

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED AGENDA STUDY SESSION
AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2018

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 December 3, 2018, in the LGI room at Fox Chapel Area High School. An executive session was held prior to the meeting for contract issues.

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** – Fox Chapel Area High School Choir and Orchestra

• The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls' Cross Country Team was recently named the WPIAL Class AAA Section 4 team champions for the second year in a row and were undefeated in section play. The team also qualified for the PIAA championships. The team members who participated in the PIAA championships were seniors **Anna Folkerts**, **Sarena Seeger**, and **Annika Urban**; juniors **Brooke Krally** and **Grace Sisson**; and freshmen **Rachel Grimsley** (alternate), **Gabrielle Kline**, and **Riley McIntyre**. The additional members of the girls' section-winning team were juniors **Isabelle Doerr** and **Margaret Gaddess**. The team had seven wins and no losses in its section. At states, Sarena placed fifth and Grace placed ninth. Additionally, boys' team member, junior **Christian Fitch**, also qualified for the PIAAs where he placed fifth. The PIAA championships were held November 3 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Justin Breen, student government president, gave his report. Jessica Klein, community outreach chairperson, also gave a report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

• **Ashley L. Constantine, Ed.D., Executive Director of Elementary Education and Instruction** – Fox Chapel Area School District Pre-Kindergarten Program.

• **Superintendent Spotlight** – Video produced by Ryan Devlin, high school multimedia teacher, featuring the Foxes Burrow, a pantry that discreetly provides food and hygiene products for high school students in need. The Foxes Burrow is a project of the Fox Chapel Area High School Student Government Community Outreach Committee.

• **High School Mobile Fab Lab Featured in Publication**

Fox Chapel Area School District's mobile Fab Lab is featured in "Space to Learn," a publication by Remake Learning. The publication is a resource for providing ideas and inspiration for innovative ways to transform learning spaces. During the 2016-2017 school year, Fox Chapel Area High School students built a Fab Lab in a tiny house. The Fab Lab is on a trailer base and is a mobile makerspace that can be taken to

other schools in the area where students may not have access to a Fab Lab. The mobile lab includes CNC machines, 3D printers, laser engravers, vinyl cutters, and more.

The entire publication can be viewed at <https://remakelearning.org/blog/2018/09/24/space-to-learn/>.

Remake Learning, established in 2007, is a network that ignites engaging, relevant, and equitable learning practices in support of young people navigating rapid social and technological change. It is an open group of interconnected, creative, and innovative people and organizations in the greater Pittsburgh region with the purpose of sparking and sharing best practices and new ideas, making it easier for neighbors and colleagues to help each other, reducing duplicative efforts in the region, and leveraging resources collectively for greater impact.

•High School Student Named Winner in Poetry Contest

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Paige Asbury** was named a winner in the Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest. Paige received an Honorable Mention for her poem, "Ripple Effect (a continuation)." Paige was chosen as one of only 64 Honorable Mention winners from more than 1,030 entries in the spring 2018 contest. The contest was sponsored by Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia.

•Students Place in Erie Forensic Tournament

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual M & M Lake Erie Invitational Forensic Tournament. Freshman **Mona Gerges** won second place and freshman **Siddharth Yende** won fifth place in Lincoln Douglas Debate; junior **Jackson Boychuk** won third place in Student Congress; and the team of senior **Jonah Green** and junior **Jonathan Rodrigues** won seventh place in Public Forum Debate. Additionally, because of the students' performances in the debate events, Fox Chapel Area's team won second place in the debate sweepstakes.

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.

•High School Students Win Awards at Pitt Model UN Conference

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the Annual University of Pittsburgh High School Model United Nations (UN) Conference. Juniors **Shando Naini** and **Anzu Sekikawa** and sophomore **Jackson Romero** won Honorable Mentions. Additionally, the team of senior **Jonah Green**; juniors **Hanna Chen**, **Noah Hertzman**, **Shando Naini**, **Boomba Nishikawa**, **Aaron Santilli**, **Anzu Sekikawa**, **Sina Shaikh**, and **Felix Vesper**; and freshmen **Janise Kim**, **Zoe Lakkis**, **Nathaniel Mueller**, and **Siddharth Yende** were awarded second place in the large delegation category.

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.

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.

•Student Athletes Named to All-State Teams

Four Fox Chapel Area High School student athletes were named to all-state teams. Cross country runners senior **Sarena Seeger** and junior **Christian Fitch** were named first team all-state, and junior **Grace Sisson** was named second team all-state. Additionally, senior golfer **Gregor Meyer** was named first team all-state.

•**Football Players Named to All-Conference Teams**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School football players were recently named to Class 5A Northern Conference all-conference teams. Senior **Korey Simmons** and junior **Samuel Brown** were named to the second team. Juniors **Ryan Billings**, **Shane Susnak**, and **Alexander Wecht** were honorable-mention picks.

•**Field Hockey Players Named to Special Teams**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School field hockey players were named to special teams. Junior **Elise Markel** was named to the All-WPIAL Field Hockey Class AAA First Team, senior **Marissa Hardiman** and junior **Sloan Rost** were named to the second team, and senior **Rebecca Klaas** received an honorable mention designation.

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 regular business meeting dated November 12, 2018. On motion by Mrs. Garbisch and seconded by Mrs. Rutkowski, the minutes were approved as submitted with 8 in favor and 0 opposed, Mrs. Garbisch abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

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

FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

B. Facilities/Transportation

No action is requested.

FINANCE

C. 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 \$6,809,980.43 from November 1, 2018, through November 30, 2018, are approved.

2. Disbursements (B)

GO Bond Series 2017 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$1,301,982.80 for November 2018 are approved.

3. Disbursements (C)

Athletic capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$1,983.75 for November 2018 are approved.

4. Finance Report

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

5. Budget Transfers

The budget transfers for 2018-2019 are approved.

INSTRUCTION

D. Instruction

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

1. Course Addition – Fox Chapel Area High School

Approve the following secondary program pilot course for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year, with the intention to implement in the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year:

English Department – English 12 Accelerated: Literature and Modern Film

LEGISLATION/POLICY

E. Legislation/Policy

No action is requested.

PERSONNEL

F. 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 Jeanine A. Boerio, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 22, 2018.
- (2) The resignation of Deborah A. Volek, personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 22, 2018.

b. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Michael T. Mawhinney, 5th assistant track coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 1, 2018.
- (2) The resignation of Timothy P. O’Shea, boys’ lacrosse assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective November 27, 2018.

2. Leave

a. Professional

- (1) Susan M. Kreit, gifted education teacher at Fairview Elementary School and Kerr Elementary School, is approved for childrearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective January 23, 2019, with return scheduled for March 20, 2019.

3. Appointment

a. Supplemental Contract – Athletic

- (1) The following athletic supplemental contract is approved, effective March 9, 2019:

Sean D. Mawhinney Track 5th Assistant Coach – HS \$5,019

4. Website/Online Marketing – Fox Chapel Area High School

- a. Randi Leonard is ratified to coordinate the website/online marketing for Fox Chapel Area High School, effective July 1, 2018, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour not to exceed 25 hours.

5. Change of Status

a. Educational Support

- (1) Susan D. Johnson, 12-month nutrition center/ ancillary services secretary for Fox Chapel Area School District, is approved as a 10-month library clerk at O'Hara Elementary School, effective date to be determined. Salary is set based on the salary scale for 10-month secretaries/clerks, Step 5, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of Robin McNulty.

6. Salary Crossovers

- a. The professional employees listed below are eligible to crossover on the salary scale for the 2018-2019 school term based on verification of additional credits earned. This change is retroactive to the beginning of the current school year in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Abati, Gabrielle	B+24	M+0
Eastly, Crystal	M+0	M+30
Kistler, Marguerite	M+0	M+15
Reese, Kara	B+0	B+15
Resek, Jessica	B+24	M+0
Thiebaud, Ashley	B+15	B+24
Walker, Albert	M+30	M+45
Ward, Laura	M+15	M+30
Yanizeski, Brian	M+15	M+30

7. Extra Innings

a. Teachers

- (1) The following are approved as Extra Innings teachers for the 2018-2019 school term at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a maximum of 60 hours of planning/instruction:

Hartwood Elementary School

Jennifer Billings
Lynn DePellegrini
Kathy Frederick
Audrey Marie Masci
Maria Stewart

Kerr Elementary School

Stephanie Abriatis
Heath Asbury
Sean Baldis
Terri Kedzierski

O'Hara Elementary School

Danielle Desmond
Miluska Lauterbach
Amy Myer
Kelsey Phillips

b. Instructional Assistants

- (1) The following are approved as Extra Innings instructional assistants for the 2018-2019 school term at a rate of \$20.00 per hour with a maximum of 60 hours of planning/instruction:

Hartwood Elementary School

Kimberly Brose
Patty Letters

Kerr Elementary School

Connie Banachoski

O'Hara Elementary School

Emily Hanser

8. Volunteers – Athletic

- a. The following athletic volunteers are ratified, effective for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school term:

Christopher J. Campbell High School Strength & Conditioning
Michael T. Mawhinney High School Track

OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES

G. 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. Ideal Dance Company – Facility Usage Agreement and Lease

Approve the facility usage agreement and lease between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Ideal Dance Company to lease the Dorseyville Middle School auditorium for the period Saturday, June 8, 2019, through Saturday, June 15, 2019.

2. Donation – Foxes Burrow

Accept the donation of \$500.00 to the Foxes Burrow at Fox Chapel Area High School from the Pittsburgh North Optimist Club for the purchase of personal hygiene products and daily living items for students in need.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

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

BOARD COMMENTS

There were four comments. Dr. Vyas, Mrs. Garbisch, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Wirginis commented.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary