

March 12, 2018

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 March 12, 2018. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster; Assistant Secretary Sandra M. Garbisch; Treasurer Robert Mauro; Edith L. Cook, Ph.D.; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Lisa M. Rutkowski; Eric C. Schmidt (via telephone); and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.

GUESTS (March 5, 2018)

• **Fairview Elementary School Student Council Members** — “Thank You” to the School Board Video Presentation

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Enrollment and Fire Drills

Information

• **Seniors Candidates in Presidential Scholars Program**

Fox Chapel Area High School seniors **Alyssa DiPaolo** and **Bridget Wang** have been named candidates in the 2018 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Approximately 4,000 students from across the U.S., and 103 from Pennsylvania, have been named candidates in this year’s program.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, begun in 1964, is one of the nation’s 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.

About 800 students will be selected as Semifinalists in the program and then students chosen as Scholars will be notified this spring. Each year up to 161 students are named U.S. Presidential Scholars. Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., in June for an expenses-paid trip to meet with government officials, educators, and other accomplished people. They will also receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a special recognition ceremony sponsored by the White House.

• **Student Places Second in PSA Contest**

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Grace Han** recently won second place in the FBI Pittsburgh’s annual HOPE (Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education) PSA Contest. The competition was sponsored by the Penguins Foundation and the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association. For the contest, Grace created a PSA-awareness video on the dangers of choosing to use opioids in an effort to combat the crisis confronting our region. Her PSA, entitled “Know More to No More,” won second place in the “People’s Choice” category and featured Fox Chapel Area High School students giving facts and statistics about heroin, fentanyl, and opioid addiction. Grace was awarded a \$2,500 grant to support Fox Chapel Area High School’s multimedia program, along with five VIP party suite tickets to attend the January 30 Pittsburgh Penguins’ game.

Grace’s award-winning video can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_X3fbRWTHVg&t=66s.

The goal of the Penguins’ and the FBI’s partnership is to challenge youth to find creative and innovative ways to raise awareness on the dangers of fentanyl and prescription opioid abuse and heroin use. More than 40 entries were submitted from students from schools across the Pittsburgh area.

• **Students Win Regional Scholastic Writing Awards**

Nine Fox Chapel Area High School students recently won awards for their submissions to the 2018 Pittsburgh Regional Scholastic Writing Awards competition. The Silver Key winners were seniors **Cara Levicoff** and **Claudia Simon**, juniors **Margaret Fletcher** and **Emma Kazmierczak**, sophomore **Gwendolyn Davison**, and freshmen **Amara Ostroff**. The Honorable Mention winners were junior Margaret Fletcher, sophomores **Annika Gleason** and **Zeynep Ozkaya** (two Honorable Mentions), and freshmen **Allison Carey**.

More than 400 entries, spanning a variety of different genres of writing, were received from students from across Allegheny County. The winning students were recognized at the Regional Writing Awards Ceremony February 24 that was held in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium at the University of Pittsburgh. Excerpts from their work were also displayed at the ceremony.

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

•Students Win Scholastic Art Awards

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won awards for their entries in the regional Scholastic Art Awards of 2018.

The Fox Chapel Area High School Silver Key winners were seniors **Elizabeth Kauma** (two Silver Keys), **Sydnee Pilarski**, **Kezia Rebeiz**, and **Cara Sauers**; juniors **Victoria Brokaw** (two Silver Keys), **Emma Kazmierczak** (two Silver Keys), **Sofia Porter Bacon** (two Silver Keys), **Madeline Richards**, **Sarah Sinnott**, **Chelsea Taylor**, **Seo Yeon Wang**, **Ziya Xu**, and **Hosoo Yoo**; sophomores **Leia Ross** and **Anzu Sekikawa**; and freshmen **Madelyn Francis** and **Maximus McQuarrie**. Silver Keys were also won by Dorseyville Middle School eighth graders **Alexa Berman** (two Silver Keys) and **Uma Muzumdar**.

The Fox Chapel Area Honorable Mention winners were seniors **Madelyn Flanagan**, **Taylor Grandizio**, **Madeline Macek**, **Lea Prato**, and **Kezia Rebeiz**; juniors **Paige Johnson**, Emma Kazmierczak, Madeline Richards, Seo Yeon Wang, and Hosoo Yoo; sophomores **Hannah Drum** (two Honorable Mentions) and **Adam Whyson**; and freshmen **Ava Kazmierczak** (three Honorable Mentions), **Emily Li**, **Jessica McCann**, and **Wenyu Zuo**.

The regional award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges which included artists, art educators, and art professionals.

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

•Student Places Third at Hampton Forensic Tournament

A Fox Chapel Area High School student recently placed at the inaugural Hampton Talbot Forensic Tournament. Junior **Jonah Green** was recognized as the "Merit Speaker" (equivalent to third place) in Student Congress.

The tournament was held February 3, 2018, at Hampton High School. Approximately 290 students from 24 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia participated in the tournament.

•Students Place at Duquesne Model UN Conference

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Duquesne University Model United Nations (UN) Conference. Second-place awards went to juniors **Isabella Boleng**, **Tristan McClelland**, and **Ziya Xu** and sophomores **Hanna Chen**, **Rajeev Godse**, and **Olivia Tang**.

The conference was held January 26, 2018, at Duquesne University and 350 students from 21 high schools in the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the event.

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

•Students Named to All-Star Basketball Teams

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students have been named to all-section basketball teams. Seniors **Carson Cohen** and **Dom McGriff** were named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 3 First Team. Junior **Ben Kelly** was named to the second team. Senior **Claudia Guerrieri** was named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 2 First Team and senior **Sarah Sheerer** was named to the second team.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

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 regular business meeting dated February 12, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

The following motion was tabled at the February 12, 2018, Board meeting:

•**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 was no second at this meeting and the motion failed.

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

Finance

Disbursements (A) — General fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$6,272,646.55 from February 1, 2018, through February 28, 2018, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$811,040.88 for February 2018 were approved.

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

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

2018-2019 Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Rates – Information — The Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium approved rates are effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The Community Blue Flex PPO and EPO rate increase is 1.9%. The United Concordia Flex and Davis Vision rate increase is 0%.

Monthly Coverage	Individual	Parent/Child	Parent/Children	Employee/Spouse	Family
Community Blue Flex PPO	\$597.12	\$1,338.77	\$1,472.65	\$1,622.14	\$1,686.58
Community Blue Flex EPO	\$557.82	\$1,251.21	\$1,376.30	\$1,515.38	\$1,575.67
United Concordia Flex	\$ 26.71				\$ 87.81
Davis Vision	\$ 4.88				\$ 11.92

Instruction

•**Dorseyville Middle School Schedule** — A motion was made that we follow Board Policy 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction which instructs that the Board shall provide a comprehensive program of planned instruction to enable district students to strive for educational goals and attain academic standards. There was no second and the motion failed.

Separate Motion – It was moved that Instruction item C.1. (Dorseyville Middle School Schedule) be moved first, be seconded, discussed, and voted upon, and that Instruction items C. 2. (2018-2019 School District Calendar), 3. (Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2018-2019 Services Agreement), 4. (Allegheny Intermediate Unit Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds), and 5. (Allegheny Intermediate Unit – IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement) be moved together as a second motion. This motion was approved.

Dorseyville Middle School Schedule — Authorized the superintendent or his designee to modify the Dorseyville Middle School schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 School District Calendar — Approved the 2018-2019 school district calendar. The calendar is available on the district's website at www.fcasd.edu.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2018-2019 Services Agreement — Approved the 2018-2019 services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for specialized educational services.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds — Approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement — Approved the subgrant agreement for Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) – Part B between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

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 — Accepted the following professional resignation:

- **Katelyn R. Deet**, elementary teacher at O’Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, with the effective date to be determined.

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

- **Geoff Dutelle**, high school girls’ lacrosse 2nd assistant coach, due to personal reasons, effective March 5, 2018.
- **Scott Vensel**, football middle school assistant coach, due to personal reasons, effective February 21, 2018.

Leaves

Professional — Approved the following professional leaves:

- **Gabrielle R. Abati**, 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 March 22, 2018, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2018-2019 school term.
- **Katelyn A. Werner**, 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 April 2, 2018, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2018-2019 school term.

Appointment

Supplemental Contract – Athletics — Ratified the following athletic supplemental contract for the 2017-2018 school term: **Abigail Dorrance** – Girls’ Lacrosse 2nd Assistant – HS.

Change of Status

Educational Support — Ratified the following educational support change of status:

- **Marcy L. Klaas**, personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, as an instructional assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, with the effective date of March 5, 2018. Hourly salary was set at based on the salary scale for instructional assistants, Step 3, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Nanette Campbell**.

Summer Programs

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Program Facilitator — **Audrey Marie Masci** was approved as the Elementary Summer Learning Academy program facilitator at an hourly rate, not to exceed 170 hours.

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

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

STEAM Camp Program Facilitator — **Susan Kreit** was approved as the Summer STEAM Camp program facilitator at an hourly rate, not to exceed 115 hours.

Athletics

Substitute Athletic Trainer — **Melissa Ebig** was ratified as a substitute certified athletic trainer, effective February 28, 2018, at an hourly rate.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Change Order – Dorseyville Middle School Alterations Project — Approved change order GC-010 at a cost of \$22,674.99 for the Dorseyville Middle School alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Change Order – Fairview Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved change order GC-008 at a cost of \$1,647.95 for the Fairview Elementary School alterations project. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids – Kerr Elementary School Project — Authorized the advertisement of bids for the Kerr Elementary School project.

Fox Chapel Killer Whales, Inc. – Agreement and Lease — Approved the agreement and lease between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Fox Chapel Killer Whales, Inc. effective September 1, 2018. The annual rent shall be \$18,000.00, plus the lessee shall reimburse the district for additional custodial costs if needed.

Donation – Indoor Cycle — Accepted the donation of a Keiser M3 Plus indoor cycle to the Fox Chapel Area School District athletic training room with a current value of \$1,090.00 from the Livingston family.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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

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