

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District was called to order by president, Terry L. Wirginis, at 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 2019, in the LGI Room at Fox Chapel Area High School.

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

ROLL-CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two comments.

1. Rajani Vaidyanathan, 941 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the role of the Board, specifically holding administration accountable.
2. Anne Holland, 1 Woodcliff Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, commented on the need for an additional investigation.

BOARD ACTION

A. Resignation of School Director and Treasurer

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Mrs. Foster, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Board action item A:

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Mauro, School Director, Region III, and Treasurer of the Board of School Directors, due to personal reasons, effective September 12, 2019.

B. School Board Treasurer – Appointment

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Dr. Cook, it was resolved to approve the following Board action item B, with 6 in favor and 0 opposed, Mrs. Rutkowski abstaining:

The appointment of Lisa M. Rutkowski as School Board Treasurer is approved.

Mr. Wirginis stated that there will be a special meeting on October 3, 2019, to interview and select a new Board member.

C. Special Counsel for a Personnel Matter

Mr. Wirginis announced that an executive session was held immediately following the September 9, 2019, combined agenda study session and regular business meeting to discuss a personnel matter and potential litigation. There was a discussion.

Dr. Cook made a motion that the Board conduct a thorough review of the investigation process and the findings. There was no second, and the motion failed.

On motion by Mr. Obernauer and seconded by Mrs. Garbisch, and after a discussion, it was resolved to approve the following Board action item C, with 6 in favor and 1 opposed, Dr. Cook voting No:

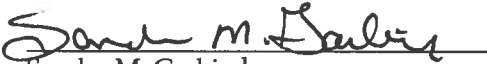
Motion to approve, pursuant to Section 406 of the Public School Code (24 P.S. § 4-406), retaining independent counsel to advise the Board on whether the investigation should be furthered, to review these latest allegations, and what if any, other actions the Board should take in regard to these matters.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were three comments. Dr. Cook, Mrs. Foster, and Mr. Wirginis commented.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.


Sandra M. Garbisch
Board Asst. Secretary