

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2018

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, Terry L. Wirginis, at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2018, in the LGI room at Fox Chapel Area High School. An executive session was held prior to the meeting at 6:45 p.m. to discuss potential claims and litigation.

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, and Mrs. Garbisch. Absent was Mrs. Rutkowski. Also present were Dr. McCommons, Mr. Giuffre, and Mrs. Anuszek. Absent was Dr. Freeman. Other members of the public were present.

GUESTS

• **High School Spanish Foreign Exchange Students** – Fox Chapel Area High School Spanish Teacher **Myriam Fontes** – Fox Chapel Area High School is hosting 11 students and their physical education teacher, Mrs. Elena Baeza, from Colegio Virgen de Europa (CVE) from Madrid, Spain, September 28-October 13, 2018. These visiting nine girls and two boys (ages 13-15) are living with families in the Fox Chapel Area School District community and attending school with their host “brothers/sisters” for two weeks. Besides shadowing their host families through their normal activities, they are participating in day-field trips to Niagara Falls, New Wilmington/Volant, and downtown Pittsburgh. The students' whose families are hosting will get to travel to Spain for two weeks in March 2019 and participate in similar activities with their host families. This is the second year that Fox Chapel Area High School has participated in an exchange of this type with students from Spain. According to Mrs. Fontes, the “true reciprocal exchange will enable the students to share their culture with one another. It will open students to globalization and they'll have the opportunity to perfect their language skills, as well as make friends for life.”

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Spotlight – Video featuring revamped media studies program produced by Ryan Devlin, High School Multimedia Teacher
- Jordan Pallitto, The Hill Group – Dorseyville Middle School schedule parent survey results
- Daniel DiDesiderio, Director of Student Achievement and Instructional Verification – Preliminary 2018 PSSA and Keystone results
- Kimberly Pawlishak, Business Manager – Budget process
- **DMS Student Named Among the Top 300 in National Competition**

Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader **Arvind Seshan** has been named among the Top 300 in the eighth annual Broadcom MASTERS, the nation's premier Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) competition for middle school students. Broadcom MASTERS, a program founded and produced by the Society for Science & the Public, seeks to inspire young scientists, engineers, and innovators to solve the grand challenges of the 21st century. MASTERS stands for Math, Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering Rising Stars. The Top 300 represent the top sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade projects entered in Society-affiliated science fairs around the country. Arvind was selected

for the project he presented as part of Carnegie Science Center's Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF) in March 2018.

The Top 300 competitors were chosen from a pool of 2,537 applicants from 48 states, two territories, and one Department of Defense School. The applicants were evaluated by a panel of distinguished scientists, engineers, and educators. They were judged on the creativity and originality of their science fair project, their ability to engage in analysis of data, and their understanding of STEM principles as they relate to the real world.

Top 300 students will receive a prize package with an award ribbon; a semifinalist certificate; a Broadcom MASTERS backpack; a Broadcom MASTERS decal; a specialized Invention Journal, courtesy of The Lemelson Foundation; a one-year subscription to Wolfram Mathematics software, courtesy of Wolfram Research; and a one-year family digital subscription to Science News magazine. To recognize the part that teachers play in the success of their students, each designated teacher will receive a Broadcom MASTERS tote bag and a one-year digital subscription to Science News.

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 September 10, 2018. On motion by Mrs. Garbisch and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the minutes were approved as submitted with 7 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Mauro abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one comment.

1. Sandy Garcia-Tunon, 38 Longfellow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, commented on the upcoming District Forum meeting on October 9, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

The superintendent is recommending 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 \$10,554,042.99 from September 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018, are approved.

2. Disbursements (B)

GO Bond Series 2017 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$932,061.43 for September 2018 are approved.

3. Disbursements (C)

Capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$955,508.15 for September 2018 are approved.

4. Finance Report

The finance report for August 2018 is acknowledged and filed for audit.

5. Budget Transfers

The budget transfers for 2018-2019 are approved.

INSTRUCTION

C. Instruction

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

1. Resource Materials Pilot – Secondary

Approve the pilot of the following resource materials for the 2018-2019 school year:

Curriculum Associates, LLC "Ready Pennsylvania Mathematics" for Math 6 Virtual at Dorseyville Middle School.

2. Wesley Family Services – Agreement

Ratify the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Wesley Family Services effective August 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, for child /adolescent Partial Hospital Program (PHP) services.

3. EI US, LLC d/b/a LearnWell Services – Agreement

Ratify the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and LearnWell Services for tutoring services effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

LEGISLATION/POLICY

D. Legislation/Policy

No action is requested.

PERSONNEL

E. Personnel

On motion by Mr. Schmidt 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. Resignation

a. Nutrition Center

- (1) The resignation of Rebecca L. Enciso, nutrition center employee at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective October 2, 2018.

2. Appointments

a. Nutrition Center

- (1) Ayauna J. Staten is ratified as a permanent, part-time (4.25 hours per day) nutrition center employee in the O'Hara Elementary School cafeteria. Hourly salary is set at \$10.00 per hour with no fringe benefits, effective August 20, 2018. This position is available due to increased needs.

b. Supplemental Contract – Athletic

- (1) The following athletic supplemental contract is approved for the 2018-2019 school term:

Timothy R. Joyce	Girls' Basketball High School JV Head Coach	\$5,053
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c. Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic

- (1) The following non-athletic supplemental contracts are ratified for the 2018-2019 school term:

Jennifer Armenis	Mentor Teacher – O'Hara	\$2,086
Amy Grove	Mentor Teacher – O'Hara	\$2,086

d. School Police Officers

- (1) Scott E. Bailey is approved, pending court approval, as a school police officer for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective date to be determined, per the employment agreement.
- (2) Dennis J. Lynch is approved, pending court approval, as a school police officer for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective date to be determined, per the employment agreement.
- (3) Eric R. Valentine is approved, pending court approval, as a school police officer for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective date to be determined, per the employment agreement.

Personnel Information Item:

3. Rescindments – Information

- a. The employment of Angel J. Gowder, hired provisionally, effective August 20, 2018, pending completion of employment requirements, is rescinded, effective August 24, 2018, due to failure to complete employment requirements.
- b. The employment of Ayauna J. Staten, hired provisionally, effective August 20, 2018, pending completion of employment requirements, is rescinded, effective August 24, 2018, due to failure to complete employment requirements.

OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES

F. Operations/Cooperative Services

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

1. Change Order – Fox Chapel Area School District Turf and Tracks Renovation

Approve change order GC-6 at a cost of (\$24,100.00) for the turf and tracks renovation project. This change order was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

2. Change Orders – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project

Approve change orders GC-022, GC-023, PC-006, and EC-012 at a total cost of \$41,117.57 for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

3. Change Orders – Kerr Elementary School Project

Approve change orders GC-001 and GC-002 at a total cost of \$40,722.45 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 Board.

4. Change Orders – Fairview Elementary School Parking Lot Resurfacing Project

Approve change orders SC-002 and SC-003 at a total cost of \$145,792.95 for the Fairview Elementary School parking lot resurfacing project. These change orders were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

5. Duquesne Light Company – Right-of-Way Agreement

Approve the right-of-way agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Duquesne Light Company to install electrical facilities at the new Kerr Elementary School.

6. Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Memorandum of Understanding

Approve the memorandum of understanding summarizing the partnership between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) for the Unified Champion Schools (UCS) program effective immediately, through June 30, 2019.

7. YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh – Contract

Ratify the contract between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh effective September 11, 2018. The YMCA will purchase snacks from the Fox Chapel Area School District for participants in the after-school program. There is no cost to the district.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Justin Breen, student government president, gave his report.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

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

BOARD COMMENTS

There were six comments. Mr. Obernauer, Mrs. Garbisch, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Mauro, and Mr. Wirginis commented.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary