

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District was called to order by president, Somer Obernauer Jr., at 7:04 p.m. on April 28, 2020, via ZOOM.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL-CALL

The Board members present at roll call were Messrs. Frank, Goode, Hamilton, Obernauer, and Vyas, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Dadd, and Mrs. Lynch. Also present were Dr. McCommons, Mr. Giuffre, and Mrs. Anuszek. Other members of the public were present.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

• Tentative High School Graduation Plans – Michael Hower, Ed.D., Fox Chapel Area High School Lead Principal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

BOARD ACTION

A. Policy – Continued Suspension of a Board Policy

Mr. Obernauer made a motion to approve the following item. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion. There was a discussion.

1. Continued Suspension of a Board Policy

Approve 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.

Mr. Obernauer amended the motion adding the word “indefinitely.” Mr. Goode seconded the motion. It was unanimously resolved to approve the following item as amended:

1. Continued Suspension of a Board Policy – Amended

Approve the continued suspension, indefinitely, 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.

B. Election of District Superintendent

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Mr. Frank, and after a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following item:

1. Election of District Superintendent

Elect Mary Catherine Reljac, Ed.D. to the position of District Superintendent of Fox Chapel Area School District, for a term commencing at a date to be determined under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and approve the agreement for employment of superintendent as presented.

Mr. Frank gave an update on the conclusion of the superintendent search and welcomed Dr. Reljac. Mr. Goode, Mr. Hamilton, and Dr. Vyas also commented.

The following action was recommended by the District administration, high school principals, teaching staff, and other professional employees:

C. Policies

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Dr. Vyas, and after a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following item:

1. **Resolution No. 2020-4
Suspending Certain Provisions of Policy No. 208.1 and 217 Due to COVID-19**

Approve Resolution 2020-4 as attached.

Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac introduced herself, said she is humbled and honored to lead the Fox Chapel Area School District as its superintendent of schools, and thanked the Board for this opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one comment.

1. Lynn Gackenbach, 3009 Boardwalk Court, Glenshaw, PA 15116, commented on the district communication regarding the celebration of the high school seniors and end of year activities.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were nine comments. Mrs. Cooper, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Lynch, Dr. Vyas, Ms. Dadd, Mr. Goode, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Frank, and Mr. Obernauer commented.

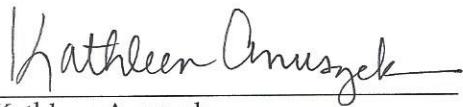
FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Lisa Lang, Fox Chapel Educators Association president, gave her report.

Dr. McCommons also spoke to congratulate and welcome Dr. Reljac to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary