

January 8, 2018

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 January 8, 2018. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster; Edith L. Cook, Ph.D.; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Lisa M. Rutkowski; Eric C. Schmidt; and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.

GUESTS

- **Peter J. Vancheri**, CPA, Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP, presented the district's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

- **School Director Recognition Month** – Dorseyville Middle School Students

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Information

Make-A-Wish Telethon Raises More Than \$37,000!

Fox Chapel Area School District students held their 28th annual telethon Friday, December 22, 2017, and raised more than \$37,000! This year's total brings the money raised by Fox Chapel Area students to more than \$804,000 over the last 28 years for various local and regional charities.

The telethon raised money for Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia and involved students from all six schools in the Fox Chapel Area School District (Fairview, Hartwood, Kerr, and O'Hara elementaries; Dorseyville Middle School; and Fox Chapel Area High School). Student, teacher, parent, and community representatives also participated in the telethon benefitting Make-A-Wish by making donations during the live event. The telethon was coordinated by the Fox Chapel Area High School Student Government and the digital media production students of the high school who plan and produce the event.

This year, the telethon was available in high definition and was streamed live on the Swift Fox Media YouTube channel. Following the live broadcast, the telethon can be viewed any time through the Swift Fox Media YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/swifffoxmedia>. The telethon was also aired live through Verizon FIOS and Comcast.

Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia grants the wishes of children with critical medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy in 57 Pennsylvania counties and West Virginia. Since 1980, Make-A-Wish has enriched the lives of children with critical medical conditions through its wish-granting work.

The fundraising for Make-A-Wish this year was a return to the telethon's roots as Make-A-Wish was the Fox Chapel Area High School Telethon's first charity in 1990.

High School Women's Choir Chosen to Perform at Eastern Division Conference

The Fox Chapel Area High School Vulpes Cantantes women's choir has been chosen to perform at the 2018 American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Division Conference. The group will perform March 8 at First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in conjunction with the organization's biannual conference. The Vulpes Cantantes is one of only three high school choirs chosen to perform from submitted audition recordings. The ACDA Eastern Division includes 11 eastern states stretching from Maine to Maryland and concert attendees will include choral directors and musicians from across the country.

The Vulpes Cantantes includes 50 9th-12th grade female students and the choir is under the direction of conductor **Benjamin Murray**.

Student in Top 32 in Patriot Games Forensic Tournament

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Rajeev Godse** finished among the top 32 Lincoln Douglas debaters at the Patriot Games Classic Tournament. The tournament was held December 2 & 3, 2017, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. More than 1,500 students representing approximately 115 high school speech and debate programs from across the United States participated in the tournament.

•**High School Students Place at UVA Model UN Conference**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the annual University of Virginia Model United Nations (VAMUN) Conference. Juniors **Diana Crookston** and **Grace Stasolla**, sophomore **Rajeev Godse**, and freshmen **Anthony Nguyen** and **Jackson Romero** all won honorable mentions (equivalent to third place).

More than 1,000 students from 49 high schools across the eastern United States participated in the University of Virginia Model UN Conference. The conference was held November 17-29, 2017, at the University of Virginia.

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

•**Girls' Named to All-Section Volleyball Teams**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School volleyball players were named to all-section teams. Senior **Tessa Friday** was named to the all-section first team. Senior **Katherine Chomko** and junior **Meredith Kenney** were named to the second team. The team members are selected by the coaches.

•**Boys' Soccer Team Members Chosen for All-Star Soccer Teams**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen for two all-star boys' soccer teams. Chosen for the WPIAL Class 4A All-Star Team were senior **William Tabor** and sophomores **Zane Ingram** and **Josh Miller**. Additionally, Will and Zane were both named to the Valley News Dispatch All-Star Boys' Soccer Second Team.

•**Girls' Soccer Team Members Chosen for All-Star Soccer Teams**

Four girls' soccer players were named to the Valley News Dispatch All-Star Soccer teams. Seniors **Katherine Livingston** and junior **Sarah Sinnott** were named to the first team. Senior **Greta Lazzara** and junior **Kate Feczko** were named to the second team.

•**Students Named to Special Football Teams/Coach Named Coach of the Year**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School football players were named to special all-star teams. Ten were named to Class 5A Allegheny Nine All-Conference teams. Seniors **Jesse Cohen**, **Riley Michael**, **Micah Morris**, and **Chase Villani** were named to the first team. Seniors **Luke Brown** and **Adam Woo** and junior **Cole Waxter** were named to the second team. Seniors **Scott Hastings**, **Andrew Jeffrey**, and **Jacob Wecht** all received honorable mentions to the team. Additionally, their coach, **Tom Loughran**, was named the Allegheny Nine Conference Coach of the Year.

Six players were named to the Valley News Dispatch All-Star teams. Senior **Nick Gizzo** was named the Valley News Dispatch Offensive Player of the Year. Jesse, Micah, and Chase were all named to the first team. Second team all-stars included Riley and Cole. The students were featured in the Sunday, December 17, 2017, Valley News Dispatch.

•**Students Selected for All-Star Field Hockey Teams**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to all-star field hockey teams. Senior **Grace Knepshield** was named all-WPIAL and all-section and senior **Paige Ryan** was also named all-section. Senior **Mia Jamiolkowski** and sophomore **Isabella Lagazzi** were honorable mention all-section selections.

•**Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings**

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. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Meeting – DMS Auditorium

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 combined agenda study session and regular business meeting and reorganization meeting dated December 4, 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 \$8,964,964.48 from December 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$1,123,838.34 for December 2017 were approved.

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

2016-2017 Audit Report — The audit report submitted by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was approved.

FCASD Election Not to Increase Tax Rate Above the Index – Resolution 2018-1 — The Fox Chapel Area School District resolution 2018-1 electing not to increase the tax rate above the index in the 2018-2019 General Operating Budget was approved.

Asset Control Solutions, Inc. – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Asset Control Solutions, Inc. for the management of fixed assets effective January 8, 2018, at an annual cost of \$10,000.00.

Instruction

Course Changes — Approved the following secondary program course changes for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year:

- English – “Elements of Literacy I” and “English 9” (two English courses) to “Elements of Literacy II and English 9” (combined, year-long course) and
- Health and Physical Education – “Health – Wellness” and “Health – Body Systems” (two health courses) to “Health – Wellness and Body Systems” (combined, two-year course).

Course Deletion — Approved the following secondary program course deletion for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year: Technology Education – Advanced Engineering.

Course Addition — Approved the following secondary program course addition for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year: Technology Education – Engineering & Innovation.

Legislation / Policy

Policy – New — Approved the following new policy: No. 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services.

Policies – Revised — Approved the following revised policies: No. 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, No. 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities, No. 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices, and No. 819 – Suicide Prevention/Intervention.

Policies – Deleted — Approved deleting the following policies: No. 248 – Unlawful Harassment – Pupils (now included in No. 103) and No. 348 – Unlawful Harassment – Employees (now included in No. 104).

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 instructional assistant resignation:

- **Nanette Campbell**, instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, effective February 2, 2018.

Supplemental Contract – Nonathletic — Accepted the following nonathletic supplemental contract resignation:

- **Tammy J. Balestrino**, elementary gifted department head, due to personal reasons, effective January 1, 2018.

Leave

Professional — Approved the following professional leave:

- **Shannon R. Frick**, elementary 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 January 28, 2018, with return scheduled for April 27, 2018.

Appointment

Educational Support — Approved the following secretarial appointment:

- **Sandra R. Shank** as a 12-month building secretary at O'Hara Elementary School, effective January 15, 2018. Hourly salary was set based on the salary scale for 12-Month Secretaries, Step 1, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Danielle Turner**.

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: **Richard Mathieu** from B+0 to B+24 and **Ashley Thiebaud** from B+0 to B+15. This change is retroactive to the beginning of the current school year in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

Extra Innings

Teachers — The following were approved as Extra Innings teachers for the 2017-2018 school term at an hourly rate with a maximum of 60 hours of planning/instruction:

- **Fairview Elementary School** – **Michael Rowe, Sarah Savitz, and Angela Wilhelm;**
- **Hartwood Elementary School** – **Lynn DePellegrini, Katherine Frederick, James Jones, Maria Stewart, and Audrey Marie Vandebord;**
- **Kerr Elementary School** – **Stephanie Abriatis, Sean Baldis, Meagan Dailey, Terri Kedzierski, Nicole Kuntz, and Cara Reese;** and
- **O'Hara Elementary School** – **Leah Jacobs, Katie Klinger, Amy Myer, Maria Ricci, Jessica Steiner, and Alexis Taylor.**

Substitute — **Mary Jo Bisceglia** was approved as an Extra Innings substitute teacher for the 2017-2018 school term at an hourly rate.

Instructional Assistants — The following employees were approved as Extra Innings instructional assistants for the 2017-2018 school term at an hourly rate with a maximum of 35 hours:

- **Hartwood Elementary School** – **Kimberly Brose and Patricia Letters** and
- **Kerr Elementary School** – **Connie Banachoski.**

Volunteers

Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were ratified, effective December 13, 2017: **Claire Kintner** – Track and **Ronald Walkowski** – Softball.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Change Orders – O'Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved change orders PC-001 and EC-002 at a total cost of \$7,775.00 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.

Change Order – Fairview Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved change order GC-007 at a cost of \$3,081.54 for the Fairview Elementary School alterations project. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Donation – Cello — Accepted the donation of a cello to Dorseyville Middle School with a current value of \$1,211.00 from **Richard & Tija Jacob.**

Settlement — Approved the settlement of a lawsuit filed by Beattie Education Association against various school districts including the Fox Chapel Area School District, as presented.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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.

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