

February 12, 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 February 12, 2018. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Assistant Secretary Sandra M. Garbisch; Treasurer Robert Mauro; Edith L. Cook, Ph.D.; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Eric C. Schmidt; and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.

GUESTS (February 5, 2018)

•Hartwood Elementary School Principal **Rachel Fischbaugh**, Ed.D., and the Hartwood Elementary School Fifth Grade Band

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

•A team of Dorseyville Middle School sixth grade students recently placed first in the elementary division of the 3-2-1 Questions Unlimited National Quiz Bowl. The students are **Jack Cannon, Adam Ferris, Katherine Haas, Benjamin Myers, Eric Pil, Adhitya Thirumala, and Abraham White**. The students participated as a team by answering questions online. The academic competition involves history, math, geography, art, music, science, technology, and other academic areas.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Proposed 2018-2019 School Calendar — The proposed 2018-2019 school calendar is attached for review. Copies will be available for the public in the school offices and on the district's website at www.fcasd.edu. A final recommendation will be made to the Board of School Directors as part of the March 12, 2018, regular business meeting. *Please Note: The 2019 spring break does not fall around the Easter holiday, as it traditionally has. This is due to the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing that is mandated by the state.*

Information

•**Student Magazine Wins National Award**

Fox Chapel Area High School's 2016-2017 literary arts magazine "Tapestry" received a national award. The magazine was named a first-place winner in the 2017 American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Contest/Review for Scholastic Yearbooks, Magazines and Newspapers. Additionally, 2017-2018 sophomore **Anzu Sekikawa** received recognition for "Outstanding Art" for her artwork entitled "Japanese Dream."

The 2016-2017 student editors of "Tapestry" were 2017 graduates **Emma Paulini** (editor-in-chief), **Rachel Gorby**, and **David Han**; current 2017-2018 seniors **Karissa Becer, Sally Dean, Shania Khatri, Philip Kim, Helen Paulini, and Anna Paviglianiti**; and current 2017-2018 juniors **Arnav Gupta, Emma Kazmierczak, Demi Rymer, and Chloe Yofan**. The students' advisor is Fox Chapel Area High School language arts teacher **Jessica Green**.

•**Student Named Winner in Benjamin Franklin Essay Contest**

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Annika Urban** has been named a winner of the Eleventh Annual Benjamin Franklin Scholar Award. Annika was named a third-place winner for her essay entitled, "The Hidden Dangers of Persistence." She will receive a \$2,000 award and be honored at The Pennsylvania Society Annual Meeting June 1, 2018, in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The award is part of a writing competition open to all Pennsylvania public school juniors in good standing. Students submit an original essay discussing the modern-day relevance of a selected quotation by Franklin. This year's quote was "Energy and persistence conquer all things." Essays are reviewed by judges named by the Pennsylvania Association of School Counselors, the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

The award is sponsored by The Pennsylvania Society, a nonprofit, charitable organization with more than 2,000 members. Its purpose is to honor achievement, reward excellence, promote goodwill and understanding, and celebrate service to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to humanity in general. Thriving and still growing in its third century of existence, the society is the longest-lived organization of its kind in the country.

•Students Place in Mars Forensic Tournament

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students recently won awards at the Mars Area High School Invitational forensic tournament. Senior **Sara Puthenpurayil** won third place in Impromptu Speaking and sophomore **Jackson Boychuk** won fourth place in Student Congress. Additionally, freshman **Jackson Romero** won seventh place in Lincoln Douglas Debate.

The tournament was held January 6, 2018, at Mars Area High School. Approximately 130 students from 13 high schools from Western Pennsylvania participated.

•Student Places in Central Catholic Forensic Tournament

Fox Chapel Area High School freshman **Jackson Romero** won fourth place in Lincoln Douglas Debate at the Brother Rene Sterner Steel City Classic forensic tournament. The tournament was held December 15, 2017, at Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School. A total of 191 students from 25 high schools from Western and Central Pennsylvania competed at the event.

•Students Chosen for All-Star Hockey Game

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to participate in a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League (PIHL) All-Star Game. Seniors **Shane Krhovsky** and **Chase Villani** were chosen as forwards, and junior **William Doyle** was selected to play for the defense for the Division I Class A Blue Team. The game was played January 28, 2018, at Robert Morris University’s Island Sports Center.

Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

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 dated January 8, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Facilities/Transportation

The Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh, Inc. d/b/a zTrip – Agreement — Ratified the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh, Inc. d/b/a zTrip to provide student transportation services effective January 16, 2018.

Finance

Disbursements (A) — General fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$7,969,534.86 from January 1, 2018, through January 31, 2018, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$772,359.44 for January 2018 were approved.

Finance Report — The finance report for December 2018 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

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

Student Activity Financial Reports — The second quarter 2017-2018 middle school and high school student activity financial reports were acknowledged and filed for audit.

Permission to Advertise – Athletic Supplies — Authorized the advertisement of bids for the 2018-2019 school year for the following: athletic supplies (fall and winter), athletic supplies (spring), and athletic medical supplies.

DQE Communications – Renewal Agreement — Approved the renewal agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and DQE Communications for additional Internet bandwidth for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021, at a monthly cost of \$1,500.00.

Apple, Inc. – Schedule No. PUB17292 — Approved Schedule No. PUB17292, pursuant to the three-year master lease purchase agreement with Apple, Inc. for technology equipment leasing effective March 15, 2018, at a total cost of \$654,350.61.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2018-2019 Program of Services Budget — The Board approved the proposed 2018-2019 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,086,109.00 upon the recommendation of the administration. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts’ total contribution to the budget is \$1,765,288.00. The Fox Chapel Area School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$98,133.00 and will be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education according to the District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).

Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program Agreement and Resolution — Approved the joint purchasing agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Fox Chapel Area School district and authorized the participation in and appointment of **Kimberly M. Pawlishak** and **Daniel Breitreutz** to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

Exoneration of Tax Collectors — Approved a motion to exonerate the local real estate tax collectors for Indiana Township, O’Hara Township, Aspinwall Borough, Blawnox Borough, Fox Chapel Borough, and Sharpsburg Borough for the 2017 tax duplicate and to turn over the 2017 delinquent tax listing to PA Del Tax for collection.

Fixing the Compensation of Certain School District Real Estate Tax Collectors Resolution 2018-2 — Approved Resolution 2018-2 regarding fixing the compensation of certain school district real estate tax collectors. The compensation structure is unchanged.

Instruction

Stipulated Adjudications — Approved the stipulated adjudications for student A dated January 2, 2018; student B dated January 12, 2018; and student C dated January 29, 2018.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – Revised — Approved the following revised policy: No. 239 – Foreign Exchange and International Students.

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 — Approved the following professional resignations:

- **Tammy J. Balestrino**, gifted education teacher at Hartwood Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Mary L. Balkey**, certified school nurse at Fairview Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Lisa A. Barbour**, French teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Kimberly A. Buckley**, elementary teacher at O’Hara Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Sallie A. Kaan**, K-8 mathematics coach for Fox Chapel Area School District, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Jill S. Langue**, speech and language pathologist at Hartwood Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Evangelia D. Malecki**, science teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Kelly A. Nail**, RtII Facilitator at Kerr Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.

- **Jody L. Shell**, art teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.
- **Laura J. Sherwin**, reading specialist at O'Hara Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective July 1, 2018.

Educational Support — Accepted the following instructional assistant resignation:

- **Lynn A. Subasic**, instructional assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to retirement, effective June 12, 2018.

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — Accepted the following supplemental contract resignation:

- **Cara E. Reese**, high school girls' volleyball assistant coach, due to personal reasons, effective January 9, 2018.
- **David N. Snyder**, middle school girls' volleyball head coach, due to personal reasons, effective January 11, 2018.

Leaves

Professional — Approved the following professional leaves:

- **Amy E. Buches**, 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 April 4, 2018, with return scheduled for May 21, 2018.
- **Breane M. DeComo**, mathematics teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, for a first semester educational sabbatical, effective the first day of the 2018-2019 school term, with return scheduled for the first day of the second semester of the 2018-2019 school term.

Appointments

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — Ratified the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2017-2018 school term: **Diana Andreyko** – Girls' Volleyball Assistant Coach – HS, **Michelle Couch** – Field Hockey Head Coach – HS, **Geoffrey M. Dutelle** – Girls' Lacrosse 2nd Assistant Coach – HS, and **Alexander Lawson** – Boys' Volleyball Head Coach – MS.

Supplemental Contract – Non-Athletic — The following non-athletic supplemental contract was ratified for the 2017-2018 school term: **Susan M. Kreit** – Gifted Department Head – Elementary.

Extra Innings

Teachers — The following were ratified as Extra Innings substitute teachers for the 2017-2018 school term at an hourly rate: **Heath Asbury** and **Katelyn Deet**.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Change Orders – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project — Approved change orders HC-014 and EC-011 at a total cost of \$2,171.22 for the Dorseyville 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.

Change Orders – O'Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved change orders GC-009, GC-010, GC-011, and HC-001 at a total cost of \$18,603.64 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 EC-003 at a cost of \$7,131.63 for the Fairview Elementary School alterations project. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Plancon Part D – Project Accounting Based on Estimates – Resolution 2018-3 Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved Resolution 2018-3 authorizing the submission of Plancon Part D to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Kerr Elementary School project.

Plancon Part E – Design Development – Resolution 2018-4 Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved Resolution 2018-4 authorizing the submission of Plancon Part E to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Kerr Elementary School project.

YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh – Contract — Ratified the contract between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh effective February 5, 2018. The YMCA will purchase snacks from the Fox Chapel Area School District for participants in the after-school program. There is no cost to the district.

NEW AGENDA ITEM

Dorseyville Middle School Schedule — A motion was made that action be taken to set up a Board review and vote on the planned changes in instructional time in order to assess their impact on all of our educational offerings and to consider the community concerns. There being no second, the motion was tabled for future consideration.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 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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