

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 18, 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 6:02 p.m. on May 18, 2020, via ZOOM. An executive session was held on May 11, 2020, to discuss personnel matters and contractual issues.

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, and Obernauer, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Dadd, and Mrs. Lynch. Dr. Vyas joined the meeting during the first public comment. Also present were Dr. McCommons, Mr. Giuffre, and Mrs. Anuszek. Other members of the public were present.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were five comments.

1. John Klamut, 616 Driftwood Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on the budget and millage rate.
2. Kelly Merranko-Strain, 1808 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the district and the budget.
3. Greg Dolan, 106 Mayflower Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the budget.
4. Kelvin Gregory, 700 Delafield Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on the Spanish Immersion Program.
5. Kelly Caracciolo, 127 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on tonight's special meeting regarding the budget and transparency.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

Prior to discussion and deliberation, Ms. Kimberly Pawlishak gave a presentation on the 2020-2021 budget.

A. 2020-2021 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Goode, and after a discussion, it was resolved to approve the following item, with 8 in favor and 0 opposed, Mrs. Lynch voting No:

1. Tax Increase and Drawdown from the Fund Balance

Direct administration to prepare a proposed final general fund operating budget with a tax increase not to exceed 1.5% and a drawdown from the fund balance, specifically from the PSERS and unassigned fund balances, in an amount not to exceed \$1 million.

Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac, superintendent-elect, thanked the Board, administrative team, and community for their hard work. She commented on the COVID-19 pandemic and its disruption to all schools and reported that the Fox Chapel Area School District will be creating a Return to School Coalition to plan for the future. It will include representatives from multiple stakeholder groups, site-based teams, the administrative team, and the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were four comments.

1. April Merrell, 702 Woodland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the Creativity and Literacy Program.
2. Barbara Eichenlaub, 100 Shannon Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the Spanish Immersion Program and the budget.
3. Jennifer Cox-Siegel, 211 E 8th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on the Spanish Immersion Program.
4. John Klamut, 616 Driftwood Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on the budget and millage rate.

BOARD COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary