

Fox Chapel Area School District

Special Meeting

April 28, 2020

Resolution 2020-4

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Fox Chapel Area School District closed its buildings and formulated an Instructional Plan During the Emergency Closure ("Emergency Instructional Plan") to provide for the continuity of learning by District students through remote education, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor ordered the closing of the schools of the Commonwealth for a period of ten business days, and later indefinitely continued the closure; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Board of School Directors ratified the Emergency Instructional Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor signed Act 13 of 2020 into law ("Act 13"), which amended the Public School Code of 1949 (the "School Code"), Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, to authorize the Secretary of Education ("Secretary") to order the closure of all school entities until the threat to health and safety caused by the Pandemic of 2020 has ended; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020 the Secretary ordered all school entities to remain closed until the end of the 2019-2020 academic years; and

WHEREAS, federal and state governmental authorities have issued directives and guidance restricting or limiting public gatherings, including open public agency meetings, during the COVID-10 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has issued guidance that no student anticipated to graduate in Spring 2020 should be restricted from completing their high school graduation requirements or pursuit of a post-secondary pathway due to the pandemic of 2020; and

WHEREAS, parents and students of the District have expressed support for the Emergency Instructional Plan but have raised certain questions or concerns suggesting alteration of certain District policies and practices regarding grading academic achievement, withdrawal from a course, and graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, in response thereto, the District administration, principals, teaching staff, and other professional employees, have conferred and made certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Board may, upon a majority vote, cause to suspend at any time the operation of a Board procedure or policy.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that for the Fox Chapel Area High School:

1. For any and all activities assigned during the final quarter of academic year 2019-2020, all students will receive a minimum grade of sixty-five (65%) percent;

2. For the final quarter of academic year 2019-2020, no student will receive a grade less than a sixty-five (65%) percent for that period;
3. For any student in grade 9 through 11 who is unable to demonstrate required learning for any course in which he she was enrolled at implementation of the Emergency Instruction Plan, Policy 208.1 is suspended in that a WC (Withdraw-COVID-19) will be recorded on the high school transcript and no credit shall be granted;
4. All students shall have the option of electing a grade based on the final percentage earned for each course or to receive a “Pass”; and
5. For the graduating class of 2020 only, the service learning requirement set forth in Policy 217 is waived.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Fox Chapel Area School District Board of School Directors at a duly assembled public meeting this 28th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary

Somer Obernauer, Jr.
Board President