

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 27, 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 6:05 p.m. on May 27, 2020, via ZOOM. An executive session was held at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting to discuss contractual matters for various employees. The executive session continued after the meeting to finish the discussion.

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**

- 2020-2021 Proposed Budget – Kimberly Pawlishak, Business Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were two comments.

1. Libby Friedhaber, 145 Berryhill Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116, commented on the Creativity and Literacy Program.
2. Kelly Merranko-Strain, 1808 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on the possibility of property tax increases.

**BOARD ACTION**

**A. Finance**

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

**1. 2020-2021 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget**

Based on the directives of the Board of School Directors and having taken into consideration the advice of the Resource Planning Committee, the administration has prepared for presentation to the School Board a Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for 2020-2021.

Therefore, be it resolved, to adopt the 2020-2021 Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$102,008,293 as attached with a real estate tax increase of 1.5% (19.8686 mills) and a continuation of all other taxes without change.

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

**2. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's (PEMA) Applicant Agent (AA)**

Approval for Daniel DiDesiderio, Ed.D., director of student achievement and instructional verification, to be the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's (PEMA) Applicant Agent (AA) who has signature authority related to claims for possible reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs.

Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac, superintendent-elect, commended the Board and administrators for their hard work on the budget, commended the team of teachers, staff, students, parents, and administrators for all of their work during this difficult time, and gave an update on the creation of the Return to School Coalition.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek  
Board Secretary