

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED AGENDA STUDY SESSION  
AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 6, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

The combined agenda study session and regular business meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District was called to order by president, Terry L. Wirginis, at 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2019, in the Auditorium at Dorseyville Middle School. An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss matters related to school safety and to discuss contract negotiations.

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

**ROLL-CALL**

The Board members present at roll call were Messrs. Mauro, Obernauer, Schmidt, Vyas, and Wirginis, Dr. Cook, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Garbisch, and Mrs. Rutkowski. Also present were Dr. Freeman, Dr. McCommons, Mr. Giuffre, and Mrs. Anuszek. Other members of the public were present.

**GUESTS**

• **Music Performance – DMS Honors Band**

• Mr. Schmidt announced that the Fox Chapel Area School District is the recipient of two grants. The district will receive \$908,000 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, which will cover the costs of sweeping security upgrades made across the school district. In addition, the district has secured a grant of \$150,000 to assist eligible students obtain wireless internet services during the 2019-2020 school year.

• The following employees were recognized for 25 years of service to the district:

Hartwood Elementary School – **Daniel Garland** and **Kristen Vergerio**;

Kerr Elementary School – **Stephanie Abriatis**, **Kristin Bashforth**, **Leo Eisenreich**, and **Kimberly Guerrieri**;

O’Hara Elementary School – **Kimberly Iasella**;

Dorseyville Middle School – **Joseph Burger**, **Bryan Pertinaci**, and **Jennifer Pro**;

Fox Chapel Area High School – **Jeffrey Bogdanski**, **Jennifer Klein**, and **Todd Massack**;

Maintenance – **James Moore**; and

Administration – **Bonnie Berzonski** and **Matthew Harris**.

• Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Rajeev Godse** received a perfect score on the Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics Exam. Rajeev took the assessment in May of 2018 and was one of only two students from around the world to receive a perfect score! Globally, a total of 222,501 students took the exam.

According to a March 2019 letter to Rajeev from the College Board’s Senior Vice President, AP and Instruction, Trevor Packer, Rajeev’s achievement, “was so superior that it falls into a very select category... We applaud your hard work, diligence, and enthusiasm...”

Fox Chapel Area High School math teacher Antoinette Payner, who described Rajeev as a top student in her AP Statistics class, said she is proud of his “incredible” accomplishment.

“Rajeev is an incredibly intelligent and talented young man. Not surprisingly, he picked up the material quickly, was helpful to his peers, and has a natural curiosity for learning,” Mrs. Payner said. “I am thrilled this amazing feat happened to such a nice student.”

Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is equivalent to an A in the corresponding college course. Rajeev not only received the top score of 5, but he was one of only two

students (amounting to 0.001 of 2018 AP Statistics Exam takers from around the world) to earn every point possible on the difficult assessment.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School/A.W. Beattie Career Center student placed in the SkillsUSA District 8 competition. Sophomore **Ashton Monroe**, who is studying culinary arts, was awarded a first place in the Restaurant Service category. She also qualified to participate in SkillsUSA Pennsylvania competition held April 11 and 12, 2019, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The District 8 regional competition was held January 21 at various locations throughout Pittsburgh. The A.W. Beattie students competed with students from nine local career and technical education schools at the district level.

“Essentially, these competitions are our sports,” A.W. Beattie SkillsUSA advisor Heather Brown said. “Instead of asking who is the best soccer player or football player, we are competing to be the best welder, the best carpenter, the best graphic designer, things to get kids excited about their potential career fields.”

Brown continued, “It’s so cool to see young people be so intense and passionate about their field that they want to compete and show their skill level off. They’re taking what they’ve learned in the classroom and trying to display proudly for people to see all across the state or the country.”

SkillsUSA is a national student organization that develops leadership skills to complement what students learn in career and technical education programs.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School and A.W. Beattie Career Center senior **Logan McKaveny** was among a group of students who designed a car that won first place in the World of Wheels Peddle Car Challenge. The contest was held January 8, 2019, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and 20 students in A.W. Beattie’s Automotive Collision Technology program collaborated on the project, beating out 14 regional schools. This is the second consecutive year that Beattie students won the competition.

Students worked on the peddle car for nearly three weeks and got inventive by turning it into a United States Air Force Thunderbird replica. Innovation was key in making the Thunderbird a functional peddle car with all the bells and whistles that you would see on the aircraft.

Logan was involved in the painting and air brushing of the peddle car. He said detailing the peddle car presented a challenge with so many people working on it at different times.

“The hard part with everyone working on it is just getting it all to be consistent,” Logan said. “That was huge for the peddle car whether it was the painting, the airbrushing, the metal work, and more. We had to work together and build off of each other to make our work look as close as possible.”

Students from all nine school districts (Avonworth, Deer Lakes, Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, and Shaler Area) who send students to Beattie worked on the car.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards in forensic competitions throughout the school year.

—Four students placed in their events at the Pittsburgh Diocesan Qualifying Tournament for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Championship Tournament. The team of junior **Rajeev Godse** and sophomore **Jackson Romero** won first place in Policy Debate, and the Duo Interpretation team of senior **Vaishavi Agrawal** and junior **Hanna Chen** won second place. All four of these students have advanced to represent the Pittsburgh Diocese at the Grand National Championship Tournament Memorial Day weekend, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Forensic League national-qualifying tournament was held March 2, 2019, at Fort Couch Middle School in the Upper St. Clair School District. Approximately 200 students from 18 high schools from the Pittsburgh region participated in the tournament.

—Several Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League’s District 2 state championship-qualifying tournament. The team of junior Rajeev Godse and sophomore Jackson Romero won first place in Policy Debate; the team of senior Vaishavi Agrawal and junior Hanna Chen won second place in Duo Interpretation; the team of juniors **J. Oliver Choo** and **Sina Shaikh** won second place in Public Forum Debate; and the team of juniors **Shando Naini**, **Boomba Nishikawa**, and **Aaron Santilli** won second place in Parliamentary Debate. All nine of these students qualified to participate in the state tournament that was held March 15 and 16, 2019, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Approximately 120 students representing 14 high schools from the northern Pittsburgh region competed in the District 2 state-qualifying tournament. The tournament was held February 23 at Pine-Richland High School.

—Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed first at the West Allegheny Michael Quinn Memorial Speech and Debate Tournament. The Policy Debate team of junior Rajeev Godse and sophomore Jackson Romero won first place.

The West Allegheny Michael Quinn Memorial Speech and Debate Tournament was held February 16, 2019, at West Allegheny High school. Approximately 250 students representing 26 high schools from Western Pennsylvania competed at the tournament.

—A team of high school students placed first at the annual M & M Lake Erie Invitational Forensic Tournament. The team of junior Rajeev Godse and sophomore Jackson Romero won first place in Policy Debate and had an undefeated record.

The tournament, sponsored by Mercyhurst Preparatory High School and McDowell High School, was held November 3, 2018, at Penn State Behrend. Approximately 125 students from 16 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania participated in the event.

•Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards in Model UN competitions throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

—Ten students placed first at the 11th Annual Westminster Model United Nations (UN) Simulation. The team of juniors **Henry Jacques** and **Angelique Uku** and the team of juniors **Rajeev Godse** and **Felix Vesper** won Outstanding Delegation first places. Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School delegation of students representing the Russian Federation won the Outstanding Delegation (first place) award. That team included senior **Tristan McClelland**; juniors **Jackson Boychuk**, **Henry Jacques**, **Shando Naini**, and **Angelique Uku**; sophomore **Aidan Ireland**; and freshmen **Patrick Alexander**, **Nathaniel Mueller**, and **Lance Wilhelm**.

Approximately 190 students from 16 Western Pennsylvania high schools participated in the Westminster Model UN Simulation. The conference, held April 15, 2019, at Westminster College, was hosted by the Westminster College Model UN Club, the Department of Political Science, and the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

The purpose of the Model UN conference is to enable students to role-play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conference, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.

—Two Fox Chapel Area High School students won first-place awards at the Ohio State University Model UN Conference. Senior Tristan McClelland and junior Rajeev Godse each received Best Delegate awards (first place).

Approximately 260 students representing 18 high schools from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Tennessee participated in the Ohio State University Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 5-7, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio.

—Three Fox Chapel Area High School students won first-place awards at the Duquesne University Model UN Conference. Outstanding Delegation (first place) awards went to juniors **Boomba Nishikawa** and **Aaron Santilli** and sophomore **Jackson Romero**. Jackson was also recognized as the Best Delegate of the Conference, equivalent to a first-place overall award, and won a \$3,000 scholarship to attend Duquesne University.

The conference was held January 25, 2019, at Duquesne University and 330 students from 21 Western Pennsylvania high schools participated in the event.

—Two high school students won first-place awards at the 38th Annual University of Virginia High School Model United Nations (VAMUN) Conference. Junior **Sina Shaikh** and sophomore Jackson Romero both won Best Delegate (first place) awards.

Approximately 1,100 students from 50 high schools from seven states and the District of Columbia participated in the VAMUN Conference. The conference was held November 16-18, 2018, at the University of Virginia.

—Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the Annual University of Pittsburgh High School Model UN Conference. Senior **Jonah Green** and juniors **Hanna Chen**, Boomba Nishikawa, and Aaron Santilli won Excellence in Ethics (first-place) awards; and juniors **Gwendolyn Cullen**, Rajeev Godse, **Zeynep Ozkaya**, Sina Shaikh, **Helene Tracey**, Angelique Uku, and Felix Veser won Excellence in Persuasion (first-place) awards.

Approximately 450 students from 25 high schools from Western Pennsylvania competed at the 22nd Annual University of Pittsburgh High School Model UN Conference. The conference was held November 13, 2018, at the University of Pittsburgh.

• Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Leadership Conference and qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first-place regional winners included: seniors **Vaishavi Agrawal**, **Noah Fritsch**, **Sanjana Harish**, **Jayanth Kashyap**, **Jared Nord**, and **Robert Shymansky**; juniors **Jackson Boychuk**, **Hannah Drum**, **Elizabeth Giuffre**, and **Luke O'Connor**; sophomores **David Kronman** and **Isabella Liberto**; and freshman **Justine Bennett**. Second-place regional winners were: seniors **Daniel Andrud**, **Mitchell Miles**, and **Jonathan Simon**; junior **Michael Prato**; sophomores **Zoe Boychuk**, **Anne McCrady**, and **Vinisha Sant**; and freshman **Siddharth Yende**. Third-place regional winners were: seniors **Gunnar Loeffler** and **Gina Wang**; juniors **Samantha Dockey** and **Blair Echnat**; and sophomores **Melina Bradley** and **Vivian Shao**. Fourth-place regional winners were: seniors **Alana Herceg**, **Nishika Mohnot**, and **Hannah Perry**, and junior **Alyssa Carnevali**. Fifth-place regional winners were: seniors **Isabella Boleng** and **Kristen Friday**; junior **Aaron Santilli**; and sophomores **Riley Collins**, **Hayden Rutkowski**, and **Matthew Zytznick**. All of these students qualified to participate at the FBLA State Leadership Conference that was held April 8-10, 2019, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The FBLA Regional Leadership Competition was held in December 10, 2018, at The Fez in Hopewell, Pennsylvania. Approximately 300 students from schools from several area districts participated in the regional competition.

• Three Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the 2019 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference and qualified to participate in the national conference. Sophomores **Allison Carey**, **Kaylee Werner**, and **Zoey Zoschg** placed second at states and qualified for the National FBLA Leadership Conference which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, this summer.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 8-10 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Approximately 5,000 students, advisors, and guests from high schools across the state attended the competition.

• Four Fox Chapel Area High School students earned second- and third-place medals at the 2019 PENN HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference and qualified for the international competition. Seniors **Vaishavi Agrawal** and **Gina Wang** both won second places in the CERT Skills (emergency response) category, senior **Rachel Himmel** won second place in the Medical Math category,

and junior **Jenna Tupponce** won a third place in the Pharmacology category. All four of these students qualified for the HOSA International Leadership Conference that will be held June 19-22 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School Chapter of HOSA was awarded a certificate for "100% Membership Affiliation." Members of the chapter have placed at the state conference in all three years that they have attended. The Fox Chapel Area chapter of HOSA has been in existence for four years and has more than 30 student members.

The PENN HOSA State Leadership Conference was held April 3-5 at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge and Event Center. Nearly 1,000 students from high schools across the state attended the competition.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Justin Breen, student government president, gave his report. He introduced the new student government president, Sina Shaikh.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 2019-2020 Proposed Budget – Kimberly Pawlishak, Business Manager
- Superintendent Spotlight – Video produced by Ryan Devlin, high school multimedia teacher, featuring the upcoming TedxKids talk, during which students from Hartwood Elementary School will present narratives and poems on a variety of topics that intend to spark deeper discussion

#### **•Textbooks for Review**

The textbooks listed below will be recommended for approval at the June 10, 2019, Board meeting. They will be available for review until June 6, 2019, in the administrative offices.

#### **•Updated copyright of current textbooks:**

##### **Fox Chapel Area High School – Science**

"Modern Chemistry" by Sarquis & Sarquis; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Updated Copyright 2017; for Chemistry I and Chemistry I Accelerated Grades 10-12

"Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships" by Eldon D. Enger and Bradley F. Smith; Publisher: McGraw Hill Education; Updated Copyright 2019, 15th Edition; for Environmental Science Grades 10-12

##### **Dorseyville Middle School – Social Studies**

"World History – Early Ages" by Frank Karpel, George Sabato, and Michael Yell; Publisher: Pearson; Updated Copyright 2019; for World Civilization I and World Civilization II Grades 6 and 7

"American History" (to 1877) by James West Davidson and Michael B. Stoff; Publisher: Pearson; Updated Copyright 2019; for U.S. History Grade 8

#### **•New textbooks for adoption:**

##### **Fox Chapel Area High School – Health, Safety, and Physical Education**

"Introduction to Exercise Science" by Housh, Housh, and Johnson; Publisher: Routledge; Copyright 2017, 5th Edition; for Introduction to Sport and Exercise Science Grades 11 and 12

"CK-12 – Health" by CK-12 Foundation (team of authors for each content area); Publisher: CK-12 Foundation; Copyright 2019; for Discovery Health A and Discovery Health B Grades 9 and 10

• **Kerr Teacher Inducted Into Hall of Fame**

• Kerr Elementary School teacher **Carrie Ferguson** was recently inducted into the Pitt-Johnstown Athletics Hall of Fame. Ms. Ferguson, a 1991 graduate of Pitt-Johnstown, played women's basketball for the university from 1987-1991. During her time there, she was an Honorable Mention *Kodak* All-American in 1990-1991, and was a member of two NCAA Tournament teams, including a team that won a regional title in 1987-1988. She also received other basketball accolades during her time with the team and, among other things, set the Lady Cat record for rebounds in a season. Her career points (1,344) ranks her 13th on the Lady Cat All-Time Scoring List and she is ranked second all-time on the Lady Cat Rebounding List.

Ms. Ferguson has taught first grade and gifted support, and is currently Kerr's RtII facilitator. She was honored at a banquet April 6, 2019, at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

The Pitt-Johnstown Athletics Hall of Fame was created in 2007 to honor prestigious groups of athletes, coaches, and university supporters and their champion spirits. These individuals merit distinction for their accomplishments and leadership in athletic endeavors for Pitt-Johnstown. Since its inception, 57 individuals and three teams have earned induction.

• **Student Named Winner in Princeton Prize**

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **William Generett** received a Certificate of Accomplishment as part of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations. The award, sponsored by Princeton University, recognizes students in grades 9-12 from across the nation who have had a significant and positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities through their volunteer efforts. Recipients have stood up to intolerance, worked toward greater inclusivity, and encouraged understanding and harmony in their communities.

According to an email from Jo Recht, the chair of the PAAWP (the Princeton alumni group in Western Pennsylvania), William was recognized for his "excellent work in helping to promote harmony, understanding, and respect among people of different races through the creation of a Black Student Union at Fox Chapel High School."

Local winners will be honored at the annual Pittsburgh region dinner of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations Committee of PAAWP this month. This year, more than 100 winners were selected from 28 regions from across the United States.

• **Seniors Named Winners in C-SPAN's National StudentCam Contest**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were named winners in a national contest. Seniors **Lauren Copeland**, **Alaina Kotchey**, and **Adina Munin** received an honorable mention in C-SPAN's 2019 StudentCam competition. StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary contest that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. The Fox Chapel Area students created a short documentary entitled, "The Freedom and Choice to Use Your Voice," and the theme was "What Does it Mean to be American?". The winners were announced March 13 during C-SPAN's morning call-in program, "Washington Journal." The contest was open to students in grades six-12 from across the nation.

The Fox Chapel Area High School student's winning video can be viewed at: <http://www.viddler.com/v/ae301752>. They won \$250 for their honorable mention designation.

• **Students Place in German Day Competition**

Fourteen Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the annual Three Rivers German Day Competition. Sophomore **Meredith Francis** won second place in the fictional writing category. In the music presentation category, the team of seniors **Mattias Ahlers**, **Isabella Boleng**, **Diana Crookston**, **Ruth Hartmann**, **Courtney Kennedy**, **Sarah Khanzada**, **Noah Manges**, **Alexandra Meinert**, and **Jes Sauereisen**; juniors **Henry Jacques** and **Alyssa Mattheis**; and sophomores **Henry Parker Burlingham** and **Katherine Cecil** won third place for their performance of "Hampelmann."

The Three Rivers German Day Competition was open to middle and high school students from across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and was held March 7, 2019, at Washington & Jefferson College. More than 300 students participate in the event each year which is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania/ West Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

• **High School Students Among the Best at State Forensic Tournament**

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament. The team of junior **Rajeev Godse** and sophomore **Jackson Romero** finished as semifinalists in Policy Debate, placing them in the top four in the state. The team of juniors **J. Oliver Choo** and **Sina Shaikh** were named semifinalists in Public Forum Debate, placing them in the top four of the state. Junior **Jackson Boychuk** placed seventh overall in the House for Student Congress, and sophomore **Suparna Agrawal** was a quarterfinalist in Impromptu Speaking, placing her in the top 24 students in the state.

The state tournament was held March 15 and 16, 2019, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Approximately 620 students representing 96 high schools from across the state participated in the tournament.

• **Students Place at Westminster Model UN Conference**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the 11th Annual Westminster Model United Nations (UN) Simulation. Senior **Tristan McClelland** won second place Honorable Mention, the team of sophomores **Suparna Agrawal** and **Jack Scott** won second place Honorable Mention, and the team of juniors **Boomba Nishikawa** and **Aaron Santilli** won third place Honorable Mention.

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The purpose of the Model UN conference is to enable students to role-play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conference, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.

• **High School Students Place at OSU Model UN Conference**

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students won individual awards at the Ohio State University Model United Nations (UN) Conference. Sophomore **Jackson Romero** won Outstanding Delegate (second place); and junior **Sina Shaikh** and sophomore **Anthony Nguyen** won Honorable Mentions (third place). Verbal Commendations (fourth place) went to sophomores **Aidan Ireland** and **Matthew Zytznick** and freshman **Patrick Alexander**.

Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School team as a whole won the Outstanding Large School Delegation award (second place overall among schools with more than 20 students competing at the conference). The entire team included seniors **Isabella Boleng**, **Tristan McClelland**, **Grace Stasolla**, and **Ziya Xu**; juniors **Hanna Chen**, **Oskar Ernharth**, **George Georges**, **Rajeev Godse**, **Gavin Hitchens**, **Henry Jacques**, **Casey Monroe**, **Boomba Nishikawa**, **Sina Shaikh**, **Helene Tracey**, and **Angelique Uku**; sophomores **Suparna Agrawal**, **Aidan Ireland**, **Anthony Nguyen**, **Abigail Rickin-Marks**, **Cecilia Rike**, **Jackson Romero**, and **Matthew Zytznick**; and freshmen **Patrick Alexander**, **Alaina Kaslewicz**, **Janise Kim**, **Nathaniel Mueller**, and **Shrivardhan Thada**.

Approximately 260 students representing 18 high schools from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Tennessee participated in the Ohio State University Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 5-7, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio.

• **Students Place in State FBLA Competition**

Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students earned seventh through 10th places at the 2019 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. The students are junior **Aaron Santilli** and sophomores **Katherine Caracciolo**, **Rachel Chang**, **Erin Doherty**, **David Kronman**, **Emily Li**, **Nitya Mundra**, and **Vinisha Sant**.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 8-10 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Approximately 5,000 students, advisors, and guests from high schools across the state attended the competition.

• **FCAHS and Beattie Students Place at State Competitions**

Two A.W. Beattie Career Center and Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at state competitions.

—Junior **Max Austin** won a silver medal at the Pennsylvania Association of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference. Max, a culinary arts student Beattie, was awarded a silver medal in the food and beverage competition. The FCCLA State Leadership Conference was attended by students in Beattie’s culinary arts, pastry arts, and early childhood education programs and was held March 20-22, 2019, at Seven Springs Resort.

—Sophomore **Ashton Monroe** placed seventh at the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania competition. The state contest was held April 11 and 12, 2019, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Ashton competed in the Restaurant Service category and is enrolled in Beattie’s culinary arts program.

• **District Wins Awards in State Communications Contest**

The Fox Chapel Area School District won state awards in the 2018 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) Excellence in Education Communications Contest. The district received Awards of Honor for the spring 2018 and winter 2018 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine.

Entries from educational institutions from throughout Pennsylvania were submitted for the 2018 PenSPRA contest. Eighteen were given Awards of Excellence and 56 received Awards of Honor. Fox Chapel Area School District’s winning publications were coordinated by **Bonnie Berzonski**, the district’s coordinator of communications, and **Jill Leonard**, the district’s community engagement specialist.

PenSPRA is a nationally-recognized professional organization. PenSPRA supports student achievement through responsible school and community relations, fosters the continual development of its members, and strengthens the leadership role of school public relations professionals.

• **Boys’ Basketball Players Named to All-Star Teams**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to all-star basketball teams. Senior **Ryan Kerr** was named to the WPIAL Class 6A Section 3 all-section boys’ basketball team. The teams were selected by section coaches. Additionally, junior **Arnold Vento** was named to the Valley News Dispatch all-star boys’ basketball first team, and Ryan was named to the second team.

• **Sophomore Named to All-Star Girls’ Basketball Team**

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Elizabeth Schwartzman** was named to a Valley News Dispatch all-star basketball team. Ellie was selected for the girls’ third team.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.



## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wirginis asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated April 8, 2019. On motion by Mrs. Garbisch and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were three comments.

1. Nathaniel “Chip” Myers, 1299 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the 25-year service awards and the effects of the ALICE drills.
2. Lisa Rendall, 120 Rodgers Drive W, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the staffing of school psychologists.
3. Greg Dolan, 106 Mayflower Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the budget, taxes, and the mold remediation at Kerr Elementary School.

## NEW BUSINESS

The superintendent recommended that action be taken on the following items of business:

### FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

#### **A. Facilities/Transportation**

No action is requested.

### FINANCE

#### **B. Finance**

On motion by Mr. Mauro and seconded by Mrs. Garbisch, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items:

##### **1. Disbursements (A)**

General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$6,608,447.84 from April 1, 2019, through April 30, 2019, are approved.

##### **2. Disbursements (B)**

GO Bond Series 2017 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$1,747,490.26 for April 2019 are approved.

##### **3. Disbursements (C)**

Capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$24,318.50 for April 2019 are approved.

##### **4. Finance Report**

The finance report for March 2019 is acknowledged and filed for audit.

##### **5. Budget Transfers**

The budget transfers for 2018-2019 are approved.

**6. Student Activity Financial Reports**

The third quarter 2018-2019 middle school and high school student activity financial reports are acknowledged and filed for audit.

**7. Insurance 2019-2020**

The following insurance policies are approved effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020:

Workers' Compensation:

Carrier: Brickstreet  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$245,311

Commercial Package (includes Auto/Boiler & Machinery):

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$117,812  
Coverage: Blanket limit based on valuation appraisal

Educators' Legal Liability:

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$26,049  
Coverage: \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy:

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$17,566  
Coverage: \$15,000,000

Cyber Protection:

Carrier: Lloyds  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$17,373  
Coverage: \$1,000,000

**8. Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC – Agreement**

Ratify the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC for telecommunications services, effective May 1, 2019.

**9. AMCA Systems, LLC – Retiree Billing Services Agreement – Amendment No. 1**

Approve amendment No. 1 effective July 1, 2019, to the agreement approved June 13, 2016, between the Fox Chapel Area School District and AMCA Systems, LLC for retiree billing services.

**10. Frontline Education – Master Services Agreement**

Approve the renewal of the master services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Frontline Education for absence and substitute management at a cost of \$8,320.22 and applicant tracking at a cost of \$6,137.51 effective July 1, 2019.

**11. SMARTSolution Technologies LP – Service Package**

Approve the purchase of a service package at a cost of \$12,000.00 from SMARTSolution Technologies LP for maintenance of the audiovisual equipment in the large group instruction room at Fox Chapel Area High School effective July 1, 2019.

**12. 2019-2020 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget**

The superintendent with the advice of and upon the recommendations of the administration and the Resource Advisory has prepared for presentation to the board the Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for 2019-2020.

Therefore, be it resolved, to adopt the 2019-2020 Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$103,873,087 with no real estate tax increase (remains the same at 19.5750 mills) and a continuation of all other taxes without change.

**INSTRUCTION**

**C. Instruction**

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Mrs. Garbisch, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Instruction items:

**1. The Children’s Institute – The Day School – Agreement**

Ratify the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Day School at The Children’s Institute for an education program for an unnamed student for the 2018-2019 school year, effective April 23, 2019, at the per diem rate of \$344.45.

**2. The Children’s Institute  
Extended School Year (ESY) Program – Services Agreements**

Approve the services agreements between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Children’s Institute for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for the period June 19, 2019, through July 17, 2019, for four unnamed students at a cost of \$3,900.00 per student.

**3. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech – Agreement**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for itinerant hearing support services for the 2019-2020 school year.

**4. June 2019 Candidates for Graduation**

Approve the list of candidates for June 9, 2019, graduation submitted by the Fox Chapel Area High School principal. Candidates must meet all graduation requirements by June 8, 2019, in order to graduate and receive their diplomas.

**LEGISLATION/POLICY**

**D. Legislation/Policy**

No action is requested.

## PERSONNEL

### E. Personnel

On motion by Mrs. Rutkowski and seconded by Mrs. Garbisch, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Personnel items:

*Candidates for employment under this section are 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.*

#### 1. Resignations

##### a. Educational Support

- (1) The resignation of Lorraine S. Beatty, 10-month medical clerk for Fox Chapel Area School District, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 20, 2019.
- (2) The resignation of Brenda L. Nahrwold, personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 12, 2019.
- (3) The resignation of Janet L. Tommarello, instructional assistant at O'Hara Elementary School, due to retirement, is accepted effective August 16, 2019.

##### b. Custodial/Maintenance

- (1) The resignation of David R. Godlewski, 10-month custodian at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 14, 2019.

##### c. Nutrition Center

- (1) The resignation of Nora A. Haley, nutrition center employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 15, 2019.

##### d. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Rebecca L. Hartrum, girls' lacrosse head coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 25, 2019.
- (2) The resignation of Gail J. Hetu, swimming 1st assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective March 3, 2019.
- (3) The resignation of Timothy R. Joyce, girls' basketball JV coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 26, 2019.
- (4) The resignation of Jennifer M. O'Shea, girls' basketball head coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 26, 2019.
- (5) The resignation of Terry V. O'Shea, girls' basketball 1st assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 26, 2019.
- (6) The resignation of Matthew F. Senkoski, football assistant coach at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 8, 2019.

**2. Appointments**

**a. Professional**

- (1) Jacqueline J. Decker is approved as an elementary guidance counselor at Hartwood Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Janet Fazzini.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: M.A., Westminster College, 2018  
B.A., Westminster College, 2016  
Experience: 1 year, Quaker Valley School District  
Effective: August 15, 2019  
Salary: \$57,173 based on Step 2, M+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

**b. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic**

- (1) The following athletic supplemental contracts are ratified for the 2018-2019 school term, effective April 26, 2019:

Corrie Anderson	Interim Girls Lacrosse Head Coach – HS	\$1,106.80
Erik Ingram	Interim Girls Lacrosse Asst. Coach – HS	\$1,000.00

- (2) The following athletic supplemental contracts are approved for the 2019-2020 school term, effective May 7, 2019:

James Angelo	Football Assistant Coach – MS	\$4,508.00
Emily Humiston	Field Hockey Head Coach – HS	\$6,127.00

**3. Summer Programs – 2019**

**a. Elementary**

- (1) The individuals below are approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 120 hours of instruction plus 30 hours of preparation.

Stephanie Abriatis  
Sean Baldis  
Sarah Bialas  
Meagan Dailey  
Micaela DiFrancesca  
Debra Fetterman  
Nora Fisher  
Nicolette Geonnotti  
Melissa Jones  
Nicole McCaffrey  
Olivia McCall  
Allison Okopal  
Abigail Phillipi  
Kelsey Phillips  
Maria Ricci  
Tracy Santoro  
Sarah Savitz  
Barbara Scully  
Jessica Steiner  
Alexis Taylor

- (2) The individuals below are approved as substitutes for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Heath Asbury  
Mary Jo Bisceglia  
Marla Brashear  
Frances Connolly  
Kelly Uselman  
Leslie Ward  
Cathleen Zierenberg

**b. Middle School**

- (1) The individuals below are approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 60 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation.

Kathleen Borz  
Mary Beth Dixon  
Craig Farrell  
Beth Ferber  
Kevin Grecek  
Jessica Lattner  
Sheri Palivoda  
Michael Quinn

- (2) Noelle Schaffold is approved as an instructor for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 9 hours of instruction/preparation.
- (3) Sandra Wollam is approved as a personal care assistant for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy on the dates and hours the assigned student(s) attend(s) the summer programs at the hourly rate in effect for 2019-2020.

**c. High School**

- (1) Mary Wiseman is approved to coordinate the website/online marketing for Fox Chapel Area High School at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 50 hours.
- (2) The individuals below are approved as FIRST STEP program instructors at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 50 hours.

Jeffrey Bonifate  
Holly Borz  
Kathleen Borz  
Mary Beth Dixon  
Gail Hetu  
Gregory Miller  
Mary Modlin  
Brandon Rios  
Heather Skillen  
Cameron Zottola

- (3) The individuals below are approved as summer high school faculty at a rate of \$1,800.00 per ½ credit course (minimum enrollment required).

Meghan Meabon  
Bonnie Pazin  
Stephanie Reilly  
Deborah Welty

- (4) The individuals below are approved as Western PA Learning Academy specialty workshop facilitators (design and host). All workshop facilitators will receive 35% of the registration fees (minimum enrollment required).

Lesley Cowles  
Ryan Devlin  
Lisa Gibson  
Chad Morley  
Benjamin Murray  
Bonnie Pazin  
Donna Rust  
Heather Skillen

## OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES

### F. Operations/Cooperative Services

On motion by Mrs. Garbisch and seconded by Mr. Obernauer, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Operations/Cooperative Services items:

**1. Change Orders – Kerr Elementary School Project**

Approve change orders GC-013, GC-015, GC-016, GC-017, GC-018, GC-019, CC-001, and TDC-002 at a total cost of \$75,931.78 for the Kerr Elementary School project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I.

**2. Award of Contracts**

**O’Hara Elementary School Campus  
Parking Lots, Sidewalks, Related Stormwater Drains, and Lighting Improvements**

Approve to award the contracts to the following bidders on the O’Hara Elementary School parking lot resurfacing project conditioned upon the contractors completing their post-bid award documents:

To Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., for the General Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount of \$1,004,675.00 and accepting Alternate GC-01 in the amount of \$41,000.00 for a total contract award of \$1,045,675.00;

To Newman Plumbing, Inc., for the Plumbing Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount of \$87,900.00; and

To Merit Electrical Group, Inc., for the Electrical Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount of \$93,850.00.

**3. Award of Contract**

**Fox Chapel Area High School Campus  
Parking Lots, Sidewalks, Related Stormwater Drains, and Lighting Improvements**

Approve to award the contract to the following bidder on the Fox Chapel Area High School parking lot resurfacing project conditioned upon the contractor completing its post-bid award documents:

To Nello Construction Company, for the General Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount of \$897,000.00 and accepting Alternate GC-01 at no cost for a total contract award of \$897,000.00.

**4. 2019-2020 Dental Examiners**

Approve Dr. Brian Buzzatto and Dr. Susan Buzzatto as dental examiners for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate of \$8 per student, at original entry into school and in grades three and seven.

**5. YMCA – Agreement and Lease**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the YMCA for the before- / after-school childcare program during the school year and a day care camp during the summer for the 2019-2020 school year. There is no cost to the district. During the summer months, the YMCA will pay the district the amount of \$550.00 per week for custodial and facility usage.

**6. Allegheny County Juvenile Court School-Based Probation – Agreement**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Allegheny County Juvenile Court for the 2019-2020 school year that supports the School-Based Probation Project.

**7. A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget Resolution**

The A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2019-2020 is \$9,885,290. The Fox Chapel Area School District’s share of the 2019-2020 A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget is approved as set forth below:

	<u>Total Members Share</u>	<u>Fox Chapel Area SD Share</u>
Operating Budget	\$6,385,390	\$460,526
Debt Service Budget	<u>1,387,400</u>	<u>215,879</u>
	\$7,772,790	\$676,405

**8. School Board Treasurer – Appointment**

The appointment of Robert Mauro as School Board Treasurer is approved.

**9. Athletic Summer Camps/Activities**

The following teams are approved to hold summer camps / activities in 2019 for athletes in the Fox Chapel Area School District:

- Fox Chapel Area Boys’ Baseball
- Fox Chapel Area Boys’ /Girls’ Basketball
- Fox Chapel Area Cheerleading
- Fox Chapel Area Cross Country
- Fox Chapel Area Diving
- Fox Chapel Area Field Hockey
- Fox Chapel Area Football
- Fox Chapel Area Boys’ /Girls’ Lacrosse
- Fox Chapel Area Boys’ /Girls’ Soccer
- Fox Chapel Area Girls’ Softball
- Fox Chapel Area Strength and Conditioning
- Fox Chapel Area Boys’ /Girls’ Volleyball
- Fox Chapel Area Wrestling

**NEW BUSINESS – Dr. Cook**

**1. Motion – Facebook Ads**

Dr. Cook made a motion that she be able to make a comment in this board meeting. After making a comment, Dr. Cook moved that the district not continue to sponsor Facebook ads at this time promoting school board members running for re-election. There was no second. There being no second, the motion failed.

**2. Motion – Kindergarten through Grade Three Class Sizes**

Dr. Cook moved to add to next month’s agenda a discussion regarding class size from kindergarten through grade three. After clarification, she moved that the board discuss class sizes as a committee of the whole. Mr. Mauro seconded that motion. It was unanimously resolved to approve the motion.



**FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

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

**BOARD COMMENTS**

There was one comment. Mr. Wirginis commented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek  
Board Secretary