

PSBA Legislative Representative — Approved the appointment of Mr. Schmidt as the PSBA legislative representative.

Calendar of 2018 School Board Meetings — Approved the calendar of 2018 School Board meetings:

Agenda Study Sessions

January 8, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
January 8 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.
February 5, 2018 (Hartwood Elementary Library)
March 5, 2018 (Fairview Elementary Multipurpose Room)
April 9, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
April 9 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.
May 7, 2018 (Dorseyville Middle School Auditorium)
May 7 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.
June 4, 2018 (O'Hara Elementary Auditorium)

Regular Business Meetings

January 8, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
February 12, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
March 12, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
April 9, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
May 7, 2018 (Dorseyville Middle School Aud.)
June 11, 2018 (High School LGI Room)

NO MEETINGS IN JULY 2017

August 13, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
August 13 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.
September 10, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
September 10 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.
October 1, 2018 (A.W. Beattie Career Center)
November 5, 2018 (Kerr Elementary Multipurpose Room)
December 3, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
December 3 is a combined agenda study session and regular business meeting.
Reorganization Meeting – December 3, 2018 (immediately following the combined meeting).

August 13, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
September 10, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
October 8, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
November 12, 2018 (High School LGI Room)
December 3, 2018 (High School LGI Room)

All Board meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Authorization for Proper Signatures — Authorization was given to make any required change of signatures on all bank accounts and to execute signature cards as necessary to implement this action.

Facsimile Signatures — The Board president and secretary were authorized to use a facsimile signature for signing checks and the superintendent, Board secretary, and Board treasurer were authorized to use the check signing machine.

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The Fox Chapel Area School District is an equal rights and opportunity school district. The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or handicap/disability. The district shall make reasonable accommodations for identified physical and mental impairments that constitute disabilities, consistent with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.

Additional information pertaining to civil rights, school district policies, and grievance procedures can be obtained by contacting the compliance officers listed below between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. This notice is available from the compliance officers in large print, on audiotape, and in Braille.

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