

April 13, 2020
Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Meeting

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its combined agenda study session and regular business meeting via a remote platform April 13, 2020. President Somer Obernauer Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Marybeth Dadd; Assistant Secretary Edith L. Cook, Ph.D.; Treasurer Eric G. Hamilton; Amy B. Cooper; Ronald P. Frank; Adam G. Goode; Vanessa K. Lynch; and Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

•**Five-Year Capital Projects Plan** — **Daniel Breitreutz**, Director of Ancillary Services

•**Video – Indiana Township Police K-9 Ares Retires** — Video produced by Community Engagement Specialist **Jill Leonard** and high school multimedia teacher **Ryan Devlin** highlighting the retirement of Indiana Township Police K-9 Ares and the efforts of Fairview and Hartwood Elementary schools to thank him and his partner, Officer Scott Palmer, for all they’ve done for them.

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

Information

•**Students Alternates to State Forensic Tournament**

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League’s District 2 state championship-qualifying tournament and qualified to serve as alternates. Sophomore **Alaina Kaslewicz** won fifth place in Commentary, seniors **J. Oliver Choo** and **Sina Shaikh** won sixth place in Public Forum Debate, senior **Angelique Uku** placed sixth in Prose Interpretation, junior **Suparna Agrawal** won sixth place in Extemporaneous Speaking, and junior **Anthony Nguyen** placed sixth in Lincoln Douglas Debate. The state tournament was to be held in March at Bloomsburg University, but had to be canceled/postponed.

Approximately 160 students representing 10 public and private high schools from the northern Pittsburgh region competed in the District 2 state-qualifying tournament. The tournament was held February 22, 2020, at Pine-Richland High School.

•**Students Place at West Allegheny Forensic Tournament**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Michael Quinn Memorial Forensic Tournament. In Policy Debate, the team of senior **Rajeev Godse** and junior **Jackson Romero** won second place. The Public Forum Debate team of seniors **J. Oliver Choo** and **Sina Shaikh** was awarded third place. In Lincoln Douglas Debate, sophomore **Siddharth Yende** won fifth place.

The Michael Quinn Memorial Forensic Tournament was held February 15, 2020, at West Allegheny High School. More than 280 students representing 25 public and private high schools from Western Pennsylvania competed at the tournament.

•**Dorseyville Students Place in Science Bowl**

A team of Dorseyville Middle School students placed third at the 2020 Western Pennsylvania Science Bowl Middle School Competition. The team included eighth graders **Shriya Krishnamurthy**, **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi**, **Parv Tahiliani**, and **Adhitya Thirumala**; and seventh grader **Murugan Ayyanar**. The team was awarded Polaroid Cubes and \$500 for the DMS science department. A total of 31 teams from across Western Pennsylvania competed in the contest.

The Science Bowl, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in South Park, was held at Community College of Allegheny County–South Campus on February 29.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

May 4, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Bus. Mtg. – Dorseyville MS Auditorium
June 1, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O’Hara Elementary School Auditorium
June 8, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – Fox Chapel Area High School LGI Room
August 10, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Mtg. – High School LGI Rm.
September 14, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Regular Business Mtg. – HS LGI Room
October 5, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – A.W. Beattie Career Center Student Conference Center
October 12, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room
November 2, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Kerr Elementary School Multipurpose Room
November 9, 2020 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room
Dec. 1, 2020 (Tues.) – 7 p.m. – Reorg. Mtg. / Combined Agenda Study Sess. & Reg. Business Mtg. – HS LGI Rm.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS — Anyone wishing to make a public comment was asked to connect to the remote meeting platform.

BOARD ACTION

Continued Suspension of Policy Requirement — Approved the continued suspension of the requirement in Policy No. 006.1 that a majority of Board members be physically present at a Board meeting when a Board member attends through electronic communications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the special meeting dated March 2, 2020; the special meeting dated March 9, 2020; the regular business meeting dated March 9, 2020; and the special meeting dated March 25, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Search Update

Superintendent Search Legal Services — Approved spending up to, but not to exceed \$1,000, to utilize the services of the law firm of Weiss, Burkardt & Kramer LLC for legal services related to the superintendent search.

Response to Public Comments — **Kelly Caracciolo** made a public comment at the March 2, 2020, agenda study session. **Lisa Rendall** and **Arnold Cook** made public comments at the March 9, 2020, regular business meeting. The deputy superintendent responded to these public comments.

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

Finance

Disbursements (A) — The general fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$10,841,315.42 from March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020, were approved.

Finance Report — The finance report for February 2020 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

Budget Transfers — Several budget transfers for 2019-2020 were approved.

Tax Collectors’ Depositories — The following depositories for real estate elected tax collectors were approved as recommended by the appropriate elected official: **Aspinwall Borough – Dawn Eastley** – Farmers National Bank, **Blawnox Borough – Casey Cunningham** – Standard Bank, **Indiana Township – Julie Leventry** – PNC Bank, and **Sharpsburg Borough – Patricia Hyatt** – North West Savings Bank. The Board of School Directors must approve the depositories for real estate elected tax collectors annually.

Award of Bids – Athletic — The administration was authorized to award the following bids for the 2020-2021 school year:

Athletic Supplies Bids – Fall and Winter – BSN Sports, P.O. Box 49, Jenkintown, PA 19046 – \$12,878.31; Century Sports, 115 E. McMurray Road, McMurray, PA 15317 – \$31,241.25; Pyramid School Products, 6510 N. 54th Street, Tampa, FL 33610 – \$5,585.50; and Argon Operations, LLC, Swimmers Network, 4417 State Route 30, Building G, Latrobe, PA 15650 – \$878.06.

Athletic Medical Supplies Bid – Henry Schein, Bid Department E270, 135 Duryea Road, Melville, NY 11747 – \$4,621.90.

Finance Information Item:

2020-2021 Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Rates – Information — The Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium-approved rates are effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. The Community Blue Flex PPO and EPO rate increase is 3.5%. The United Concordia Flex increase is 6%, and the Davis Vision rate increase is 7%.

<u>Monthly Coverage</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Parent/Child</u>	<u>Parent/Children</u>	<u>Employee/Spouse</u>	<u>Family</u>
Community Blue Flex PPO	\$629.77	\$1,411.96	\$1,553.15	\$1,710.81	\$1,778.77
Community Blue Flex EPO	\$588.31	\$1,319.60	\$1,451.54	\$1,598.22	\$1,661.81
United Concordia Flex	\$ 28.87				\$ 94.94
Davis Vision	\$ 5.59				\$ 13.64

Instruction

K-8 Second Step Social and Emotional Learning Program — Approved the K-8 Second Step Social Emotional Learning Program for adoption in the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$14,049.00. **The pilot program was previously approved on August 12, 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.

Appointments

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — The following athletic supplemental contracts were ratified, effective March 2, 2020: **Eleni M. Brown** – Girls Lacrosse 2nd Assistant Coach – HS and **Thomas A. Loughran** – Freshman Baseball Assistant Coach – HS.

Leaves

Professional — Approved/ratified the following professional leaves:

- **Sarah R. Jones**, elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School, for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective May 5, 2020, with return scheduled for October 23, 2020.
- **Julie K. Locaitis**, English teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, for a one-year educational sabbatical, effective August 13, 2020, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Jamie L. McKenzie**, elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School, for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective March 16, 2020, with return scheduled for May 18, 2020.
- **Craig S. Reinhard**, guidance counselor at Dorseyville Middle School, for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective April 27, 2020, with return scheduled for May 12, 2020.
- **Craig S. Reinhard**, guidance counselor at Dorseyville Middle School, for a first-semester educational sabbatical, effective August 13, 2020, with return scheduled for January 18, 2021.
- **Theresa A. Thompson**, elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School, for a one-year educational sabbatical, effective August 13, 2020, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

Volunteers

Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were ratified: **Paul W. Dougherty** – Unified Track, effective March 10, 2020, and **Jaysen A. Zaleski** – Boys High School Volleyball, effective March 2, 2020.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Medical Examiner, Athletic Examiner, and Team Physician – Agreement — Tabled an agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and **Matthew C. Schaffer**, M.D., as medical examiner, athletic examiner, and team physician, for the period of two years beginning July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2022, at an annual compensation of \$24,300.00 for the first year and \$24,800.00 for the second year. **This would be a renewal of services.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS — Anyone wishing to make a public comment was asked to connect to the remote meeting platform.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Title IX: David P. McCommons, Ed.D. (412/967-2456)
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Address: Fox Chapel Area School District, 611 Field Club Road, Pgh., PA 15238