

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Special Meeting
Monday, June 29, 2020 – 6 p.m.
Via Remote Meeting Platform
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I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Final 2020-2021 General Fund Operating Budget – Kimberly Pawlishak, Business Manager

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approve the minutes of the regular business meeting dated June 8, 2020.

* Motion: Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,
that the minutes of the regular business meeting dated June 8, 2020, are approved as written.

Roll Call Vote:

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – If you would like to make a public comment, please connect to the remote meeting platform.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Resolution of the Fox Chapel Area School District Board of Directors

1. Racism, Diversity, Equity, and the Educational Mission of the District
Resolution 2020-9

- Approve Resolution 2020-9 on racism, diversity, equity, and the educational mission of the district.

* Motion: Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,
that Resolution 2020-9 is approved.

Roll Call Vote:

B. Finance (Mr. Hamilton)

1. Final 2020-2021 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2020-6

- Approve Resolution 2020-6 as follows:

**FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2020-6**

2020-2021 General Fund Operating Budget

A proposed final budget in the amount of \$102,008,293.00 as presented with 19.8686 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 27, 2020. The budget was advertised and made available to the public for review and comment for the past 33 days. The Board of School Directors and the administration have reviewed any comments. A budget in the amount of \$102,008,293.00 is presented for final approval.

RESOLVED, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$102,008,293.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, 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 the Fox Chapel Area School District during the period beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, 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 the Fox Chapel Area School District, in the same form as Resolution No. 1969-5 heretofore adopted by the Interim Operating Committee of the 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 the Fox Chapel Area School District for the period from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, 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 2020-2021 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, 2020, 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 eight thousand six hundred eighty-six ten thousandths 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 \$19.8686 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

Adopted this 29th day of June 2020, at a special meeting of the Board of School Directors.

2. Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2020-7

- Approve Resolution 2020-7 regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

3. Additional Drawdown of the PSERS Committed Fund Balance

- Approve an additional drawdown of the PSERS Committed Fund Balance in the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the original budgeted drawdown in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00. **The ending unassigned fund balance must be at \$1.5 million to cover budgetary reserve in the 2020-2021 budget.**

4. Collection of School Property Taxes in Installments – Resolution 2020-8

- Approve Resolution 2020-8 regarding the collection of school property taxes in installments.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Finance items 1, 2, 3, and 4 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

C. Instruction (Ms. Dadd)

1. Pressley Ridge Day School Autism – Addendum #3 to the Contractual Agreement

- Approve addendum #3 to the contractual agreement approved August 14, 2017, between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pressley Ridge for services to students for the 2020-2021 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

2. PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. – ACT 48 Program Agreement for Services

- Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Phase 4 Learning Center, Inc. for services to students for the 2020-2021 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Instruction items 1 and 2 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

D. Personnel (Dr. Vyas)

Candidates for employment under this section are 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.

1. Resignations

a. Professional

- (1) The resignation of Gabrielle R. Abati, elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 15, 2020.

b. Food Services

- (1) The resignation of Michelle Vogel, food services employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 5, 2020.

c. Supplemental Contract – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Zachary T. Metkler, interscholastic strength and conditioning 2nd assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 16, 2020.

2. Leave

a. Professional

- (1) Sarah M. Stewart, art teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, is approved for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 13, 2020, with return scheduled for March 19, 2021.

3. Appointment

a. Supplemental Contract – Athletic

- (1) The following athletic supplemental contract is approved for the summer season, effective July 1, 2020:

James Chandler Interscholastic Strength/Conditioning 2nd Asst. Coach – HS \$2,075.50

4. Change of Status

- a. Tammi J. Pietropaolo, personal care assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, is approved as an instructional assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective August 20, 2020. Salary is set based on the salary scale for instructional assistants, Step 2, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of Sharon Steinhaus.

5. Employment Agreements

- a. The following employment agreements are approved:

Ancillary Services Coordinator, Linda A. Casile
Assistant Athletic Director/Athletic Trainer, John N. Panos
Behavior Specialist (2), Ava M. Kilgore and Stacy E. Trpcic
Coordinator of Communications, Bonnie L. Berzonski
Facilities Shift Supervisor, David C. Twidwell
School Psychologist (12-month), Megan L. Edwards
School Psychologist (10-month), Eric M. Milke
Technology Services Manager, Cheryl R. Beckas
Technology/Maintenance Repair Specialist (2), Sean M. Rhoades and Walter M. Santa

6. Summer Programs – 2020

a. Elementary

- (1) The individuals below, previously approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation, are approved for an additional six hours of curriculum writing.

Stephanie Abriatis
Brianna Amoscato
Sean Baldis
Frances Connolly
Debra Fetterman
Michael Kestner
Olivia McCall
Kelsey Phillips
Tracy Santoro
Emily Sucheovich
Kristin Young

- (2) Hannah Barkey is approved as an instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 26 hours of preparation/curriculum writing.

- (3) Josephine Pototo-River is approved as a substitute instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

b. Middle School

- (1) The individuals below, previously approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation, are approved for an additional six hours of curriculum writing.

Kevin Grecek
Jane Hudok
Sheri Palivoda
Molly Romeo

- (2) Chelsea Koryak is approved as an instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 26 hours of preparation/curriculum writing.

c. Extended School Year

- (1) The individuals below are approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Extended School Year program at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 90 hours of instruction plus 35 hours of preparation.

Frank Bacco
Kerri Bacco
Amy Jakubek
Terri Kedzierski
Stacy Trpcic
Bradley Zurisko

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Personnel items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

E. Operations / Cooperative Services (Mrs. Cooper)

1. Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Reappointment

- Approve the reappointment of PA Del Tax, Inc. as delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. **This is a renewal of services.**

2. Athletic Department Resocialization of Sports Recommendations

- Approve the Fox Chapel Area School District Athletic Department Resocialization of Sports Recommendations. The marching band will also follow these guidelines set by the athletic department.

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Operations / Cooperative Services items 1 and 2 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – If you would like to make a public comment, please connect to the remote meeting platform.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT