

**June 29, 2020
Special Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held a special meeting via a remote platform June 29, 2020. President Somer Obernauer Jr. called the meeting to order at 6 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.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated June 8, 2020.

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

BOARD ACTION

Resolution of the Fox Chapel Area School District Board of Directors – Racism, Diversity, Equity, and the Educational Mission of the District – Resolution 2020-9 — Approved Resolution 2020-9 on racism, diversity, equity, and the educational mission of the district.

Finance

Final 2020-2021 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2020-6 — Approved Resolution 2020-6 as follows:

**FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2020-6
2020-2021 General Fund Operating Budget**

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.

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 was presented for final approval.

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2020-7 — Approved Resolution 2020-7 regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

Additional Drawdown of the PSERS Committed Fund Balance — Approved 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.**

Collection of School Property Taxes in Installments – Resolution 2020-8 — Approved Resolution 2020-8 regarding the collection of school property taxes in installments.

Instruction

Pressley Ridge Day School Autism – Addendum #3 to the Contractual Agreement — Approved 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.**

PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. – ACT 48 Program Agreement for Services — Approved 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.**

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:

- **Gabrielle R. Abati**, elementary teacher at O’Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective June 15, 2020.

Food Services — Accepted the following food services resignation:

- **Michelle Vogel**, food services employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, effective June 5, 2020.

Supplemental Contract – Athletic — Accepted the following supplemental contract resignation:

- **Zachary T. Metkler**, interscholastic strength and conditioning 2nd assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective June 16, 2020.

Leave

Professional — Approved the following professional leave:

- **Sarah M. Stewart**, art teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, 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.

Appointment

Supplemental Contract – Athletic — The following athletic supplemental contract was approved for the summer season, effective July 1, 2020: **James Chandler** – Interscholastic Strength/Conditioning 2nd Assistant Coach – HS.

Change of Status

Personal Care Assistant — Approved the following personal care assistant change of status:

- **Tammi J. Pietropaolo**, personal care assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, as an instructional assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective August 20, 2020. Salary was 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**.

Employment Agreements

Approval — The following employment agreements were 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**, and Technology/Maintenance Repair Specialist (2) – **Sean M. Rhoades** and **Walter M. Santa**.

Summer Programs – 2020

Elementary Instructors (Prior Approvals Update) — The following individuals, previously approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation, were 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 Suchevidh**, and **Kristin Young**.

Elementary Instructor (New Approval) — **Hannah Barkey** was approved as an instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 26 hours of preparation/curriculum writing.

Elementary Substitute Instructor (New Approval) — **Josephine Pototo-River** was approved as a substitute instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate.

Middle School (Prior Approvals Update) — The following individuals, previously approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation, were approved for an additional six hours of curriculum writing: **Kevin Grecek**, **Jane Hudok**, **Sheri Palivoda**, and **Molly Romeo**.

Middle School (New Approval) — **Chelsea Koryak** was approved as an instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 40 hours of instruction plus 26 hours of preparation/curriculum writing.

Extended School Year (New Approvals) — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Extended School Year program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 90 hours of instruction plus 35 hours of preparation: **Frank Bacco**, **Kerri Bacco**, **Amy Jakubek**, **Terri Kedzierski**, **Stacy Trpcic**, and **Bradley Zurisko**.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Reappointment — Approved the reappointment of PA Del Tax, Inc. as delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, pending the execution of a mutually agreeable contract. **This is a renewal of services.**

Athletic Department Resocialization of Sports Recommendations — Approved 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.

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

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 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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