

June 12, 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 June 12, 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, and Eric C. Schmidt.

GUESTS (June 5, 2017)

Staff Recognitions

Certificates of Recognition — The Board presented certificates of recognition to the following employees:

- Fox Chapel Area School District teacher **Alison Francis** was named the winner of the 2017 Carnegie Science Center's Elementary Educator Award. Francis, who is the facilitator of the district's Creativity and Literacy Program, received the award for her innovative teaching and her work as a leader in both STEM- (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and maker-education.

Mrs. Francis has dedicated her career to making science accessible to young learners and she described STEM-based instruction as "a great way to make learning come alive for students." As a result, Mrs. Francis developed the Creativity and Literacy Program for young children and their caregivers to experiment with technology tools. Additionally, she also established a Digital Dream Studio at O'Hara Elementary for students and teachers to explore game-based learning together.

Mrs. Francis was nominated for the award by Megan Cicconi, the district's director of instructional and innovative leadership. According to Mrs. Cicconi, Mrs. Francis is a regional leader in both early childhood and elementary education. "Her expertise in providing opportunities for students to engage with STEM-concepts is unrivaled, and we are grateful to the Carnegie Science Center, Eaton, and Chevron for recognizing her with this prestigious award."

Mrs. Francis was among a total of seven people being recognized for their leadership in education in the region. She was presented with the award by Chevron during a formal celebration at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland May 12. In addition to educators, the event also honored the achievements of the region's top scientists, engineers, and innovators.

"I'm excited that I am being recognized for the innovative programming that I've been able to create with the support of the district," said Mrs. Francis, who began her career in the Fox Chapel Area School District teaching kindergarten at Fairview Elementary School in 2009. In 2013 she developed the district's STEM-based Creativity and Literacy Program, located at Kerr Elementary, for young learners and their caregivers.

The Carnegie Science Center established the Carnegie Science Awards program in 1997 to recognize and promote outstanding science and technology achievements in Western Pennsylvania. The awards program presenting sponsor this year was Eaton.

- Fox Chapel Area High School orchestra director **Mairi Cooper** was honored by the Carson Scholars Fund. Ms. Cooper received the Fund's Power of Excellence Award at the annual Pittsburgh Chapter of the Carson Scholars Fund Awards Ceremony April 8, 2017, at Heinz Field. Ms. Cooper was also Pennsylvania's 2015 Teacher of the Year and is chairperson of the high school's music department. As the award recipient, she addressed the 247 students in attendance at the ceremony who were named this year's Carson Scholars as well as those who renewed their Carson Scholar status. Additionally, retired world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson also spoke at the event.

Ms. Cooper was presented at the banquet by Fox Chapel Area High School freshman **Gwendolyn Davison**. Gwen, who is one of Ms. Cooper's orchestra students, was named a Carson Scholar in 2016 and qualified to renew her status this year. Students are named Carson Scholars and renew their status based on their high academic achievement and their commitment to their communities through community service and they receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. To date, the Carson Scholars Fund has awarded more than 7,800 scholarships to promising young students in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

The Carson Scholars Fund was started by Dr. Carson and his wife, Candy, and is dedicated to impacting the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are academically talented and socially conscious. The fund is a non-profit public charity based in Maryland.

Student Recognitions

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

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Mihir Garimella** was recently named to two national lists featuring teenagers.

—Mihir was one of Fortune’s 18 Under 18. All of the teens on the list are considered the “most innovative and ambitious teens under 18 years old.” According to Fortune, these are “young innovators who are changing the world.”

Mihir was listed at number 4 and was chosen for his creation of the Firefly. The Firefly is a low-cost, intelligent drone that can be used by first-responders to enable them to explore dangerous environments to find people who are trapped. In the article, finishing the sentence “In 20 years I will be...,” Mihir said, “Leading ambitious, high-impact research projects and trying to bring them to the market. My future is still pretty open, and I’m not sure exactly what I’ll work on, but I do know that I want to use computer science and robotics to make a difference.”

The concept was modeled after Fortune’s annual 40 under 40 list. The list featured 18 of the best and the brightest teenagers under the age of 18 from across the nation.

—Mihir was also named to the 2016 Guardian Teen Power List. The list, that says “It’s not about your age, it’s about your ideas,” featured 25 young activists, scientists, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and big thinkers shaping the future from around the world.

Mihir was chosen for his creation of the “Flybot,” which won the international 2014 Google Science Fair. The Flybot is a tiny, flying robot that avoids obstacles by mimicking the way a fruit fly avoids threats and moving obstacles. He has since extended the idea to create a low-cost, intelligent drone to be used in search-and-rescue missions in dangerous environments.

Other well-known teens featured on the list were Sasha Obama, Yara Shahidi, Willow Smith, Amandla Stenberg, and Brooklyn Beckham. Guardian US covers American and international news for an online global audience.

- Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Shania Khatri** was chosen to present her breast cancer research at the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) 2016 Annual Symposium in Chicago. The symposium included a dedicated presentation session, educational activities, and networking events for high school students and high school teachers participating in educational research partnerships with biomedical informatics researchers from across the United States. In order to be considered as a presenter, high school students who participated in educational research activities at biomedical informatics programs were invited to submit presentations for consideration through the High School Scholars Competition.

Shania’s project was “Discovery Novel Genes Using Bayesian Network Modeling.” She completed it last summer at the University of Pittsburgh’s Cancer Institute Summer Academy, working closely with Dr. Vanathi Gopalakrishnan and doctoral student Brian Liu in the Department of Biomedical Informatics. She created a methodology to find genes relevant to breast cancer progression through a Bayesian computer network, which includes a literature search-based network to target specific genes. She concluded that a novel breast cancer gene, Claudin-11, causes breast cancer progression and, if present in a patient, should be further tested in a lab.

This AMIA Annual Symposium, which was held in November 2016, is a prestigious event that is the premier informatics conference for scientists throughout the country. The symposium provides opportunities for high school students to learn from and network with biomedical informatics researchers from across the United States.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **William “Tim” Marsh** was named a national winner in the spring 2017 Create Real Impact teen safe driving campaign. Create Real Impact challenges students to address the dangers of distracted driving in creative ways that will resonate with other young drivers. Tim was one of only five national winners and he won the grand prize in the art category for his artwork entitled “Every Glance a Chance.”

As a national winner, Tim received a \$1,500 educational grant. The contest encourages peer-to-peer messages and creative expression from students to help stem the tide of distracted and reckless driving, the number one killer of young drivers. It is sponsored by Impact Teen Drivers and California Casualty and was open to students ages 14-22. More than 1,500 submissions of essays, artwork, videos, and music were received from students across the nation.

- Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were named gold medalists in the Trib Total Media's 2017 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program. Seniors **Yelim Lee** and **Suvir Mirchandani** and junior **Shania Khatri** were first named among the Elite Top 100 and then named among the top 10 and each received gold medals.

A total of 630 students representing 97 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area were nominated for the award which is based on academic achievements, school activities, and community service. Several of the nominees were honored at an awards banquet April 19. They were also featured in a special pull-out section of the Valley News Dispatch April 19.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Jared Cohen** was named a winner in the 2017 Founding Freedoms Essay Contest. Jared won first place in the twelfth-grade portion of the essay contest. He received a \$2,500 cash prize and a trip to Philadelphia in June where he will be honored as part of a special awards ceremony.

The Founding Freedoms Essay Contest is sponsored by the National Constitution Center and funded through a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The contest is designed to increase awareness of the rights set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights and to engage students to think creatively about our nation's history, the Constitution, and protecting individual freedoms. It is open to students from across the United States in grades six, eight, and twelve.

- Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won first place awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF) and one student qualified for an international science fair.

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Shania Khatri** was named one of four overall winners and qualified to participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) – the Olympics of student science competitions. The international competition was held May 14-19, 2017, in Los Angeles, California. Nearly 1,700 students from 75 nations competed for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips, and the grand prize – a trip to attend the Nobel Prize Ceremonies in Stockholm, Sweden. Shania's project was entitled "Using Bayesian Network Modeling to Locate Breast Cancer Genes."

Fox Chapel Area High School freshman **Ameya Velankar** was named the first place winner in the senior behavioral and social science category. Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Amulya Garimella** won first place in the intermediate biology category and was also named one of three overall winners in the Carnegie Science Awards intermediate division program. She was invited to attend the Carnegie Science Awards Ceremony in May. Seventh grader **Theodor Urban** won first place in the intermediate engineering/robotics category. Additionally, Dorseyville Middle School also received a school award for being the school with the most winning entries in the intermediate division.

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and one county in Maryland. More than 1,200 students competed for more than \$1 million in cash prizes and scholarships. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research, constructed a display, and explained their work to a committee of judges. The science fair was held at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh March 31 and April 1, 2017.

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

- Several Fox Chapel Area students won first place awards at the 83rd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). A total of 19 of those students qualified for the state competition.

Fox Chapel Area first place winners were: senior **Austin Fisher**; juniors **Shania Khatri** and **Albert Liu**; sophomores **Arnav Gupta**, **Theresa Heidenreich**, **Zachary Lakkis**, **Ji-Yool Moon**, and **Ziya Xu**; freshmen **Hanna Chen**, **Rajeev Godse**, **Anzu Sekikawa**, and **Ameya Velankar**; eighth graders **Amulya Garimella**, **Catherine Heidenreich**, **Anthony Nguyen**, **Vinisha Sant**, and **Elizabeth Schwartzman**; and seventh graders **Mona Gerges** and **Theodor Urban**. The first place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition which was held May 14-16, 2017, at Penn State University (Main Campus).

The participating students (from several schools from Allegheny and Westmoreland counties) researched their science projects for several months. During the competition, each of the students was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges. The regional competition was held at Duquesne University February 4.

- Several Fox Chapel Area School District students won first place awards at the 83rd Annual State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area first place state winners were senior **Austin Fisher**; junior **Albert Liu**; sophomores **Zachary Lakkis** and **Ji-Yool Moon**; freshmen **Hanna Chen**, **Rajeev Godse**, **Anzu Sekikawa**, and **Ameya Velankar**; eighth graders **Amulya Garimella**, **Anthony Nguyen**, and **Vinisha Sant**; and seventh graders **Mona Gerges** and **Theodor Urban**.

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

The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 14-16, 2017. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first place winners at the 83rd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed first in the 2017 Allegheny County Envirothon competition. The first place team members qualified for the state competition and they are seniors **David “Kyle” Breault** and **David Han**, juniors **Albert Liu** and **Elizabeth Mountz**, and sophomore **Diana Crookston**.

As a part of the county competition, the students answered written test questions as a team after conducting outdoor research in the field. The test covered five different subject areas including soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. Teams of students in grades nine-twelve from high schools across Allegheny County participated in the county competition which was held April 28 in South Park. The state competition was held May 23 and 24 at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown and teams of high school students from more than 65 counties across the state participated.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students qualified to compete in the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference. The students qualified for states at the TSA Regions 1 and 6 Leadership Conference which was held February 16, 2017, at California University of Pennsylvania. The following Fox Chapel Area High School students won first places in the regional competition: senior **Jeremy Rodrigues**; juniors **Anita Bargaje**, **Elizabeth Mountz**, and **Jorgen Wu**; sophomores **Vaishavi Agrawal** and **Nishika Mohnot**; and freshman **Aaron Wu**. Senior **Austin Fisher** won a second place in the regional competition. Third place regional winners were: junior **Nikita Bargaje**; sophomores **Eric Gurklis** and **Alaina Kotchey**; and freshmen **Joseph Johnson**, **Casey Monroe**, **Jacob Rendall**, **David Shin**, **Jake Sperry**, and **Ameya Velankar**. The following eight Fox Chapel Area High School students also qualified for the state competition: seniors **Samantha Cider**, **Juliette Naugle**, and **Waleed Tariq**; juniors **Karissa Becer**, **Matthew Ling**, **Matthew Treadwell**, and **Nathan VanDemark**; and freshman **William Urso**.

The regional conference offered more than 31 state-qualifying events. It culminated with an awards presentation and closing ceremonies at which time many students were recognized for their achievements. The TSA Regions 1 and 6 Leadership Conference is the first of three levels of competitive conferences.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference which was held April 19-22, 2017, at the Seven Springs Conference Center. The Fox Chapel Area students who qualified for the national competition were second place winners seniors **Jonathan Monroe** and **Jeremy Rodrigues** and third place winners, seniors **Erik Bothe**, **Adam Cook**, and **Austin Fisher**; juniors **Anita Bargaje** and **Karissa Becer**; and sophomore **Nishika Mohnot**. The national competition will be held in Orlando, Florida, June 21- 25.

Founded in 1978, TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The TSA supports STEM-education goals through high school and middle school competitions, as well as leadership and teamwork activities for students.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won third place at the Southwestern Pennsylvania (SWPA) BotsIQ Preliminary Competition and qualified for the state competition. Team members included seniors **Brian King**, **Thomas McFadden**, **Juliette Naugle**, **Riley Perchinsky**, **Christopher Snider**, **Andrew Sobek**, **Amanda Trusiak**, and **Skylor Wright**; juniors **Thomas Penland** and **Maximillion Polster**; and sophomores **Matthew Hopkins**, **Alaina Kotchey**, and **Brian Mulhern**.

The preliminary competition was held at Butler County Community College March 9, 2017. The Pennsylvania State BotsIQ Competition was held April 27-29 at California University of Pennsylvania.

BotsIQ is an educational robotics competition for high school students. It provides students with a unique, hands-on experience that allows them to discover the possibilities of a career in the manufacturing sector, and other science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields.

- Two teams of Fox Chapel Area High School students placed first in the 2017 Pennsylvania Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) competition. The team of juniors **Karissa Becer, Wonho Kang, Albert Liu, and Bridget Wang** and sophomores **Arnav Gupta, Zachary Lakkis, Brian Mulhern, and Ziya Xu** won first place in the 11/12 category. The first place team in the 9/10 category included sophomores **Daniel Andrud, Justin Breen, Kristen Friday, Nathaniel Roe, and Annika Urban** and freshmen **Jackson Boychuk, David Shin, and Aaron Wu**. The scores of both teams were then sent to the state Technology Student Association (TSA) to be judged for possible inclusion in the national TSA competition.

The regional competition was held February 23 at Pine-Richland High School. The competition is a TSA-sponsored event and consists of a 1,000-word essay, 80 multiple choice questions, and a design/build section. During the event, students apply math and science knowledge in practical and creative ways to solve real-world engineering challenges. Students must employ the engineering design process to complete problems and demonstrate their solutions.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won first place at the Seventh Annual Combat Bots Competition. The all-girls' combat team of "Elphaba" won the King of the Ring rumble. The team members were seniors **Juliette Naugle** and **Amanda Trusiak** and sophomores **Emily Franks** and **Alaina Kotchey**.

Combat Bots is a great example of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. Students design, test, and engineer the entire robot, including the weapon, wiring harness, and control system. A total of 38 Battle Bot teams from six school districts from the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the annual contest which was held April 26, 2017, at Pine-Richland High School.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with prestigious 2017 Pennsylvania Music Educator Association (PMEA) choral groups.

—**PMEA All-State Chorus** — Fox Chapel Area High School seniors **Elizabeth Heidenreich, Carlie Platt, and William Schwartzman** were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA All-State Chorus. The all-state chorus featured the best singers from across the state of Pennsylvania and the group performed a concert in Erie April 22 as part of the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference.

—**PMEA Region I Chorus** — Ten Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA Region I Chorus. These students are seniors Elizabeth Heidenreich, Carlie Platt, William Schwartzman, **Philip Swigon, and Paris Szalla**; junior **Kieran Bartels**; and sophomores **Steven Cano, Gabriel Fynsk, Oscar Izenson, and Jeremy Platt**. This choral group included students from school districts in Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Approximately 180 students were selected for the Region I Chorus and the festival concert was held at Gateway High School February 24.

—**PMEA District 1 Chorus** – Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the PMEA District 1 Chorus. The students chosen for the choir are: seniors Elizabeth Heidenreich, Carlie Platt, William Schwartzman, Philip Swigon, and Paris Szalla; junior Kieran Bartels; and sophomores **Anna Aupke, Steven Cano, Gabriel Fynsk, Oscar Izenson, and Jeremy Platt**. The PMEA District 1 Chorus featured students from across the Pittsburgh area and the festival concert was held at Montour High School January 13.

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

—**PMEA All-State Orchestra** – Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the prestigious 2017 PMEA All-State Orchestra. The students chosen were senior **Philip Swigon**, junior **Katherine Chomko**, and sophomore **Chloe Yofan**. The PMEA All-State Orchestra included approximately 120 of the best student-musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania.

The All-State Orchestra Festival was held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 19-22 in Erie, Pennsylvania, and culminated with a concert on April 22.

—**PMEA 2017 Western Region State Orchestra** – Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA 2017 Western Region State Orchestra. The students are senior Philip Swigon; juniors **Sarah Baldwin**, Katherine Chomko, **Benjamin Franks-Meinert**, and **Andreas Paljug**; and sophomores **Alexander Perez** and Chloe Yofan. The Western Region State Orchestra included students from across the western half of Pennsylvania.

Approximately 120 students were selected for the Western Region State Orchestra and the festival was held at Dubois Area Middle School in March.

—**PMEA District 1 Orchestra** – Nine Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by application to perform with the PMEA District 1 Orchestra. The orchestra was comprised of a select group of student-musicians from across the Pittsburgh area. The students chosen were senior Philip Swigon; juniors Sarah Baldwin, Katherine Chomko, Benjamin Franks-Meinert, **Elizabeth Mountz**, and Andreas Paljug; and sophomores **Hannah Kim**, Alexander Perez, and Chloe Yofan.

A total of 160 students were selected to participate in the District 1 Orchestra Festival which was held at Moon Area High School in January.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors String Orchestra** – Sixteen Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to participate in the 2016 PMEA District 1 Honors String Orchestra. The students chosen are: senior **Moir McCormick**; juniors Sarah Baldwin, Katherine Chomko, **Alyssa DiPaolo**, Andreas Paljug, and **Tao Sheng**; sophomores **Zachary Lakkis**, **Ji-Yool Moon**, and **Sarena Seeger**; and freshmen **Oskar Ernharth**, **Evan Gu**, **Noah Hertzman**, **Chaehyun “Cuna” Kim**, **Zeynep Ozkaya**, **Felix Vesper**, and **Aaron Wu**. Additionally, Cuna was named concertmaster and Zachary served as assistant concertmaster.

Approximately 250 students from across the greater Pittsburgh area auditioned for the PMEA District 1 Honors String Orchestra and only 96 were chosen to participate. The concert was held in November at Bethel Park High School.

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

—**Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Bands** – Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with prestigious 2017 PMEA All-State Bands. Junior **Elizabeth Mountz** was selected for the PMEA All-State Wind Ensemble and sophomore **Hannah Kim** was chosen to perform with the PMEA All-State Symphonic Band. Each PMEA band was made up of approximately 120 of the top student musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania. The All-State Festival Concert was held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 22 in Erie, Pennsylvania.

—**PMEA Region I Honors Band** – Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2017 PMEA Region I Honors Band. This group was comprised of approximately 120 students from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students selected were senior **Robert Wallace**, junior Elizabeth Mountz, and sophomores Hannah Kim and **Alexander Perez**. The PMEA Region I Band Concert was held March 24 at Sharon High School.

—**PMEA District 1 East Band** – Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the 2017 PMEA District 1 East Band. This group was comprised of a premier group of 120 student musicians who auditioned from high schools in Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students selected were senior Robert Wallace, junior Elizabeth Mountz, and sophomores Hannah Kim and Alexander Perez. The PMEA District 1 East Band Concert was held February 11 at Laurel Highlands High School.

—**Allegheny Valley Honors Band** – Several students were selected by audition to perform with the 2017 Allegheny Valley Honors Band. This group was 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 students chosen were Fox Chapel Area High School seniors **Andrew Fugh** and Robert Wallace; juniors Elizabeth Mountz, **Victoria Mountz**, and **Zachary Zytneck**; sophomores **Isabela Berg**, **Justin Breen**, **Megan Hayes**, Hannah Kim, **Eric Moore**, Alexander Perez, **Glenna Van Dyke**, and **Seo Yeon “Christina” Wang**; and freshmen **Hanna Chen**, **Roman DiSanti**, **Hannah Drum**, **Anna Meyer**, **Jacob Rendall**, **Anzu Sekikawa**, **Zachary Wallace**, and **William Wang**. The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at North Allegheny Senior High School January 5 and 6.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble** – Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Alex Barcic**, junior **Andreas Paljug**, and sophomore Alexander Perez were selected by audition to perform with the 2016 PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble. Each year three jazz ensembles are made up from students who audition from the nearly 90 school districts that make up PMEA District 1. The PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble performed at Moon Area High School December 10.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors Band** – Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2016 PMEA District 1 Honors Band. The students are senior Robert Wallace; junior Elizabeth Mountz; sophomores Hannah Kim, Alexander Perez, Glenna Van Dyke, and Seo Yeon “Christina” Wang; and freshman Anzu Sekikawa. The band was comprised of approximately 120 of the best student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Green, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The PMEA District 1 Honors Band Concert was held November 20 at North Hills Middle School.

- The Fox Chapel Area High School Boys’ Varsity Tennis Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA team title. This is the team’s second WPIAL Class AAA gold medal in a row. Additionally, the team also won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 team championship and qualified for the PIAA tournament. Members of the team are seniors **Neil Bencherif** and **Jared Cohen**; juniors **Karsten Lagerquist** and **Kurran Singh**; sophomores **William Kabazie**, **Jayanth Kashyap**, **Jared Nord**, **Robert Shymansky**, and **Brandon Wei**; and freshman **Milo Baron**. The team was undefeated (7-0) in section play and finished with an overall record of 19 wins and three losses.

Additionally, Robby won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 singles championship and qualified for the PIAA singles tournament.

- The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 2 team championship, qualified for the WPIAL Class AAA championship, and participated in the PIAA playoffs. The team members are seniors **Megan Botos**, **Mikayla D’Cunha**, **Megan McCrady**, **Kirsten Ovick**, **Caroline Smith**, and **Alexandra Wessel**; juniors **Olivia Bernacki**, **Margeaux Essey**, and **Katherine Goodwin**; sophomores **Emily Ben**, **Makenna Blazer**, **Sydney Condron**, **Marissa Hardiman**, **Rebecca Klaas**, **Makenzie Miller**, and **Julie Scheffler**; and freshmen **Mary Ellis**, **Elizabeth Giuffre**, **Isabella Lagazzi**, **Megan Matthis**, **Sloan Rost**, and **Emily Scheffler**. The team was undefeated in the regular season and went 18-0.

- Two members of the Fox Chapel Area High School Girls’ Track Team qualified for the 2017 PIAA Track & Field Championships. Junior **Caelen Miller** and sophomore **Kate Carnevale** both qualified for the state competition. The 2017 PIAA Track & Field Championships were held May 26 and 27 at Shippensburg University.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Information

•DMS Orchestras Win Awards

The Dorseyville Middle School Sinfonia and Philharmonic orchestras recently placed at a Music in the Parks Festival. The Philharmonic placed first in its division with a “Superior” rating. The Sinfonia also placed first in its division with a “Superior” rating and won first overall orchestra (which included both middle and high school orchestras). The orchestras received trophies for their winning performances.

The Music in the Parks Festival was held May 5 and 6, 2017, in Cincinnati, Ohio. More than 19 ensembles from schools from Indiana, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia competed.

The Dorseyville Middle School Philharmonic Orchestra includes 64 students and the Sinfonia Orchestra includes 22 students, all in grades six, seven, and eight. The orchestras are under the direction of teacher **Jeff Bryer**.

•DMS Band Wins First Place

The Dorseyville Middle School Honors Band recently earned first place at a Music in the Parks Festival. The band also earned a rating of “Superior” which is the highest rating possible, and was named the “Best Overall Band” for receiving the highest score in the competition. Thirteen bands from Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania competed in the festival and the DMS Honors Band received a trophy for its performance. The Music in the Parks festival was held May 19, 2017, at Kings Island near Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Dorseyville Middle School Honors Band includes 45 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The band is under the direction of teacher **Anne Osterle Goggin**.

•**High School Students Named Candidates & Semifinalists in Presidential Scholars Program**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School seniors, **Mihir Garimella**, **Darwin Leuba**, **William “Tim” Marsh**, and **Suvir Mirchandani**, were named candidates in the 2017 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Additionally, Mihir, Darwin, and Suvir went on to be named Semifinalists.

This year, more than 5,100 students from across the United States, and 136 from Pennsylvania, were named candidates in the program. A total of 723 students nationwide went on to become semifinalists, with 16 from Pennsylvania earning that status.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, begun in 1964, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Students are initially selected for the program based on academic achievement and having scored exceptionally well on the SAT or the ACT. The candidates must then complete an application which includes essays, self-assessments, and secondary school reports and transcripts. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and the quality and content of their essay.

•**Student Renews Carson Scholar Status**

Fox Chapel Area High School freshman **Gwendolyn Davison** was selected to renew her Carson Scholar status. In celebration of her achievements, Gwen was invited to attend the annual Carson Scholars Fund Pittsburgh Awards Ceremony April 8 at Heinz Field where she and the 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 renewed their Carson Scholar status.

Each year the fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar to a select group of high-achieving students in grades four-eleven who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and humanitarian qualities. 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.

•**Student Named Winner in National Essay Contest**

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Allison Gould** was named a winner in the 2017 Founding Freedoms Essay Contest. Allison won second place in the twelfth-grade portion of the essay contest and won a \$1,000 cash prize.

The Founding Freedoms Essay Contest is sponsored by the National Constitution Center and funded through a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The contest is designed to increase awareness of the rights set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights and to engage students to think creatively about our nation’s history, the Constitution, and protecting individual freedoms. It is open to students from across the United States in grades six, eight, and twelve.

•**January Graduate Named Winner in National Stossel Essay Contest**

A January 2017 Fox Chapel Area High School graduate was named a winner in the national Stossel in the Classroom 2016-2017 essay contest. **JP Ramassini** was named a finalist and received a \$200 cash award.

Students ages 12 to 18 were asked to write an essay about the technological revolution. The topic was, “Technological innovation has changed our lives, mostly for the better. But some innovation raises safety questions. Some threatens existing businesses. What should America do about that?” More than 2,200 essays were submitted by students from across the country, with 125 chosen as prize winners.

Stossel in the Classroom, a project of the nonprofit Center for Independent Thought, provides free curriculum materials to teachers, using video clips from John Stossel television shows and specials.

•**High School Students Score High on Math Exam/Qualify to Take National Exam**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). The students are juniors **Albert Liu** and **Ruopeng Wang** and freshmen **J. Oliver Choo** and **Rajeev Godse**. They were among the top scorers in the nation on the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 12 exam which was taken by students in February.

The AMC is America's longest running and most prestigious math contest. Every year more than 350,000 students from all 50 states participate in this competition which is designed to strengthen the mathematical capabilities of our nation's youth in mathematics. Students who performed exceptionally well on the AMC are invited to participate in the AIME.

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

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were nominated for the Trib Total Media's 2017 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program and one was named among the Elite Top 100. Among the Elite Top 100 was senior **Tanvi Meringenti**. The other nominated students are seniors **Allison Gould**, **Elizabeth Heidenreich**, and **William "Tim" Marsh**; junior **Emma Rice**; and sophomores **Lindsey Cupps** and **Olivia Pistella**.

A total of 630 students representing 97 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area were nominated for the award which is based on academic achievements, school activities, and community service. Several of the nominees were honored at an awards banquet April 19. They were also featured in a special pull-out section of the Valley News Dispatch April 19.

•**Students Win Awards in State Science Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won second place awards at the 83rd Annual State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area second place winners were sophomores **Arnav Gupta**, **Theresa Heidenreich**, and **Ziya Xu** and eighth graders **Catherine Heidenreich** and **Elizabeth Schwartzman**. Additionally, junior **Albert Liu** received a Director's Award and a Perfect Score Award and freshman **Ameya Velankar** and eighth grader **Amulya Garimella** also each received a Perfect Score Award.

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

The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 14-16, 2017. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first place winners at the 83rd Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

•**Students Win Awards at Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF). Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Zachary Lakkis** received a second place in the senior biology category and also won the Society for In Vitro Biology affiliate award. Senior **Moir McCormick** received a sponsor award from the Duquesne University Department of Biological Sciences. Sophomore **Sanjana Harish** received a sponsor award from the Arconic Foundation and junior **Shania Khatri** received the MU Alpha Theta affiliate award for her project. Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Sanjay Seshan** received a third place in the intermediate earth/space/environment category and won sponsor awards from the Allegheny County Health Department and the Arconic Foundation. Sixth grader **Aiden Dorneich** was named a third place winner in the junior physical sciences & engineering category. Aiden also won the Chevron Honorable Mention sponsor award, as well as sponsor awards from

the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers Inc. and the Michael Baker Corporation. All the Dorseyville Middle School students who won first-third place category awards were also named Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars) Middle School Program nominees.

Other Dorseyville Middle School winners were eighth grader **Elizabeth Schwarzman** and seventh grader **Janise Kim** who both won fourth place in the intermediate behavioral and social science category, eighth grader **Vinisha Sant** who won a fourth place in the intermediate biology category, eighth grader **Amulya Garimella** who received the Young Women in Biology sponsor award, seventh grader **Zoe Lakkis** who won a Slippery Rock University sponsor award, and sixth grader **Jonathan Li** who won a Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation sponsor award.

The following students received Perseverance Awards for the number of years they have been participating in the Covestro PRSEF: seniors Moira McCormick and **Ayan Sinha** (Honorary Scientists); sophomores Zachary Lakkis and **Ji-Yool Moon** (Associate Scientists); and sophomore **Gina Wang**, freshmen **Jasmine Eng** and **Ameya Velankar**, and eighth graders **Amulya Garimella**, Vinisha Sant, and Elizabeth Schwartzman (Junior Scientists).

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and one county in Maryland. More than 1,200 students competed for more than \$1 million in cash prizes and scholarships. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research, constructed a display, and explained their work to a committee of judges. The science fair was held at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh March 31 and April 1, 2017.

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

•High School Students Place Second at County Envirothon Competition

A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed second in the 2017 Allegheny County Envirothon competition. The second place team members were junior **Brandon Brewster**, sophomores **Kevin Falconett** and **Zachary Lakkis**, and freshmen **Hanna Chen** and **Sina Shaikh**.

As a part of the county competition, the students answered written test questions as a team after conducting outdoor research in the field. The test covered five different subject areas including soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. Teams of students in grades nine-twelve from high schools across Allegheny County participated in the county competition which was held April 28 in South Park.

•High School Students Compete at State TSA Conference

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently won awards at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference which was held April 19-22, 2017, at the Seven Springs Conference Center. Fox Chapel Area finalists earning fifth-ninth places were: seniors **Erik Bothe**, **Adam Cook**, **Donovan Gorgas**, and **Jeremy Rodrigues**; juniors **Anita Bargaje**, **Nikita Bargaje**, **Nathan VanDemark**, and **Jorgen Wu**; sophomore **Nishika Mohnot**; and freshman **Aaron Wu**.

Founded in 1978, TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The TSA supports STEM-education goals through high school and middle school competitions, as well as leadership and teamwork activities for students.

•Combat Bot Teams Place at Competition

Two teams of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Seventh Annual Combat Bots Competition. The team of "Baconator" team finished fifth and included senior **Thomas McFadden** and sophomores **Sophia Porter Bacon** and **Travis Kobert**. The "Thunder" team finished seventh and included senior **Mark Lees** and junior **Max Wolfendale**.

Combat Bots is a great example of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. Students design, test, and engineer the entire robot, including the weapon, wiring harness, and control system. A total of 38 Battle Bot teams from six school districts from the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the annual contest which was held April 26, 2017, at Pine-Richland High School.

•Students Place at Freshman-Sophomore Forensic Tournament

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Freshman-Sophomore Forensic Tournament. Freshman **Rajeev Godse** won second place in Lincoln Douglas Debate, sophomore **Jonah Green** placed third in his house of legislative debate in Student Congress, and freshmen **Jonathan Rodrigues** won seventh place and **Hanna Chen** won eighth place in Impromptu Speaking.

The Freshman-Sophomore Forensic Tournament was held April 1, 2017, and was hosted by the Keystone Oaks High School Speech and Debate Team. Approximately 140 students from 23 high schools from Western Pennsylvania competed at the tournament which was held at North Allegheny Senior High School.

•Students Chosen for Roundball Classic

Two Fox Chapel Area High School seniors were chosen to play in the Roundball Classic. **Jake Livingston** was selected for the boys' all-star basketball team and **Bryanna Urso** was chosen for the girls' team. The Roundball Classic games were played April 28 and 29, 2017, at Geneva College.

•Girls' Lacrosse Team Members Honored

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students recently received lacrosse all-star designations. Senior **Megan McCrady** and junior **Katherine Goodwin** were named to the 2017 Division AAA All-Star WPIAL Team. Additionally, Meg, Kate, and freshman **Mary Ellis** were named to the 2017 Division AAA Section 2 Team.

•Boys' Named to Lacrosse All-Star Team

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to an all-star lacrosse team. Sophomores **Graham Childs** and **Bradley Root** were named to the 2017 WPIAL Class AAA Section 2 all-star team.

•Baseball Players Named to All-Section Teams

Three Fox Chapel Area High School baseball players have been named to all-section teams. Seniors **Joshua Kieffer** and **Nicholas McRandal** were both named to the WPIAL Class 5A Section 1 first team. Senior **Jacob Hughes** was named to the second team.

•Softball Players Receive Honors

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Calle Zmenkowski** was named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 2 softball second team. Additionally, seniors **Gretchen Angerman** and **Alyssa Guzzie** and juniors **Tawnya Holben** and **Brianna O'Malley** received honorable mentions to the all-section team.

•Boys' Volleyball Player Receives Honor

A Fox Chapel Area High School boys' volleyball player was recently selected for an all-star team. Senior **Jerett Zaleski** was named to the WPIAL Class AAA Section 2 team.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

August 14, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Business Mtg. – High School LGI Room
September 11, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Business Mtg. – High School LGI Room
October 2, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – High School LGI Room
October 9, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room
November 6, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Kerr Elementary School Multipurpose Room
November 13, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room
December 4, 2017 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Business Mtg. – High School LGI Room

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated May 8, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Facilities/Transportation

Big's Sanitation, Inc. – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Big's Sanitation, Inc. for refuse and recycling pickup services for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2021.

Finance

Disbursements (A) — General fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$5,670,658.09 from May 1, 2017, through May 31, 2017, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$586,455.49 for May 2017 were approved.

Disbursements (C) — Athletic capital projects funds disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$2,807.50 for May 2017 were approved.

Interfund Transfer — Approved an interfund transfer from Fund 10 (general disbursements) to Fund 32 (athletic capital projects) in the amount of \$27,722.50 for ticket sales.

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

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

Service Express, Inc. – Computer Hardware Maintenance Agreement — The computer hardware maintenance agreement with Service Express, Inc. in the amount of \$10,656 for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, was approved.

Insurance 2017-2018 — The following policies were approved effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018:

- **Workers' Compensation** – The proposal from BrickStreet Insurance to provide workers' compensation insurance at the premium of \$213,610.
- **Commercial Package (includes Business Auto and Boiler & Machinery)** – Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$114,422; Coverage: Blanket limit based on valuation appraisal.
- **Educators' Legal Liability** – Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$28,304; Coverage: \$1,000,000.
- **Umbrella Policy:** Carrier – PSBA/CM Regent; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$16,787; Coverage: \$15,000,000.
- **Life Insurance/ADD/LTD** – The proposal from UNUM to provide universal life, accidental death & dismemberment, and long-term disability insurance coverage at the following rates: Universal Life – \$0.11 per \$1,000; ADD – \$0.015 per \$1,000; and LTD – \$0.36 per \$100.
- **Cyber Protection** – Carrier: Lloyds; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$16,923; Coverage: \$1,000,000.

Award of Bids — The administration was authorized to award the following bids for the 2017-2018 school year:

- **AIU Paper Bid:** Contract Paper Group, 1531 Boettler Road, Uniontown, OH 44685 – \$195.00 and WB Mason, 1751 Lincoln Way, North Versailles, PA 15137 – \$31,325.48.

Hawley Consulting Group – GASB 45 — Approved the proposal from Hawley Consulting Group to prepare Fox Chapel Area School District's GASB 45 valuation report for fiscal year 2017 at a total cost of \$5,250.00.

Final 2017-2018 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2017-12 — Approved Resolution 2017-12 as follows: FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12 – 2017-2018 General Fund Operating Budget – The Resource Planning Committee, the administration, and the Board of School Directors have studied the budget needs for 2017-2018. A proposed final budget in the amount of \$103,464,744.00 as presented with 19.3429 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 8, 2017. The budget was advertised and made available to the public for review and comment for the past 34 days. Any comments received were reviewed by the Board of School Directors and the administration. A budget in the amount of \$103,464,744.00 was presented for final approval.

RESOLVED, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$103,464,744.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and a copy of said budget as finally adopted shall be on record in the office of the secretary of the Board of School Directors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies and re-enacts a tax for general revenue purposes of 1% on salaries, wages, commissions, and other compensation earned by residents of Fox Chapel Area School District during the period beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and for each successive fiscal year thereafter and on the net profits earned during said period from business, professions, and other activities conducted by residents of Fox Chapel Area School District, in the same form as Resolution No. 1969-5 heretofore adopted by the Interim Operating Committee of Fox Chapel Area School District on June 29, 1970; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies a realty transfer tax for general revenue purposes of 1% upon the transfer of real estate or on interest in real estate situate within Fox Chapel Area School District for the period from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, and for each succeeding fiscal year thereafter by the adoption of Resolution No. 1986-2; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies and re-enacts a tax for general purposes in the amount of \$10 upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Fox Chapel Area School District in the fiscal year 2017-2018 and in each fiscal year thereafter, in the same form as Resolution No. R-1972-4 heretofore adopted by the Board of School Directors on January 1, 1973; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of the funds as itemized in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the necessary revenue for the same to be provided by the

taxes hereinabove levied by the Board of School Directors and by a school tax levy on real estate which is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of nineteen and three thousand four hundred twenty-nine ten thousandths mills on the dollar on the total amount of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property in the Fox Chapel Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, at the rate of \$19.3429 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2017, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2017-13 — Approved Resolution 2017-13 regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

2017-2018 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget — Approved the 2017-2018 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget in the amount of \$1,507,267.40.

Instruction

Drug and Alcohol Counselor – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and **Susan M. Fink** as alternative education drug and alcohol counselor at Fox Chapel Area High School for the 2017-2018 school term effective August 29, 2017, at a cost of \$15,500.00.

Audubon Society of Western PA (K-4 Environmental Program) – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the kindergarten through grade four environmental educational program for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$25,945.00.

Audubon Society of Western PA (5th Grade Environmental Program) – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the grade five environmental educational program for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$56,911.00.

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

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

Diane J. Briars, Ph.D. – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from Diane J. Briars, Ph.D., for professional development services in regard to mathematics curriculum and instruction for the 2017-2018 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

The Buck Institute for Education – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from the Buck Institute for Education for professional development services in regard to project-based learning for the 2017-2018 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Settlement — Approved settlement of claim by parents of student as presented.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – Revised — Approved the following revised policy: No. 008 – Organization Chart.

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

Administration — Accepted the following administrative resignation:

- **Lelona M. Carey**, director of special education and pupil services for Fox Chapel Area School District, due to retirement, with the effective date to be determined.

Professional — Accepted the following professional resignations:

- **Joyce M. DeLuca**, mathematics teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, effective June 15, 2017.
- **Kathleen A. Gigliotti**, elementary teacher at Hartwood Elementary School, due to retirement, effective June 15, 2017.

- **Denise A. Lynch**, language arts teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, effective June 15, 2017.
- **James R. Neely**, science teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, effective June 15, 2017.

Support Staff — Accepted the following support staff resignations:

- **Karen Claus**, library clerk at Fairview Elementary School, due to retirement, effective June 16, 2017.
- **Hope A. Clemens**, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective June 12, 2017.
- **Susan J. Young**, instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, effective June 12, 2017.

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

- **Joseph L. Burger**, intramurals activity sponsor #11 at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 19, 2017.
- **Connor Dixon**, part-time assistant football coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 31, 2017.
- **Geoffrey M. Dutelle**, girls' volleyball assistant coach at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 16, 2017.
- **Michael D. Frank**, head baseball coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 11, 2017.
- **Jane A. Hudok**, intramurals activity sponsor #6 at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 19, 2017.
- **Sallie A. Kaan**, intramurals activity sponsor #2 at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 19, 2017.
- **Erin C. Kust**, winter cheerleading coach (50%) at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 2, 2017.
- **Jessica L. Markowski**, Back-on-Track activity intramurals sponsor #15 at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 2, 2017.
- **Jeromie A. Meabon**, boys' golf JV head coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 24, 2017.
- **Cara E. Reese**, girls' volleyball head coach at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 10, 2017.
- **Heidi Rice**, winter part-time cheerleading coach at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 5, 2017.
- **Julie R. Silverman**, girls' part-time soccer coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 4, 2017.
- **Christopher S. Studebaker**, Back-on-Track intramurals activity sponsor #8 (50%) at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 1, 2017.
- **Catherine M. Wozniak**, Back-on-Track intramurals activity sponsor #8 (50%) at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective May 1, 2017.

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

- **Joyce M. DeLuca**, student activities treasurer at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, effective June 15, 2017.
- **Bonnie M. Pazin**, class caucus sponsor – 10 at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective June 15, 2017.

Leave of Absence

Professional — Approved the following professional leave of absence:

- **Erin R. Yokel**, 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 August 21, 2017, with return scheduled for October 2, 2017.

Appointments

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — The following athletic supplemental contracts were approved for the 2017-2018 school term: **Jeremy Bennett** – Boys' Golf JV Head – HS, **Joshua D. Duso** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor #11 – DMS, **Geoffrey M. Dutelle** – Girls' Volleyball Head – DMS, **Jane A. Hudok** – Back-On-Track Activity Sponsor #8 – DMS, **Sallie A. Kaan** – Back-On-Track Activity Sponsor #15 – DMS, **Erin C. Kust** – Fall Cheerleading Assistant Head – HS, **Erin C. Kust** – Winter Cheerleading Assistant Head – HS, **Alessandra M. Maletta** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor #6 – DMS, **Julie R. Silverman** – Girls' Soccer Assistant Head – HS, **Jennifer C. Slezak** – Girls' Tennis Assistant Head – HS, and **Amanda J. Thiessen** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor #2 – DMS.

Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic Leave Replacements — The following leave replacement non-athletic supplemental contracts were ratified for the 2016-2017 school term: **Breanne M. DeComo** – Sixth Grade Class Sponsor – DMS (split) and **Season A. Gigliotti** – Sixth Grade Class Sponsor – DMS (split).

Volunteers

Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were ratified, effective May 1, 2017: **Timothy Joyce** – Girls' Basketball – HS and **Jeromie A. Meabon** – Boys' Golf – HS.

Athletics

Substitute Athletic Trainer — Ratified the following substitute athletic trainer:

- **Tonya S. McKenzie** as a substitute certified athletic trainer, effective May 19, 2017, at an hourly rate.

Purchase-of-Service Agreements

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

- between **Joseph E. Abbott** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, at an hourly rate.

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

- between **Jennifer S. Jones** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective August 29, 2017, through the end of the 2017-2018 school term, at an hourly rate.
- between **Kristan M. Mawhinney** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective August 29, 2017, through the end of the 2017-2018 school term, at an hourly rate.
- between **Susanne M. Osche** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective August 29, 2017, through the end of the 2017-2018 school term, at an hourly rate.

Physical Therapist — Approved the following physical therapist purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Patricia J. Osan** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective July 1, 2017, through the end of the 2017-2018 school term, at an hourly rate.

School Psychologist — Approved the following school psychologist purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Charlotte R. Hicks** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective July 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018, at an hourly rate.

Athletic Trainer – Dorseyville Middle School — Approved the following athletic trainer purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Tonya S. McKenzie** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective August 17, 2017, through May 20, 2018, at an annual salary.

Technology Services — Approved the following technology services purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Stephen A. Polcyn** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective July 12, 2017, through August 31, 2017, at an hourly rate.

Employment Agreements

Approvals — The following employment agreements were approved: Applications Systems Manager – **Lawrence W. Deer**, Assistant Athletic Director/Certified Athletic Trainer – **John N. Panos**, Behavior Specialist – **Ava M. Kilgore**, Coordinator of Ancillary Services – **Linda A. Casile**, Coordinator of Communications – **Bonnie L. Berzonski**, Facilities Shift Supervisor – **Jeffrey E. Iannuzzi**, Network Systems Manager – **Nicholas Townsend**, School Psychologist (2) – **Megan L. Edwards** and **Eric M. Milke**, Technology/Maintenance Repair Specialist (2) – **Sean M. Rhoades** and **Walter M. Santa**, and Technology Services Manager – **Cheryl R. Beckas**.

Compensation Adjustments

Nutrition Center — The hourly wage scale for nutrition center employees for the positions listed below for 2017-2018 was approved as follows: Substitute Employee, Substitute for 3+ years, General Food Worker 1, General Food Worker 2, General Food Worker 3, General Food Worker 4, General Food Worker 5, General Food Worker 6, General Food Worker 7, Satellite Leader 1, Satellite Leader 2, High School Assistant Manager, and District Driver.

Summer Programs

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 120 hours of instruction plus 27 hours of preparation: **Sean Baldis**, **Sarah Bialas**, **Ambur Bowen**, **Meagan Dailey**, **Elesa DiBello**, **Caroline DiPerna**, **Debra Fetterman**, **Leah Jacobs**, **Sarah Jones**, **Michael Kestner**, **Jacqueline Lewis**, **Jessica Marshall**, **Nicole McCaffrey**, **Cara Reese**, **Maria Ricci**, **Tracy Santoro**, **Barbara Scully**, **Alexis Taylor**, **Kelly Uselman**, **Katelyn Werner**, **Adria Wilson**, and **Cathleen Zierenberg**.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Facilitator — **Lauren Siriana** was approved as the Elementary Summer Learning Academy facilitator at an hourly rate with a maximum of 170 hours.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate: **Heath Asbury, Roseanne Fiore, Laura Sherwin, and Jessica Steiner.**

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

Middle School Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 75 hours including time for preparation per session (a.m. or p.m.): **Greg Arabia** (p.m.), **Aimee Berardi** (a.m. and p.m.), **Mary Beth Dixon** (a.m.), **Craig Farrell** (a.m. and p.m.), **Kevin Grecek** (a.m. and p.m.), **Erica Hedin** (a.m.), **Jane Hudok** (a.m. and p.m.), **Jessica Markowski** (a.m.), **Franca Rago** (a.m. and p.m.), and **Clare Yaksich** (a.m.).

Middle School Summer Learning Academy Science Instructor — **Peter Pinko** was approved as an instructor for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy Science AM/PM at an hourly rate with a maximum of 150 hours including time for preparation.

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

Middle School Summer Learning Academy Facilitator — **Breanne DeComo** was approved as the facilitator for the Middle School Summer Learning Academy program at an hourly rate not to exceed 170 hours.

Middle School Summer Project-Based Learning Academy Facilitator — **Joseph Eisel** was approved as the facilitator for the Middle School Summer Project-Based Learning Program at an hourly rate not to exceed 150 hours.

Middle School ESL Summer Program Teachers — The following individuals were approved as ESL Summer Program teachers at an hourly rate not to exceed 150 hours: **Marguerite Kistler** and **Jennifer Lancz.**

Middle School Summer Programs Substitutes — The following were approved as substitutes for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer programs at an hourly rate: **Meredith Burke, Jessica Perrin, Andrew Shaw, and Debra Skiles.**

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

Middle School Summer Programs Personal Care Assistant — **Sandra L. Wollam** was approved as a personal care assistant for the Dorseyville Middle School summer programs at an hourly rate on dates and hours the assigned student attends the summer programs.

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

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

High School Freshman LAUNCH Program Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area High School Freshman LAUNCH Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 22 hours per week including two hours of preparation: **Kelly Barone, John Broderick, Amy Carto, Stacie Djonovic, Gail Erickson, Michele Fischer, Jennifer Lancz, Krista Matonak, Gregory Miller, Heather Skillen, and Nancy Stewart.**

High School Freshman LAUNCH Program Activity Day Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Activity Day Freshman LAUNCH Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of five hours: **Todd Massack** and **Meghan Meabon**.

High School Western Pennsylvania Summer STEMM Academy — The following individuals were approved for the Fox Chapel Area High School Western Pennsylvania Summer STEMM Academy: **Lisa Gibson** – Director (flat rate), **Kenneth Grimm** – Research/Project Coordinator (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours), **Mary Ruth Hammer** – Research/Project Coordinator (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours), **Kelly Barone** – Field Experience Supervisor (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours), **Jeffrey Bonifate** – Field Experience Supervisor (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours), **Lesley Cowles** – Field Experience Supervisor (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours), **Randi Leonard** – Field Experience Supervisor (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours), and **Heather Skillen** – Field Experience Supervisor (hourly rate, maximum 50 hours).

STEAM Camp Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the STEAM Camp at Hartwood Elementary School at a flat weekly rate: **Ingrid Boarts**, **Kristin Coco**, **Venneasha Davis**, **Jessica Huzzard**, **Lindsey Lamm**, and **Christine Nguyen**.

STEAM Camp Educational Assistant — **Caroline L. DiPerna** was approved as an educational assistant for the STEAM Camp at Hartwood Elementary School at an hourly rate.

Summer Program Nursing Services — The following individuals were approved as nurses for the summer programs at an hourly rate: **Kristan M. Mawhinney** and **Susanne M. Osche**.

Summer Technology Workers — The following individuals were ratified as summer technology workers at an hourly rate, effective June 12, 2017, through August 28, 2017: **Eric Bothe**, **Adam Cook**, **Donovan Gorgas**, **Tiernan Konopasek**, and **Matthew Marino**.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Plancon Part F – Attachment C – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education PlanCon Part F Attachment C – Post Bid Opening Certification, for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project.

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

- R.A. Glancy & Sons, Inc. for the General Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$2,960,000.00 and accepting Alternate GC-01 in the amount of \$57,500.00, Alternate GC-02 in the amount \$172,000.00, Alternate GC-03 in the amount of \$16,700.00, and Alternate GC-04 in the amount of \$8,600.00, for a total contract award of \$3,214,800.00;
- Vrabel Plumbing, LLC for the Plumbing Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$227,200.00;
- Lugalia Mechanical, Inc., for the HVAC Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$1,908,800.00; and
- A-1 Electric, Inc., for the Electrical Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$1,188,000.00 and accepting Alternate EC-01 in the amount of \$31,100.00, Alternate EC-02 in the amount of \$30,000.00, Alternate EC-03 in the amount of \$56,700.00, and Alternate EC-06 in the amount \$23,500.00, for a total contract award of \$1,329,300.00.

Change Orders – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project — Approved change orders EC-002 and HC-008 at a total cost of \$90,175.84 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.

Donations – FC Helping FC Fund — Accepted the following donations to the Fox Chapel Area School District FC Helping FC Fund:

- from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Hallos in memory of Robert Mowry in the amount of \$200, and
- from Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kinlan in memory of Robert Mowry in the amount of \$500.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Reappointment — Approved the reappointment of Pa Del Tax, Inc. as delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Authority Board Authorization — Authorized for the Fox Chapel Area School District Authority Board to approve payment of invoices and change orders for the months of June and July 2017 on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors.

Authority Board Reappointment — Ratified the reappointment of **Bill Kiszka** to the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board for a term of five years effective June 1, 2017.

Student Meal Prices – Approved the following student meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year: Elementary Lunch – \$2.55, Secondary Lunch – \$2.85, Secondary Tier Lunch – \$3.25, Milk – \$0.50, Breakfast – \$1.35, Reduced Lunch – \$0.40, Reduced Breakfast – \$0.30, and Adult Lunch – \$3.95.

Allegheny County Juvenile Court School-Based Probation – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Allegheny County Juvenile Court for the 2017-2018 school year that supports the School-Based Probation Project.

Deputization of Deputy Tax Collector – Agreement — Approved the agreement between Jordan Tax Service, Inc. and Georgene Veltri appointing Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as Deputy Tax Collector of the Fox Chapel Area School District Real Estate Taxes for the Borough of Aspinwall.

Student Teaching Affiliation Agreements — Approved the following student teaching affiliation agreements: California University of Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, Slippery Rock University, and University of Pittsburgh.

Plancon Part E – “Design Development” – Information – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Acknowledged that the materials for Plancon Part E, “Design Development,” for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project, have been reviewed and generally approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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