

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 8, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular business 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 June 8, 2020, via ZOOM. An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to this meeting to discuss contractual matters and personnel issues. 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.

**GUESTS**

There were no guests.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no report.

**DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. David McCommons thanked everyone for the memorable commencement celebration.
- Video – Class of 2020 – Video produced by Community Engagement Specialist Jill Leonard and high school multimedia teacher Ryan Devlin highlighting efforts to honor members of Fox Chapel Area's Class of 2020.
- **District Named One of Best Communities for Music Education**

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been named among the 2020 Best Communities for Music Education. This is the ninth year in a row that the district received this prestigious designation! Fox Chapel Area is one of 115 in the state of Pennsylvania and one of 754 school districts in the nation chosen for this honor that recognizes outstanding commitment to music education.

The districts were selected through a program sponsored by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation which recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

To qualify for the Best Communities for Music Education designation, Fox Chapel Area music teachers answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, and support for the music program. Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit that promotes and supports music education and music making for people of all ages and abilities.

• **High School Student Wins National Computing Award**

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Amulya Garimella** has been named a winner of a 2020 National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing. She is one of 40 young women chosen from across the nation, and one of only two winners from Pennsylvania.

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing recognizes high school students in grades nine-12 for their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education.

More than 4,700 students applied for the award from high schools representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and all U.S. overseas military bases. Forty were named winners, and 360 received honorable mentions.

The 2020 winners receive various prizes and cash, and were to receive a trip to Bank of America headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 6-8 for a celebration and networking with Bank of America employees. The award is sponsored by Apple, Bank of America, Microsoft, and the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Since 2007, the NCWIT has honored nearly 14,000 students through the Award for Aspirations in Computing.

• **Student Wins National Gold Medal in Writing Competition**

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Gwendolyn Davison** was named a national medalist in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2020. Gwendolyn won a Gold Medal for her short story, “Blown in by the Hot Winds.” The story features a glimpse into the life of Señorita Arango, a woman who lives in the abandoned town of Ramita, and her encounter with a group of orphan boys who aimlessly wander the train tracks in search of nourishment and connection.

This year, more than 110,000 students submitted nearly 320,000 works of art and writing to the 2020 Scholastic Awards. Only 3,000 works received a national medal, which means Gwendolyn’s short story was in the top 1% of all submissions.

Gwendolyn’s work will be published in the Online Galleries at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org) in June. Her name will also be listed in the Yearbook 2020, a companion publication to The Best Teen Art and The Best Teen Writing anthologies which feature a selection of work by the national medalists.

Prior to being named a national winner, Gwendolyn won a Gold Key for her short story in the Pittsburgh Regional Scholastic Writing Awards 2020 competition sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project. Her entry was then sent to New York City for national judging where it was selected by some of the foremost leaders in literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

The national award is sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, the nonprofit organization that presents the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards continues to be the nation’s longest-running, most prestigious educational initiative supporting student achievement in the visual and literary arts.

• **Student Wins Scholastic Writing Award/Qualifies for National Competition**

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Gwendolyn Davison** won an award for her submission to the Pittsburgh Regional Scholastic Writing Awards 2020 competition. Gwendolyn was awarded a Gold Key for her short story entitled, “Blown in by the Hot Winds.” Her entry was sent to New York City for national judging.

More than 400 submissions, spanning a variety of different genres of writing, were received from students from across Allegheny County. The winning students were recognized at the Regional Writing Awards Ceremony February 15 that was held in the Frick Fine Arts Building at the University of Pittsburgh. Excerpts from their work were also displayed as part of the celebration.

The local competition is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project. The Project is a nonprofit, teacher-centered professional development program serving area schools and students. It is hosted by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education and is a long-standing affiliate of the National Writing Project. The group partners with schools and community organizations in its efforts to strengthen academic and public literacy.

• **Students Win Scholastic Art Awards/Qualify for National Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students won Gold Keys for their entries in the Pittsburgh Region of the Scholastic Art Awards 2020. The Fox Chapel Area Gold Key winners were seniors **Ethan Alfery**, **Macey Balk** (portfolio Gold Key for "Shadows"), **Amelia Bothe** (4 Gold Keys), **Nicolina Damian**, **Anzu Sekikawa**, **William Urso** (2 Gold Keys), and **Yervant Yeterian**; juniors **Annabelle Cullen**, **Kristian Kerschbaumer**, **Jing McCann**, **Jocelyn Morningstar**, **Amara Ostroff**, **Annabella Zgurzynski**, and **Wenyu Zuo** (2 Gold Keys); sophomores **Elia Gillespie**, **Sarah Giuffre**, and **Paloma Pelfrey** (2 Gold Keys); and freshman **Monique Coutu**. Additionally, Jing McCann was selected as an American Visions nominee for her jewelry piece entitled, "Consumption." This honor is given to five regional Gold Key winners and their pieces are considered to be among the very best of the show. All of the Gold Key winners had their work sent to New York for national judging where they competed with other regional winners from across the United States for national awards.

The regional award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges which included artists, art educators, and art professionals. A show featuring the works of all of the winners was held February 7-22 at Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) North. All of the Fox Chapel Area students were also honored at a special ceremony February 22 at the college, along with some of the other Pittsburgh Region winners.

The Fox Chapel Area High School art teachers are **Joan Marangoni**, **Mary Jo Montgomery**, **Christine Smith**, **Sarah Stewart**, and **Amy Wickman**.

• **Students Place in State FBLA Competition/One Qualifies for Nationals**

Ten Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the 2020 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Virtual State Leadership Conference. Sophomore **Paris Wohlgemuth** won fourth place and officially qualified to participate in the national conference. The National FBLA Leadership Conference will be held online June 29-July 1. Other state place-winners were seniors **Jackson Boychuk**, **Gunnar Loeffler**, **Michael Prato**, and **Aaron Santilli**; juniors **David Kronman**, **Isabella Liberto**, and **Zoey Zoschg**; and sophomores **Sydney Kennedy** and **Siddharth Yende**.

Additionally, as part of the virtual state leadership conference, five Fox Chapel Area High School students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society. Those students are senior **Michael Prato**, and juniors **Erin Doherty**, **Isabella Liberto**, **Zoey Zoschg**, and **Matthew Zytneck**.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in April and students from high schools across the state participated in the virtual competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Congalton**.

• **Students Earn High Marks on National Latin Exam**

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students earned high marks on the 2020 National Latin Exam. A Summa Cum Laude Gold Medal award was earned by junior **Ryan Kenyon**. A Maxima Cum Laude Silver Medal award was earned by freshman **Silas Owens**. Magna Cum Laude Certificate awards were earned by

junior **Amulya Garimella** and sophomore **Aurora Sauereisen**. Cum Laude certificates were earned by junior **Divine Eyth** and freshman **Salvatore Smith**.

The National Latin Exam is a test given annually to Latin students across the United States and around the world. Depending upon their score, students may earn certificates and medals and even qualify for scholarships. Fox Chapel Area High School students took the exam in March 2020.

• **DMS Student Qualifies for State GeoBee**

Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Adhitya Thirumala** qualified for the 2020 National Geographic GeoBee State Competition. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania GeoBee was to be held March 27 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

The state GeoBee is open to students in grades four-eight who won the competition at their school level and then earned high marks on an online qualifying test which is submitted to the National Geographic Society. Adhitya was named the Dorseyville Middle School winner and competed against other sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at DMS. At the state GeoBee, Adhitya would have competed against more than 100 of the top-scoring students in Pennsylvania.

• **Students Win Awards in Science Competition/Qualify for States**

Several Fox Chapel Area students won first-place awards at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). A total of 18 of those students qualified for the state competition.

Fox Chapel Area first-place winners were senior **Rajeev Godse** and **Ameya Velankar**; juniors **Amulya Garimella**, **Jackson Romero**, **Vinisha Sant**, **Sanjay Seshan**, **Dong Hyun "Simon" Shin**, and **Nishi Thawani**; sophomores **Mona Gerges**, **Janise Kim**, **Zoe Lakkis**, **Theodor Urban**, and **Siddharth Yende**; freshmen **Arvind Seshan** and **Alina Stiger**; eighth graders **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** and **Jillian Stahl**; and seventh grader **Rohit Velankar**. The first-place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition which was to be held May 17-19, 2020, at Penn State University (Main Campus).

The participating students (from several schools from Allegheny and Westmoreland counties) researched their science projects for several months. During the competition, each of the students was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges. The regional competition was held at Duquesne University February 1.

• **Students Chosen to Perform with Honors Bands**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were chosen to perform with various honors bands throughout the school year.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble** – Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Michael Mendelson** was selected by audition to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble. Each year, three ensembles are made up of students who audition from the nearly 90 school districts that make up PMEA District 1.

The PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble performed at Pine-Richland High School February 8, under the direction of Eric DeFade, director of the jazz orchestra at Carnegie Mellon University.

—**PMEA District 1 Band East** – Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2020 PMEA District 1 Band East. The students are seniors **Jacob Rendall** and **Anzu Sekikawa**; and juniors **Madelyn Francis**, **Nathaniel Kisslinger**, **Wyatt Krisky**, and **Joey Wang**. The band was comprised of 120 of the best student-musicians from high schools from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Band East concert was held February 14 at Deer Lakes High School. The guest conductor was Matthew Inkster, D.Mus., professor of music at York College of Pennsylvania.

—**Allegheny Valley Honors Bands** – Several Fox Chapel Area School District students were selected by audition to perform with the 2020 Allegheny Valley senior and junior high honors bands. More than 500 seventh-12<sup>th</sup> grade student musicians from the Avonworth, Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts auditioned for the groups, and a total of 230 were selected. The students chosen from Fox Chapel Area were seniors **Roman DiSanti** and **Jacob Rendall**; juniors **Madelyn Francis**, **Arimar Gould**, **Nathaniel Kisslinger**, **Wyatt Krisky**, **Michael VanDemark**, **Joey Wang**, and **Matthew Zytneck**; freshmen **Zoe Broyles**, **Elijah Conklin**, **Sonny Hur**, **Lawrence Liu**, **George McDermott**, **Ethan Tan**, and **Lans Taylor**; eighth graders **Carolyn Caracciolo**, **Claire Heary**, **Elijah Herzer**, **Chloe Kim**, **Emma Kim**, and **Jack Lynch**; and seventh graders **Marina Dunham**, **Moonyoung Hwang**, **Alex Kim**, and **Varad Sant**.

The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at Shaler Area High School January 9 and 10 and culminated in a public concert January 10. The conductors were Dr. Stephen Gage, Director of Bands & Orchestra at Youngstown State University, and percussionist, composer, and educator Chad Heiny.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors Band** – Five Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the 2019 PMEA District 1 Honors Band. The students chosen were seniors **Jacob Rendall** and **Anzu Sekikawa**, juniors **Nathaniel Kisslinger** and **Joey Wang**, and sophomore **Janise Kim**.

The PMEA District 1 Honors Band concert was held November 24 at North Hills Middle School and included approximately 120 of the best student musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The guest director was Dr. Andrew Yozviak, the director of bands at West Chester University.

#### • **Students Chosen to Perform with Honors Choirs**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen to perform with honors choirs throughout the school year.

—**PMEA District 1 Chorus** – Thirteen Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the 2020 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Chorus. The students chosen for the choir are seniors **Alyssa Fabian**, **Christiana Paljug**, **Preston Rowe**, and **Ella Tramontina**; juniors **Matthew Eschman**, **Catherine Heidenreich**, **Nathaniel Hines**, **Xavier Perry**, and **Dylan Stein**; and sophomores **Julia DeMarco**, **Anna Ferris**, **Jack Lorence**, and **Simeone Owens**.

The PMEA District 1 Chorus featured students from across the Pittsburgh area and the festival concert was held at South Fayette High School January 17. The guest conductor was Susan Medley, Ph.D., director of choral activities and professor of music, from Washington & Jefferson College.

—**PMEA Region I Chorus** – Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2020 PMEA Region I Chorus. The students chosen for the choir are seniors **Alyssa Fabian** and **Christiana Paljug**; juniors **Matthew Eschman**, **Catherine Heidenreich**, **Nathaniel Hines**, **Xavier Perry**, and **Dylan Stein**; and sophomores **Julia DeMarco**, **Anna Ferris**, **Jack Lorence**, and **Simeone Owens**.

This choral group included students from school districts in Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Approximately 170 students were selected for the Region I Chorus and the concert was held February 28 at Hickory High School. The guest conductor was Dr. Hae-Jong Lee, associate professor of music from Youngstown State University.

#### • **Student Wins Butler County Symphony Orchestra Competition**

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **J. Oliver Choo** won the Butler County Symphony Orchestra (BCSO) 2020 Young Artist Competition. For the event, J. Oliver, a piano player, prepared a movement of a concerto. Three members of the BCSO served as the judges of the contest which was open to high school students in grades 9-12 who resided within a 25-mile radius of Butler, or were a high school musician in a Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 school.

Justin received a cash prize at the competition which was held January 13 at Slippery Rock University. He also won the opportunity to perform with the BCSO at its concert that was to be held April 11 at the Butler Area Intermediate High School.

J. Oliver, an accomplished pianist, first won the opportunity to play with a prestigious orchestra, the World Festival Orchestra, when he was just nine-years-old.

• **Shady Side Academy Virtual Forensic Tournament Winner**

Fox Chapel Area High School freshman **Prajval Sreenivas** won second-place in Impromptu Speaking at the virtual freshman-sophomore forensic tournament hosted by Shady Side Academy. The virtual tournament took place April 18, 2020. A total of 50 students representing 12 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania competed in various speech and debate events as part of the tournament.

• **Hartwood Elementary Student Finalist in Writers Contest**

Hartwood Elementary School kindergarten student **Addison Munsch** has been named a finalist in the 2020 PBS KIDS Writers Contest. Nearly 1,000 stories were received and Addison is one of 27 students who were named finalists in this year's contest and her story is entitled "The LEGO Engineer." The competition was open to students in kindergarten-grade five in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, and Delaware.

The public will be invited to vote June 12-19 for the "Reader's Choice Winner." All finalists stories will be available at that time to read and listen to via WQED's Writers Contest page at [www.writeonkids.org](http://www.writeonkids.org).

Winners of the 2020 Writers Contest will be announced at a virtual winners celebration and awarded prizes, including the opportunity to record their winning story. Their recordings will be broadcast on [iQKidsRadio.org](http://iQKidsRadio.org) and featured on Saturday Light Brigade (SLB) Radio ([slbradio.org](http://slbradio.org)) in the summer of 2020. Kindergarten-grade five and STEM winners' stories will be made into an original puppet show which will be shown at the Virtual Celebration by Pittsburgh Puppet Works.

The contest is sponsored locally by the EQT Foundation, with support from WQED, WVPB, WLVT, and WPSU.

• **Wrestlers Earn All-State Academic Honors**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School senior varsity wrestlers received All-State Academic Honors. **Joshua Miller** and **Luke O'Connor** were named to the first team, **Alexander Wecht** was named to the second team, and **Eddie Farrell** was named to the third team.

Selected students excel both on the mat and in the classroom. The award is given by the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Obernauer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated May 4, 2020; the minutes of the special meeting dated May 18, 2020; and the minutes of the special meeting dated May 27, 2020. On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Ms. Dadd, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one comment.

1. Ted Sheerer, 224 11th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on PA Del Tax.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Special Counsel**

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

1. Approve an additional payment of \$33.00 to Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC, special counsel to the district for a personnel matter. They were previously approved on February 10, 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.
2. Approve an additional payment of \$2,778.50 to Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC, special counsel to the district for legal services related to the superintendent search. They were previously approved on April 13, 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

**B. Response to Public Comments** – Lisa Rendall made a public comment at the June 1, 2020, agenda study session. The deputy superintendent responded, and the response is posted on the district website under the School Board section.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION**

**A. Facilities / Transportation**

On motion by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Hamilton, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Facilities/Transportation item:

**1. Final Payment to ABC Transit, Inc.**

Pursuant to Act 13 of 2020, approve final payment to ABC Transit, Inc. in the amount of \$581,285.24 for the 2019-2020 school year.

**FINANCE**

**B. Finance**

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Frank, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items:

**1. Disbursements (A)**

General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$5,683,297.22 from May 1, 2020, through May 31, 2020, are approved.

**2. Disbursements (B)**

GO Bond Series 2017 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$17,161.98 for May 2020 are approved.

**3. Finance Report**

The finance report for April 2020 is acknowledged and filed for audit.

**4. Budget Transfers**

The budget transfers for 2019-2020 are approved.

**5. Insurance 2020-2021**

The following insurance policies are approved effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

Workers' Compensation:

Carrier: Encova (formerly Brickstreet)  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$217,978

Commercial Package (includes Auto/Boiler & Machinery):

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$118,042  
Coverage: Blanket limit based on valuation appraisal

Educators' Legal Liability:

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$27,116  
Coverage: \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy:

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$17,946  
Coverage: \$20,000,000

Cyber Protection:

Carrier: Lloyds  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$17,717  
Coverage: \$1,000,000

**6. Award of Bid**

The administration is authorized to award the following bid for the 2020-2021 school year:

AIU Paper Bid

Contract Paper Group                      \$18,233.00  
1013 Portage Trail Unit 2  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

**7. Deputy Tax Collectors**

Pursuant to Section 22 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.22, approve the appointment of the following deputy tax collectors:

Borough of Blawnox	Kathleen Ulanowicz
Borough of Sharpsburg	Robert Brose
Township of Indiana	Marion Carson

**8. Apple, Inc. – Schedule No. 500-50113490**

Approve Schedule No. 500-50113490 dated May 20, 2020, pursuant to the master lease purchase agreement with Apple, Inc., dated April 19, 2017, for technology equipment leasing effective July 10, 2020, at a total cost of \$141,438.84.



**9. Blackboard, Inc. – Web Conferencing Service**

Approve the purchase of a web conferencing service, pursuant to the master agreement with Blackboard, Inc., dated February 1, 2019, for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, at a cost of \$4,791.53 per year. **This is an additional service pursuant to the master agreement.**

**10. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Service Agreement  
Marcia Brenner Report Card Creator PowerSchool Plug-in**

Approve the service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide the Marcia Brenner Report Card Creator PowerSchool Plug-in effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at a cost of \$1,005.75. This plug-in will increase data interoperability and student security. District administration is authorized to complete the student information nondisclosure agreement statement of FERPA compliance and the end user license agreement (EULA) electronically. **This is a renewal of services.**

**11. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Service Agreement  
Marcia Brenner Custom Alerts PowerSchool Plug-in**

Approve the service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide the Marcia Brenner Custom Alerts PowerSchool Plug-in effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at a cost of \$804.60. This plug-in will increase data interoperability and student security. District administration is authorized to complete the student information nondisclosure agreement statement of FERPA compliance and the end user license agreement (EULA) electronically. **This is a renewal of services.**

**12. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – Service Agreement  
State Data Validation Suite PowerSchool Plug-in**

Approve the service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide the State Data Validation Suite PowerSchool Plug-in effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at a cost of \$3,821.85. This plug-in will increase data interoperability and student security. District administration is authorized to complete the student information nondisclosure agreement statement of FERPA compliance and the end user license agreement (EULA) electronically. **This is a new service.**

**13. 2020-2021 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget**

Approve the 2020-2021 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget in the amount of \$1,497,628.70.

**14. PowerSchool Group LLC – Agreement**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and PowerSchool Group LLC for Student Information System Hosting and Migration to Host, effective June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2023, at a total cost of \$9,680.50. **This is a new service.**

**INSTRUCTION**

**C. Instruction**

On motion by Ms. Dadd and seconded by Mrs. Cooper, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Instruction items:

**1. K-5 FCAO (Fox Chapel Area Online) Program**

Approve the K-5 FCAO (Fox Chapel Area Online) Program for adoption in the 2020-2021 school year. **The pilot program was previously approved on June 10, 2019.**

**2. Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2020-2021 Services Agreement**

Approve the 2020-2021 services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for specialized educational services. **This is a renewal of services.**

**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 2020-2021 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

**4. River School Therapies  
Proposal for Provision of Special Education Therapy Services**

Approve the proposal for provision of special education therapy services between the Fox Chapel Area School District and River School Therapies for services to students effective August 2020 through July 31, 2022. **This is a renewal of services.**

**5. River School Therapies  
Proposal for Provision of Special Education Therapy Services – ESY**

Approve the proposal for provision of special education therapy services (ESY) between the Fox Chapel Area School District and River School Therapies for services to students during the extended school year (ESY) time period for the 2020-2021 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

**6. Patricia J. Osan, Physical Therapist – Contractual Agreement**

Approve the contractual agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Patricia J. Osan to provide physical therapy services to students identified by the district for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. **This is a renewal of services.**

**7. STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc. – Staffing Agreement**

Approve the staffing agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc. to provide nursing services to the district effective for the 2020-2021 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

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

Approve the services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Children’s Institute for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for the period June 17, 2020, through July 14, 2020, for four unnamed students at a cost of \$4,000.00 per student. **This is a renewal of services.**

**LEGISLATION/POLICY**

**D. Legislation/Policy**

No action is requested.

## PERSONNEL

### E. Personnel

On motion by Dr. Vyas and seconded by Mr. Frank, and after a discussion, 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 Cheryl K. Garbark, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 8, 2020.
- (2) The resignation of Victoria A. Fantozzi, instructional assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 9, 2020.
- (3) The resignation of Sharon B. Steinhaus, instructional assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 9, 2020.
- (4) The resignation Darlene M. Tibbens, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 8, 2020.

##### b. Confidential Employee

- (1) The resignation of M. Catherine Wagner, executive assistant /human resources for Fox Chapel Area School District, due to retirement, is accepted effective January 5, 2021.

##### c. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Jeffrey J. Bonifate, intramurals flag football at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective the end of the 2019-2020 school term.
- (2) The resignation of Timothy P. Lang, boys JV golf head coach (50%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective the end of the 2019-2020 school term.
- (3) The resignation of James R. Neely, girls basketball assistant coach at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective the end of the 2019-2020 school term.
- (4) The resignation of Alexis J. Peterman, girls volleyball assistant coach at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective the end of the 2019-2020 school term.

#### 2. Leaves

##### a. Professional

- (1) Julie K. Locaitis, English teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, is approved to rescind her previously approved one-year educational sabbatical for the 2020-2021 term, due to personal reasons.

- (2) Audrey Marie Masci, elementary teacher at Hartwood Elementary School, is approved 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 October 26, 2020.
- (3) Lauren D. Sirianna, elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, is approved 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 January 15, 2021.
- (4) Theresa A. Thompson, elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School, is approved to rescind her previously approved one-year educational sabbatical for the 2020-2021 term, due to personal reasons.

### 3. Appointments

#### a. Professional

- (1) Gabriella J. Bonelli is approved as a special education teacher at Fairview Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Kimberli Buckshaw.  
  
Certification: Instructional I  
Education: M.A., Carlow University, 2019  
Experience: 1 Year Leave Replacement, Fox Chapel Area School District  
4 Years, DePaul School for Hearing and Speech  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$59,473 based on Step 2, M+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement
- (2) Margarita Z. Escobedo is approved as an elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School. This position is available due to the resignation of Alexis Bergau.  
  
Certification: Instructional II  
Education: B.A., University of Texas, 2012  
Experience: 1 Year, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District  
4 Years, Northside Independent School District, TX  
1 Year, Brownsville Independent School District, TX  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$55,903 based on Step 7, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement
- (3) Katelyn E. Fanning is approved as an elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Barbara Fownes.  
  
Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.S., Duquesne University, 2018  
Experience: .5 Year Leave Replacement, Fox Chapel Area School District  
Substitute, Upper St. Clair School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$50,648 based on Step 1, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement
- (4) Shannon M. Finley is approved as a Spanish teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Henry Gonzalez.  
  
Certification: Instructional II  
Education: M.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2012  
B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2011

Experience: .5 Year Leave Replacement, Fox Chapel Area School District  
1.5 Years, Woodland Hills School District  
Long-Term Substitute, Franklin Regional School District  
2.5 Years, Pittsburgh Public Schools  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$61,048 based on Step 4, M+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (5) Jacqueline Garcia is approved as a school nurse at O'Hara Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Amy Grove.

Certification: Education Specialist I  
Education: School Nurse Certification, Eastern University, 2018  
B.S.N., Pennsylvania State University, 2013  
Experience: Assistant to CSN, Hampton Township School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$50,648 based on Step 1, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (6) Jamie M. Glogowski is approved as a school nurse at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Wynona Cox.

Certification: Education Specialist I  
Education: School Nurse Certification, Eastern University, 2018  
B.S.N., Ohio University, 2017  
A.S.N., Allegheny Community College, 2012  
Experience: 1 Year, Hampton Township School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$56,623 based on Step 2, B+24  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (7) Audrey R. Gordon is approved as an elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Debra Fetterman.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.A., College of William & Mary, 2018  
Experience: 2 Years, Fairfax County Schools, VA  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$51,698 based on Step 3, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (8) Emily C. Hendricks is approved as an elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Michael Rowe.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2015  
Experience: 2 Years, Citrus County School District, FL  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$57,148 based on Step 3, B+24  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (9) Angela M. Howard is approved as an elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Kyle Adams.

Certification: Instructional II  
Education: M.S., Walden University, 2015  
B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2011  
Experience: 3 Years, Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, TX

Effective: 1 Year, Katy Independent School District, TX  
August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$62,098 based on Step 5, M+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (10) Matthew L. Kamenicky is approved as a special education teacher at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the retirement of Catherine Wozniak.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.S. Clarion University, 2019  
Experience: .5 Year Leave Replacement, Fox Chapel Area School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$50,648 based on Step 1, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (11) Kaylee N. Krepps is approved as an elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Kara Cornett.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2017  
Experience: 2 Years Substitute, Mt. Lebanon School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$50,648 based on Step 1, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (12) Jessica J. Morris is approved as a mathematics teacher at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the retirement of Mark Cooper.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: M.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2019  
B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2018  
Experience: .5 Year Leave Replacement, Fox Chapel Area School District  
Substitute, North Allegheny School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$58,948 based on Step 1, M+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (13) Joshua J. Randall is approved as an elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School. This position is available due to the resignation of Mark Dinga.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.A., Chatham University, 2019  
Experience: 1 Year Leave Replacement, Fox Chapel Area School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$51,173 based on Step 2, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (14) Johnna M. Regan is approved as a science teacher at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the retirement of Peggy Perdue.

Certification: Instructional I  
Education: B.S., Slippery Rock University, 2018  
Experience: Long-Term Substitute, Fox Chapel Area School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$50,648 based on Step 1, B+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (15) Ryan J. Siniawski is approved as a technology education teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Kenneth Grimm.

Certification: Instructional II  
Education: B.S., California University, 2007  
Experience: 7.5 years, South Park School District  
2.5 years, Mars Area School District  
2 years, Big Beaver Falls Area School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020  
Salary: \$71,826 based on Step 13, B+24  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

**4. Leave Replacements**

**a. Professional**

- (1) Rachel J. Jackson is approved as a first-semester leave replacement guidance counselor at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of Craig Reinhard.

Certification: Education Specialist I  
Education: M.S., Duquesne University, 2018  
B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2013  
Experience: Substitute, North Allegheny School District  
Substitute, Highlands School District  
Intern, Fox Chapel Area School District  
Effective: August 13, 2020-January 15, 2021  
Salary: \$58,948 (prorated) based on Step 1, M+0  
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

**5. Change of Status**

- a. Vincent T. Vantine, previously approved as the assistant networks manager, is approved as the network systems manager, effective July 1, 2020, at a rate of \$85,349. The terms and benefits under his current agreement will remain the same. This position is available due to the retirement of Nicholas Townsend.

**6. Compensation Adjustments – Nutrition Center**

- a. The wage scale for food services employees is approved as follows:

**Wage Scale 2020-2021:**

General Food Worker – New Hire	\$10.51/hour
General Food Worker 1	\$10.66/hour
General Food Worker 2	\$11.24/hour
General Food Worker 3	\$11.48/hour
General Food Worker 4	\$12.85/hour
General Food Worker 5	\$13.85/hour
General Food Worker 6a	\$13.79/hour
General Food Worker 6b	\$14.63/hour
General Food Worker 7	\$15.10/hour
General Food Worker 8	\$16.17/hour
Cook	\$16.17/hour
Satellite Leader 1	\$16.13 hour
Satellite Leader 2	\$17.14/hour
High School Manager	\$19.78/hour
District Driver	\$19.42/hour

**7. Purchase-of-Service Agreements**

**a. Health Services**

- (1) A purchase-of-service agreement, for substitute nurse services, between Kristan M. Mawhinney and the Fox Chapel Area School District is approved, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. **This is a renewal of services.**
- (2) A purchase-of-service agreement, for psychological services, between Kristine Orosz and the Fox Chapel Area School District is approved, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. **This is a renewal of services.**
- (3) The purchase-of-service agreement, for services as an assistant to the certified school nurse for Hartwood Elementary School and Dorseyville Middle School, between Susanne M. Osche and the Fox Chapel Area School District is approved, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. **This is a renewal of services.**
- (4) The purchase-of-service agreement, for substitute nurse services, between Kimberly L. Rosenberg and the Fox Chapel Area School District is approved, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. **This is a renewal of services.**

**8. Summer Programs – 2020**

**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 40 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation.

Stephanie Abriatis  
Brianna Amoscato  
Sean Baldis  
Frances Connolly  
Debra Fetterman  
Michael Kestner  
Olivia McCall  
Kelsey Phillips  
Tracy Santoro  
Emily Suchevidh  
Monica Walter  
Kristin Young

**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 40 hours of instruction plus 20 hours of preparation.

Kevin Grecek  
Jane Hudok  
Jessica Lattner  
Sheri Palivoda  
Molly Romeo

**9. Sabbatical Agreement**

The agreement between Jennifer Armenis and the Fox Chapel Area School District regarding sabbatical leave benefits is approved as presented.



**OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES**

**F. Operations/Cooperative Services**

Mrs. Cooper made a motion to approve the following Operations/Cooperative Services items.

Mrs. Lynch moved to separate item 6. from the other items. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion. Mrs. Cooper amended her original motion to vote on items 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 7., 8., 9., 10., and 11., and vote on item 6. separately. Ms. Dadd seconded the motion. There was a discussion on items 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 7., 8., 9., 10., and 11. It was unanimously resolved to approve items 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 7., 8., 9., 10., and 11.

Mrs. Cooper made a motion to approve item 6. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. There was a discussion on item 6.

Mrs. Cooper made a motion to close the discussion on item 6., and table the motion until the June 29, 2020, special meeting. Ms. Dadd seconded the motion. It was unanimously resolved to approve the motion.

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

Approve change orders LC-001, LC-002, LC-003, LC-004, LC-005, LC-006, LC-007, LC-008, and LC-009 at a total cost of \$72,000.00 for the Kerr Elementary School project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. **These change orders were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

**2. Medical Examiner, Athletic Examiner, and Team Physician – Agreement**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Matthew C. Schaffer, M.D., as medical examiner, athletic examiner, and team physician, for the period of two years beginning July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2022, at an annual compensation of \$24,300.00 for the first year and \$24,800.00 for the second year. **This is a renewal of services.**

**3. 2020-2021 Dental Examiner**

Approve Dr. Susan Buzzatto as dental examiner for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$8 per student, at original entry into school and in grades three and seven, and \$100.00 for cleaning of instruments. **This is a renewal of services.**

**4. AmCom – Document Management Agreement**

Approve the document management agreement with AmCom for equipment leasing and print management services. **This is a renewal of services.**

**5. IN Community Magazines, Inc. – Agreement**

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and IN Community Magazines, Inc. beginning July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2022. **This is a renewal of services.**

**6. Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Reappointment**

Approve the reappointment of PA Del Tax, Inc. as delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. **This is a renewal of services.**

**7. Authorization for Approval of Change Orders**

Authorization for the superintendent or designee to approve, on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors, change orders issued during June through August 10, 2020, for the ongoing construction projects, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, as recommended by the construction manager.

**8. Authorization for Payment of Construction Invoices**

Authorization for the superintendent or designee to approve, on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors, payment of invoices for the months of June and July 2020 for all previously board-approved contract work and change orders for the ongoing construction projects, as recommended by the construction manager.

**9. Meal Prices**

Approve the following meal prices for the 2020-2021 school year, with no changes from the 2019-2020 school year:

Elementary Lunch	\$2.55
Secondary Lunch	\$2.85
Secondary Tier Lunch	\$3.25
Milk	\$0.75
Breakfast	\$1.35
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Adult Breakfast	\$2.35
Adult Lunch	\$3.95

**10. PSBA 2020 Delegate Assembly – Appointment of Voting Delegates**

The appointment of Adam G. Goode and Marybeth Dadd as voting delegates to the PSBA 2020 Delegate Assembly is approved.

**11. Pennsylvania Educators’ Clearinghouse, PA-Educator.net – Renewal of Services**

Approve the renewal of services between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pennsylvania Educators’ Clearinghouse, PA-Educator.net for online recruitment user fees for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, at a cost of \$3,000.00, pursuant to the contract of services approved June 10, 2019. **This is a renewal of services.**

Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac, superintendent-elect, congratulated the class of 2020, thanked and congratulated the staff on the completion of the school year, and gave an update on the Return-to-School Coalition plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one comment.

1. Ted Sheerer, 224 11th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on PA Del Tax.

**FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

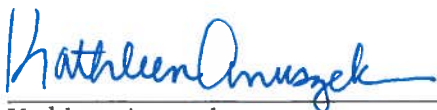
Lisa Lang, Fox Chapel Educators Association president, gave her report.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek  
Board Secretary