

June 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School June 11, 2018. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster; Assistant Secretary Sandra M. Garbisch; Treasurer Robert Mauro; Edith L. Cook, Ph.D.; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Lisa M. Rutkowski; Eric C. Schmidt; and Dharmesh Vyas, MD, Ph.D.

OATH OF OFFICE — The Honorable Philip A. Ignelzi, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judge, Civil Division, administered the oath of office to district superintendent Gene Freeman, Ed.D., and deputy superintendent David P. McCommons, Ed.D.

GUESTS (June 11, 2018)

•Representatives from Thomas & Williamson Program Management reviewed the bids for the Kerr Elementary School project and the parking lot resurfacing projects.

GUESTS (June 4, 2018)

Certificates of Merit — The Board presented certificates of merit to the following students:

•Several Fox Chapel Area students won awards at the 84th Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). A total of 20 of those students qualified for the state competition.

Fox Chapel Area first-place winners were: juniors **Vaishavi Agrawal, Zachary Lakkis, Kathryn Schwartzman, Gina Wang, and Ziya Xu**; sophomores **Rajeev Godse, Zeynep Ozkaya, and Ameya Velankar**; freshmen **Amulya Garimella, Anthony Nguyen, Jackson Romero, Vinisha Sant, Elizabeth Schwartzman, and Sanjay Seshan**; eighth graders **Mona Gerges, Janise Kim, Zoe Lakkis, Theodor Urban, and Siddharth Yende**; and seventh grader **Arvind Seshan**. The first-place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition which was held May 20-22, 2018, 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 3.

•Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won awards at the 84th Annual State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area first-place state winners were juniors **Vaishavi Agrawal, Zachary Lakkis, Kathryn Schwartzman, Gina Wang, and Ziya Xu**; sophomores **Rajeev Godse and Zeynep Ozkaya**; freshmen **Amulya Garimella, Anthony Nguyen, Jackson Romero, and Sanjay Seshan**; and eighth graders **Mona Gerges, Zoe Lakkis, and Siddharth Yende**.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were among more than 3,200 students in grades seven-twelve who participated in the state PJAS competition. Each researched their science projects for several months and was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges.

The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 20-22, 2018. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first-place winners at the 84th Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

•Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF). Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Rajeev Godse** was named the first-place winner in the senior behavioral and social science category. Dorseyville Middle School seventh grader **Arvind Seshan** was awarded a first place in the intermediate computer science/math category and sixth grader **Adhitya Thirumala** won first place in the junior physical sciences & engineering category.

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades six-twelve from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. More than 1,000 students from more than 100 schools competed for over \$1 million in cash prizes and scholarships. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research, constructed a display, and explained their work to a committee of judges. The science fair was held at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh March 23 and 24, 2018.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed in the 2018 Allegheny County Envirothon competition. The first-place team members qualified for the state competition and they are seniors **Albert Liu** and **Brandon Brewster**, juniors **Sofia Porter Bacon** and **Diana Crookston**, and sophomore **Sina Shaikh**.

For the Allegheny County Envirothon, teams of five high school students compete in field testing using their knowledge in five topic areas – soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. This year’s special topic was Benefits of Grassland and Pastureland Management. A total of 14 teams of students in grades nine-twelve from high schools across Allegheny County participated in the county competition which was held April 27 in South Park. The state competition was held May 22 and 23 at Susquehanna University and Camp Mount Luther and teams of high school students from more than 65 counties across the state participated.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with prestigious 2018 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) choral groups.

—**PMEA All-State Chorus** – Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen to perform with the 2018 PMEA All-State Chorus. Senior **Kieran Bartels** and juniors **Steven Cano**, **Gabriel Fynsk**, and **Jeremy Platt** were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA All-State Chorus. The all-state chorus features the best singers from across the state of Pennsylvania and the group was featured in a concert in Lancaster April 21 as part of the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference.

—**PMEA Region I Chorus** – Sixteen Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA Region I Chorus. These students are: seniors Kieran Bartels and **Julia Szymanski**; juniors **Anna Aupke**, Steven Cano, Gabriel Fynsk, **Shan Hassan**, **Oscar Izenon**, **Alaina Kotchey**, **Sadie Lorence**, Jeremy Platt, **Duncan Regan**, and **Benjamin Weiss**; and sophomores **Chloe Bennett**, **Alyssa Fabian**, **Anna Meyer**, and **Christiana Paljug**. This choral group included students from school districts in Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Approximately 180 students were selected for the Region I Chorus and the concert was held March 2 at Butler Area Intermediate High School.

—**PMEA District 1 Chorus** – Eighteen Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the PMEA District 1 Chorus. The students chosen for the choir are: seniors Kieran Bartels and Julia Szymanski; juniors Anna Aupke, Steven Cano, Gabriel Fynsk, Shan Hassan, Oscar Izenon, Alaina Kotchey, Sadie Lorence, Jeremy Platt, Duncan Regan, and Benjamin Weiss; and sophomores Chloe Bennett, **Marilyn Brach**, Alyssa Fabian, Anna Meyer, Christiana Paljug, and **Karl Pil**. The PMEA District 1 Chorus featured students from across the Pittsburgh area and the festival concert was held at East Allegheny High School January 26.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with prestigious Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) orchestras.

—**PMEA All-State Orchestra** – Five students were selected by audition to perform with the prestigious 2018 PMEA All-State Orchestra. The students chosen were: seniors **Benjamin Franks-Meinert** and **Andreas Paljug**; juniors **Ji-Yool Moon** and **Chloe Yofan**; and sophomore **Felix Veser**. The PMEA All-State Orchestra included approximately 120 of the best student-musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania. The All-State Orchestra Festival was held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 18-21 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and culminated with a concert on April 21.

—**PMEA 2018 Western Region State Orchestra** – Six students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA 2018 Western Region State Orchestra. The students are: seniors Benjamin Franks-Meinert, **Elizabeth Mountz**, and Andreas Paljug; juniors Ji-Yool Moon and Chloe Yofan; and sophomore Felix Veser. The Western Region State Orchestra included students from across the western half of Pennsylvania. Approximately 120 students were selected for the Western Region State Orchestra and the festival was held at Sharon High School in March.

—**PMEA 2018 District 1 Orchestra** – Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by application to perform with the 2018 PMEA District 1 Orchestra. The orchestra was comprised of a select group of student-musicians from across the Pittsburgh area. The students chosen were: seniors Benjamin Franks-Meinert, Elizabeth Mountz, and Andreas Paljug; juniors Ji-Yool Moon, **Seo Yeon Wang**, and Chloe Yofan; and sophomores **Chaehyun “Cuna” Kim** and Felix Veser. A total of 150 students were selected to participate in the District 1 Orchestra Festival which was held at Gateway High School in February.

—**PMEA 2017 District 1 Honors String Orchestra** – Nineteen Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) 2017 District 1 Honors String Orchestra. The students chosen to participate are: seniors **Andreas Paljug** and **Tao Sheng**; juniors **Ji-Yool Moon**, **Sarena Seeger**, **Ziya Xu**, and **Chloe Yofan**; sophomores **Amelia Bothe**, **Isabelle Doerr**, **Oskar Erharth**, **Evan Gu**, **Noah Hertzman**, **Chaehyun “Cuna” Kim**, **Zeynep Ozkaya**, **Sydney Ulanowicz**, **Felix Vesper**, and **Aaron Wu**; and freshmen **Isabella Liberto**, **Alexandra Morton**, and **Kimia Rafiee**. Approximately 225 students from across the greater Pittsburgh area auditioned for the PMEA District 1 Honors String Orchestra and only 96 were chosen to participate. The students performed a concert November 19 at Bethel Park High School.

- Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Chaehyun “Cuna” Kim** recently won four international and regional competitions for her violin playing.

—**American Protégé International Concerto Competition** – Cuna was selected as a first-place winner in the American Protégé International Concerto Competition 2018. Cuna will now perform a violin solo in the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York on June 30. The contest was open to school students ages 13 to 18 from across the globe.

—**Great Composers Competition** – Cuna was named a winner in the Great Composers Competition. She was named a first-place winner for the music of Germany & Austria and also won first place for the music of Mediterranean Europe. For the competition, Cuna sent in videos of herself playing the violin. The Great Composers Competition is a series of international music competitions for young instrumentalists, singers, and ensembles.

—**2018 Young Artists Auditions** – Cuna was named a winner of the 2018 Young Artists Auditions sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society. Cuna performed a violin solo, as well as with the Cygnus Quartet that included three of the other winners, during a concert on April 8. The concert was held at Kresge Recital Hall at Carnegie Mellon University. Additionally, Cuna received an Anna and Benjamin Perlow Scholarship to help further her musical education. The Young Artists Auditions are sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society and are open to instrumentalists under the age of 19 living within a 75-mile radius of Pittsburgh.

—**Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition** – Cuna was named a winner in the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition. Cuna played her violin, along with three of the other winners, at the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra’s “Elements” concert on March 24 at Upper St. Clair High School.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with prestigious bands.

—**Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Band** – Six students were selected by audition to perform with the prestigious 2018 PMEA All-State Band. The students are senior **Elizabeth Mountz**; juniors **Megan Hayes**, **Hannah Kim**, and **Glenna Van Dyke**; and sophomores **Jacob Rendall** and **Anzu Sekikawa**. The band was made up of approximately 160 of the top student-musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania. The All-State Festival was held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 18-21 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

—**PMEA District 1 East & Region I Honors Bands** – Eleven students were selected by audition to perform with the 2018 PMEA District 1 East and Region I Honors bands. The students selected were seniors **Benjamin Franks-Meinert**, **Elizabeth Mountz**, **Victoria Mountz**, and **Zachary Zytnick**; juniors **Megan Hayes**, **Hannah Kim**, **Alexander Perez**, and **Glenna Van Dyke**; and sophomores **Michael Mendelson**, **Jacob Rendall**, and **Anzu Sekikawa**. The PMEA District 1 East Festival was held January 10-12 at Fox Chapel Area High School and included approximately 120 student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The Region I Band Festival was held February 21-23 at Plum High School and included approximately 120 students from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

—**Allegheny Valley Honors Band** – Several students were selected by audition to perform with the 2018 Allegheny Valley Honors Band. This group is comprised of select student musicians from the Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts. The students chosen were Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Zachary Zytnick**; juniors **Isabela Berg**, **Justin Breen**, **Megan Hayes**, **Hannah Kim**, **Elizabeth Mountz**, **Victoria Mountz**, **Glenna Van Dyke**, and **Seo Yeon Wang**; sophomores **Roman DiSanti**, **Hannah Drum**, **Abigail Miller**, **Jacob Rendall**, and **Anzu Sekikawa**; and freshmen **Nathaniel Kisslinger**, **John Polcyn**, **Michael VanDemark**, and **Joey Wang**. The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at Pine-Richland High School January 4 and 5.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble** – Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Andreas Paljug**, junior Alexander Perez, and sophomore Michael Mendelson were selected by audition to perform with the 2017 PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble. Each year three jazz ensembles are made up from students who audition from the nearly 90 school districts that make up PMEA District 1. The PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble performed at Moon Area High School December 9.

—**PMEA District 1 Honors Band** – Nine students were selected by audition to perform with the 2017 PMEA District 1 Honors Band. The students are seniors Elizabeth Mountz and Zachary Zytnick; juniors Megan Hayes, Hannah Kim, Glenna Van Dyke, and Seo Yeon Wang; and sophomores Hannah Drum, Jacob Rendall, and Anzu Sekikawa. The band is comprised of approximately 120 of the best student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Green, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The PMEA District 1 Honors Band Concert was held November 19 at North Hills Middle School.

•Several Fox Chapel Area High School students qualified to compete in the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference. The students qualified for states at the TSA Regions 1 and 6 Leadership Conference which was held January 20, 2018, at Blackhawk High School. Seniors **Nathan VanDemark** and **Jorgen Wu** and sophomore **Aaron Wu** all won two first places in the regional competition. Senior **Elizabeth Mountz** won second place in the regional competition and senior **Nikita Bargaje** won third place. The following 12 Fox Chapel Area High School students also qualified for the state competition: senior **Karissa Becer**; junior **Alaina Kotchey**; sophomores **Hazel Cline**, **Joseph Johnson**, **Jacob Kosak**, **Jacob Rendall**, **David Shin**, and **Jake Sperry**; and freshman **Luke Johnson**, **John Polcyn**, **Anthony Shin**, and **Michael VanDemark**.

The regional conference offered more than 31 state-qualifying events. It culminated with an awards presentation and closing ceremonies at which time many students were recognized for their achievements. The TSA Regions 1 and 6 Leadership Conference is the first of three levels of competitive conferences. The second level of competition was the Pennsylvania TSA State Leadership Conference which was held April 18-21 at Seven Springs Resort. The third level is the National TSA Leadership Conference which will be held June 22-26 in Atlanta, Georgia.

•Three Fox Chapel Area High School students recently won first-place awards at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference which was held April 18-21, 2018, at the Seven Springs Conference Center. The Fox Chapel Area first place winners were seniors **Nathan VanDemark** and **Jorgen Wu** and sophomore **Aaron Wu**.

Founded in 1978, TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The TSA supports STEM-education goals through high school and middle school competitions, as well as leadership and teamwork activities for students.

•A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won first place at the Eighth Annual Combat Bots Competition. Team “Dilly Dilly” won the King of the Ring rumble. The team members were senior **Alexander Vlahos**; juniors **Ian Chang**, **Thomas Grandizio**, and **Michael Scanlon**; and sophomore **Michael Mendelson**.

“The team was excited when they were declared the winner of the rumble,” said Fox Chapel Area High School Combat Bots coach and teacher Ken Grimm. “I’m proud of all of our teams. Their dedication to quality work and many hours spent working after school preparing for competitions is to be commended.”

Combat Bots is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education at its best. Students design, test, and engineer the entire robot, including the weapon, wiring harness, and control system. A total of 42 Battle Bot teams from 11 school districts from the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the Battle Bots contest. The competition was held May 3, 2018, at Pittsburgh Technical College.

•A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won second place at the Southwestern Pennsylvania BotsIQ Preliminary Competition and qualified for the state competition. Team members include seniors **Jason Hertzberg**, **Gregory Kirklewski**, **Tyler Rapp**, and **Christian Reiber** and juniors **Graham Childs**, **Samuel Gilmore**, **Jacob Keeler**, and **Connor McAtee**. The Fox Chapel Area students won second place with their 15-pound battle bot that they built and named “Reaper.”

The preliminary competition was held at Butler County Community College March 8, 2018. A total of 72 teams from 65 schools from Southwestern Pennsylvania participated. The Pennsylvania State BotsIQ Competition was held April 13 & 14 at California University of Pennsylvania. BotsIQ is an educational robotics competition for high school students. It provides students with a unique, hands-on experience that allows them to discover the possibilities of a career in the manufacturing sector and other Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) fields.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won third place at the PA BotsIQ State Competition and qualified for the national competition. Team members include seniors **Jason Hertzberg**, **Gregory Kirklewski**, **Tyler Rapp**, and **Christian Reiber** and juniors **Graham Childs**, **Samuel Gilmore**, **Jacob Keeler**, and **Connor McAtee**. The Fox Chapel Area students won third place with their 15-pound battle bot, "Reaper."

"I'm so proud of the team's hard work and sportsmanship over the last two days," said Jason, Fox Chapel Area High School's battle bot driver. "Our battle bot received minimum damage, but we were unable to drive upside down. The team worked 12-hour days on their bot and only lost to second and first place this weekend. Any one of the three top bots can win and we had some great battles."

The state competition was held at California University of Pennsylvania April 13 and 14, 2018. A total of 84 teams across Pennsylvania participated. The next level of contests, the national Robotics League Competition, was held May 19 and 20, also at California University of Pennsylvania. At the national competition, the Fox Chapel Area students competed against the best teams in the nation, including college teams from Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Penn State.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Alessia Fontecchio** was recently named a first-place winner in the 2018 Civics Essay and Video Contest. The topic was the 14th Amendment – 150 Years Later and the prompt was "What Does Equal Protection Mean to Students?" Alessia won for a video she created and was awarded \$1,000. Additionally, she was invited to receive her award in Washington, D.C., on April 25 for a visit at the United States Supreme Court.

The contest was open to high school students in grades 9-12 from across the U.S. Approximately 220 essays and videos were submitted for the competition, which was sponsored by the Federal Judges Association and the Federal Bar Association.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School student was named a gold medalist in the Trib Total Media's 2018 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program. Senior **Helen Paulini** was first named among the Elite Top 100 and then named among the top 10 and she received a gold medal.

A total of 533 students representing 97 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area were nominated for the award which is based on academic achievements, school activities, and community service. Several of the nominees were honored at an awards banquet April 18. They were also featured in a special pull-out section of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review / Valley News Dispatch.

- The Fox Chapel Area High School Boys' Varsity Tennis Team recently won the WPIAL Class AAA team title. This is the team's third WPIAL Class AAA gold medal in a row. Additionally, the team also won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 team championship and qualified for the PIAA tournament. Members of the team are seniors **Karsten Lagerquist** and **Kurran Singh**; juniors **Shan Hassan**, **William Kabazie**, **Jayanth Kashyap**, **Michael Kilmer**, **Jared Nord**, **Robert Shymansky**, and **Brandon Wei**; and sophomores **Milo Baron** and **Isaac Mah**. The team was undefeated (7-0) in section play and finished with an overall record of 15 wins and one loss.

Additionally, Robby won the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 and the WPIAL Class AAA singles championship and qualified for the PIAA singles tournament.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School Indoor Track members qualified for the Pennsylvania Track & Field Coaches Association (PTFCA) Indoor State Championships. Junior **Sarena Seeger** and sophomore **Grace Sisson** both participated in the mile at the state meet. The meet was held February 25, 2018, at Penn State University, main campus. The students qualified based on their times in the mile during the indoor track season.

- Four members of the Fox Chapel Area High School Track Team qualified for the 2018 PIAA Track & Field Championships. Senior **Caelen Miller**, junior **Sarena Seeger**, and sophomores **Christian Fitch** and **Grace Sisson** all qualified for the state competition. The 2018 PIAA Track & Field Championships were held May 25 and 26 at Shippensburg University.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team recently tied for the WPIAL Class AAA Section 2 title. The team members are seniors **Margeaux Essey, Katherine Goodwin, and Julia Kiszka**; juniors **Emily Ben, Makenna Blazer, Marissa Hardiman, Rebecca Klaas, Makenzie Miller, Chase Murton, Julie Scheffler, and Sarah Sinnott**; sophomores **Mary Ellis, Bryn Gerlach, Elizabeth Giuffre, Sloan Rost, and Emily Scheffler**; and freshmen **Eliza Auffenberg, Alexa Correnti, Hannah Humes, Lauren Marotte, Emma Wecht, and Lily Zaltman**. The team finished with an overall record of 14 wins and two losses.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Team recently tied for the WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 team title. The team members are seniors **Nolan Crocker, Paul Cullen, Adam Dolhi, Grant Geraci, Mark Hagan, Patrick Poznik, Jarad Reiss, and George Thompson**; juniors **John Bozzone, Graham Childs, Jacob Chivinsky, Luke Froehlich, Eric Gurklis, Collin Leffakis, Tommy O'Donnell, Bradley Root, Reed Seybolt, Kenyon Weis, Ty Welty, Zachary Yonas, and Bryce Zacharias**; sophomores **Jackson Boychuk, Jacob Correnti, Joseph D'Cunha, Woody March, Devon Root, Charles Smith, and Reed Troutman**; and freshman **Jack Scott**. Additionally, it's important to note that the Fox Chapel Area team won its first WPIAL playoff game since the team became an officially-sanctioned WPIAL sport. The team's overall record was 13 wins and five losses.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment and Fire Drills — Received the enrollment and fire drills report.

Textbook for Review — The textbook below will be recommended for approval at the August 13, 2018, Board meeting and will be available for review until July 11, 2018, in the administrative offices:

•Fox Chapel Area High School – “Biology” by Stephen Nowicki; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Copyright 2017; for Grade 9 Biology I Accelerated.

Information

•District Climbs in Business Times Rankings

Fox Chapel Area School District has climbed in the Pittsburgh Business Times rankings! The district, as a whole, moved up from number 7 in 2017 to number 4 in 2018 among Western Pennsylvania school districts. The district also moved up from number 13 to number 8 among the state's public school districts. The third graders, districtwide, went from being number 3 in 2017 to being number 1 in 2018 in Western Pennsylvania. Additionally, among Western Pennsylvania school districts, the 11th graders held steady at number 3, the eighth graders went from number 7 to number 5, the seventh graders went from number 6 to number 4, the sixth graders held steady at number 10, the fifth graders went from number 5 to number 3, and the fourth graders went from number 5 to number 4. In the two-year gain rank category among Western Pennsylvania school districts, Fox Chapel Area went from number 6 in 2017 to number 3 in 2018.

•High School Receives Governor's Civic Engagement Award

Fox Chapel Area High School has earned the Gold Level of the Governor's Civic Engagement Award. The award recognizes and commemorates the efforts of the next generation of leaders to educate, engage, and inform their fellow students about how to get involved in the voting process. Specifically, through the leadership of their peers, 85.3 percent of Fox Chapel Area High School eligible seniors registered to vote this year. They were led by seniors **Kieran Bartels, Diana Beasley, Christopher Bonavita, Alyssa DiPaolo, Anna Hirsch, Lainey Kasian, Madeline Macek, Elizabeth Mountz, Rebekah Polcyn, Deirdre Roberts, Tao Sheng, Bridget Wang, Briana Warner, Molly Wiese, and Georgina Zimmerman**. The Fox Chapel Area students were assisted with the peer-to-peer voter registration by Inspire U.S., a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Inspire U.S. worked with the students and gave them tips and guidance on how to run a voter registration drive. The students made presentations to their peers through social studies classes and followed up by personally speaking with students to see if they needed help registering and offering their assistance. The students also held a voter registration drive during the lunch periods.

According to Fox Chapel Area School District Superintendent Gene Freeman, Ed.D., “We are very proud of our young men and women for being so civic-minded. The fact that our students rallied and were able to get so many of their peers registered to vote is phenomenal.”

The award was presented at the school by Peter Speaks, the deputy secretary for regulatory programs from the Pennsylvania Department of State on May 29, 2018. The award is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Departments of State and Education, in collaboration with Inspire U.S.

•High School Choirs Win Awards

The Fox Chapel Area High School choirs received gold ratings at the WorldStrides OnStage Music Festival. The Concert Choir, Vulpes Cantantes, and the Madrigal Singers all received gold ratings in their respective categories and the Madrigal Singers and the Vulpes Cantantes also received first places, and the Concert Choir

won a second place. All three of the ensembles also received an Adjudicator Award for receiving a score of 95 or above out of 100. Additionally, the Madrigal Singers received an award for being the overall highest scoring ensemble of all the choirs in the entire competition.

As part of the trip to Washington, D.C., the Fox Chapel Area High School choir members also participated in a clinic with the U.S. Army Chorus and the U.S. Army Voices at Fort Myer.

The festival was held April 13-15, 2018, at the National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C. Approximately 15 high school choral groups from California, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania participated in the competition.

The Fox Chapel Area choirs are directed by teacher **Ben Murray**.

•**DMS Orchestras Win First-Place Awards**

The Dorseyville Middle School Sinfonia and Philharmonic orchestras placed at a Music in the Parks Festival. The Philharmonic placed first in its division with a "Superior" rating. The Sinfonia also placed first in its division with a "Superior" rating, won first place overall orchestra, and received the highest scores of all instrumental ensembles (concert bands, jazz bands, and orchestras in both the middle school and high school divisions). The orchestras received trophies for their winning performances.

The Music in the Parks Festival was held May 4, 2018, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. A total of 16 ensembles from schools from several different states competed.

The Dorseyville Middle School Philharmonic Orchestra includes 48 students and the Sinfonia Orchestra includes 21 students, all in grades six, seven, and eight. The orchestras are under the direction of teacher **Jeff Bryer**.

•**Students Win Awards in State Science Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards at the 84th Annual State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area second-place state winners were freshmen **Vinisha Sant** and **Elizabeth Schwartzman**; eighth graders **Janise Kim** and **Theodor Urban**; and seventh grader **Arvind Seshan**.

The following Fox Chapel Area High School students received these special awards: junior **Zachary Lakkis**, sophomore **Rajeev Godse**, freshman **Sanjay Seshan**, and eighth graders **Mona Gerges** and **Zoe Lakkis** each received Perfect Score awards; Zachary also won a Duane Keenan Memorial Award for Excellence; Sanjay also received a PJAS Directors Award for Engineering Excellence, and Mona received a PJAS Directors Award for Biology Excellence.

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The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 20-22, 2018. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first-place winners at the 84th Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

•**High School Seniors Named Global Scholars**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been named Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association (PSMLA) Global Scholars. **Cassidy Carson** – German, **Lea Prato** – Spanish, and **Kacie Zakin** – Spanish have all attained the distinction of 2018 PSMLA Global Scholars Graduates.

This is the third year for the PMSLA Global Scholars program. The purpose of the program is to provide high school students with the opportunity to select interdisciplinary studies and activities, develop global awareness and competency, and to better prepare students for personal and professional success in an increasingly global society. The requirements include: successful completion of several academic courses, including levels one through four of a world language; participation in at least four extracurricular activities, including world language clubs; completion of at least 20 hours of community service (global in nature); read and review books pertaining to world languages, including one in the student's target language; completion of a culminating project; and completion of an application.

•High School Students Place at County Envirothon

Two teams of Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the 2018 Allegheny County Envirothon competition. The second-place team members were seniors **Elizabeth Mountz** and **Delaney Roberts**, juniors **Eric Gurklis** and **Nathaniel Roe**, and sophomore **Olivia Tang**. The third-place team members were seniors **Anita Bargaje** and **Aaron Carr**, juniors **Kevin Falconett** and **Megan Hayes**, and sophomore **Hanna Chen**.

For the Allegheny County Envirothon, teams of five high school students compete in field testing using their knowledge in five topic areas – soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. This year's special topic was Benefits of Grassland and Pastureland Management. A total of 14 teams of students in grades nine-twelve from high schools across Allegheny County participated in the county competition which was held April 27 in South Park.

•Students Nominated for Outstanding Young Citizen Program/Four Named to Top 100

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students were nominated for the Trib Total Media's 2018 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program and four were named among the Elite Top 100. Among the Elite Top 100 were seniors **Helen Paulini** and **Kacie Zakin** and juniors **Madison Borkovich** and **Courtney Kennedy**. The other nominated students were 2018 January graduate **Katelyn Photopoulos**; seniors **Jacob Klein**, **Lainey Kasian**, **Emma Rice**, **Bridget Wang**, and **Kathryn Way**; and juniors **Lindsey Cupps**, **Theresa Heidenreich**, **Olivia Pistella**, **Ryan Setzenfand**, and **Zachary Yonas**.

A total of 533 students representing 97 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area were nominated for the award which is based on academic achievements, school activities, and community service. Several of the nominees were honored at an awards banquet April 18. They were also featured in a special pull-out section of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review / Valley News Dispatch.

•High School Students Compete at State TSA Conference

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference which was held April 18-21, 2018, at the Seven Springs Conference Center. The Fox Chapel Area winners earning fourth-tenth places were: seniors **Anita Bargaje** and **Karissa Becer**; sophomores **Shando Naini** and **Jake Sperry**; and freshmen **Luke Johnson**, **John Polcyn**, **Anthony Shin**, **Michael VanDemark**, and **Victor Yang**.

Founded in 1978, TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The TSA supports STEM-education goals through high school and middle school competitions, as well as leadership and teamwork activities for students.

•High School Team Places Second at Battle Bot Competition

A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won second place at the Eighth Annual Combat Bots Competition. The "Krispy Kreme" team finished second and included sophomores **Sam Feczko**, **Nicholas Guy**, and **Luis Navas**.

Combat Bots is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education at its best. Students design, test, and engineer the entire robot, including the weapon, wiring harness, and control system. A total of 42 Battle Bot teams from 11 school districts from the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the Battle Bots contest. The competition was held May 3, 2018, at Pittsburgh Technical College.

•District Wins Awards in State Communications Contest

The Fox Chapel Area School District recently won state awards in the 2017 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) Excellence in Education Communications Contest. The district received Awards of Excellence for the summer 2017 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine and the spring 2017 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine. The district also received an Award of Honor for the winter 2017 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine.

Entries from educational institutions from throughout Pennsylvania were submitted for the 2017 PenSPRA contest. Thirty-seven were given Awards of Excellence and 32 received Awards of Honor. Fox Chapel Area School District's winning publication were coordinated by **Bonnie Berzonski**, the district's coordinator of communications.

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 the school public relations professional.

•Boys' Lacrosse Players Named to All-Section Teams/One Named All-American

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students were named all-section players this year. **Graham Childs, Bradley Root, Reed Seybolt, Kenyon Weis, and Zachary Yonas** were all named WPIAL Class AAA Section 3 players. Additionally, Kenyon was selected as an Academic All-American.

•Baseball Players Name to All-Section Teams

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently named to all-section baseball teams. Senior **Alexander Miles** was named to the WPIAL Class 5A Section 1 Team, juniors **Jonathan Simon** and **Ryan Wagner** were named to the second team, and junior **Mitchell Miles** received an honorable mention to the team.

•Softball Players Name to All-Section Teams

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students have been named to WPIAL Class 6A Section 2 softball teams. Senior **Krystyna Burdelski** was named to the first team; seniors **Tawnya Holben** and **Emma Humes** and sophomore **Jessica Klein** were named to the second team; and senior **Eva Speacht** received an honorable mention to the team.

•Football Player Honored at Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Nicholas Gizzo** was selected to be honored as part of the 49th Alle-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame banquet. Nick was honored for being named the Valley News Dispatch Offensive Football Player of the Year in December 2017. The banquet was held May 19, 2018, at the New Kensington Quality Inn.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

August 13, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Business Mtg. – High School LGI Room
September 10, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Business Mtg. – High School LGI Room
October 1, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – A.W. Beattie Career Center Student Conference Center
October 8, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room
November 5, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Kerr Elementary Multipurpose Room
November 12, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room
December 3, 2018 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Sess. & Reg. Business Mtg. & Reorg. Mtg. – HS LGI Rm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated May 7, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Facilities/Transportation

Universal Protection Service, LP d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Allied Universal Security Services, to provide security professional services to the district for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

Finance

Disbursements (A) — The general fund disbursements (Fund 10), in the amount of \$7,184,523.42 from May 1, 2018, through May 31, 2018, were approved.

Disbursements (B) — The GO Bond Series 2017 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$115,215.30 for May 2018 were approved.

Disbursements (C) — The athletic capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$43,333.33 for May 2018 were approved.

Interfund Transfer — Approved an interfund transfer from Fund 10 (general disbursements) to Fund 32 (athletic capital projects) in the amount of \$20,600.00 for ticket sales.

Finance Report — The finance report for April 2018 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

Budget Transfers — Several budget transfers for 2017-2018 were approved.

Service Express, Inc. – On-Site Computer Hardware Maintenance Agreement — The on-site computer hardware maintenance agreement with Service Express, Inc. in the amount of \$4,944.00 for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, was approved.

CXtec – Off-Site Computer Hardware Repair Coverage Proposal — The off-site computer hardware repair coverage proposal from CXtec in the amount of \$9,498.70 for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, was approved.

Insurance 2018-2019 — The following policies were approved effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019:

- **Workers' Compensation** – Carrier: Brickstreet; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$257,427.
- **Commercial Package (includes Business Auto and Boiler & Machinery)** – Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$116,446; Coverage: Blanket limit based on valuation appraisal.
- **Educators' Legal Liability** – Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$25,479; Coverage: \$1,000,000.
- **Umbrella Policy** – Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$17,025; Coverage: \$15,000,000.
- **Cyber Protection** – Carrier: Lloyds; Agent: AJ Gallagher; Premium: \$16,923; Coverage: \$1,000,000.

Award of Bid — The administration was authorized to award the following bid for the 2018-2019 school year:
AIU Paper Bid: WB Mason Co., 20 Avenue C, Leetsdale, PA 15056 – \$36,852.39.

Final 2018-2019 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2018-8 — Approved Resolution 2018-8 as follows: FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2018 – 8 – 2018-2019 General Fund Operating Budget – The Resource Planning Committee, the administration, and the Board of School Directors have studied the budget needs for 2018-2019. A proposed final budget in the amount of \$103,358,610.00 as presented with 19.5750 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 7, 2018. The budget was advertised and made available to the public for review and comment for the past 34 days. The Board of School Directors and the administration have reviewed any comments. A budget in the amount of \$103,358,610.00 was presented for final approval.

RESOLVED, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$103,358,610.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and a copy of said budget as finally adopted shall be on record in the office of the Secretary of the Board of School Directors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies and re-enacts a tax for general revenue purposes of 1percent on salaries, wages, commissions, and other compensation earned by residents of the Fox Chapel Area School District during the period beginning on July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and for each successive fiscal year thereafter and on the net profits earned during said period from business, professions, and other activities conducted by residents of the Fox Chapel Area School District, in the same form as Resolution No. 1969-5 heretofore adopted by the Interim Operating Committee of Fox Chapel Area School District on June 29, 1970; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies a realty transfer tax for general revenue purposes of 1 percent upon the transfer of real estate or on interest in real estate situate within the Fox Chapel Area School District for the period from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for each succeeding fiscal year thereafter by the adoption of Resolution No. 1986-2; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fox Chapel Area School District hereby levies and re-enacts a tax for general purposes in the amount of \$10 upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the Fox Chapel Area School District in the fiscal year 2018-2019 and in each fiscal year thereafter, in the same form as Resolution No. R-1972-4 heretofore adopted by the Board of School Directors on January 1, 1973; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of the funds as itemized in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the necessary revenue for the same to be provided by the taxes hereinabove levied by the Board of School Directors and by a school tax levy on real estate which is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of nineteen and five thousand seven hundred fifty ten thousandths on the dollar on the total amount of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property in the Fox Chapel Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, at the rate of \$19.5750 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2018, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2018-9 — Approved Resolution 2018-9 regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

2018-2019 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget — Approved the 2018-2019 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget in the amount of \$1,411,016.00.

Instruction

Textbooks for Approval – Fox Chapel Area High School (Updated Copyright) — Approved the following updated copyrights of current textbooks:

- “PreCalculus” by Ron Larson; Publisher: Cengage Learning; updated Copyright 2016, 7th edition; for PreCalculus and PreCalculus Accelerated Grades 9-12; and
- “Principles of Business” by Les R. Dlabay, James L. Burrow, and Brad A. Kleindl; Publisher: South-Western Cengage Learning; updated Copyright 2017, 9th edition; for Introduction to Business Grades 9 and 10.

Textbooks for Approval – Fox Chapel Area High School (New Textbooks) — Approved the following new textbooks:

- “Foundations of Language and Literature” by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, and Tracy Scholz; Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth High School Publishers; Copyright 2018; for English 9 and English 9 Accelerated; and
- “Advanced Language and Literature” by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, and Lance Balla; Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth High School Publishers; Copyright 2016; for English 10 and English 10 Accelerated.

Pilot for Digital Course Materials – Fox Chapel Area High School — Approved the science department at Fox Chapel Area High School to pilot the use of the digital resource CK-12 for Ecology in grades 10, 11, and 12, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.

Audubon Society of Western PA (Kindergarten-Fourth Grade Environmental Program) – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the kindergarten through grade four environmental educational program for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$26,500.00.

Audubon Society of Western PA (Fifth Grade Environmental Program) – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the grade five environmental educational program for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$58,900.00.

The Graf Consortium Educational Consultants – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Graf Consortium Educational Consultants for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$16,500.00.

Great Minds – Consultant — Approved the consultation services from Great Minds for Eureka Math professional development on-site coaching services for the 2018-2019 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Pennsylvania Department of Education – Bureau of Special Education School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) – Agreement — Approved the agreement for the Fox Chapel Area School District to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Education School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) for the 2018-2019 school year.

Schoology, Inc. – Learning Management System – Renewal Subscription — Approved the renewal subscription with Schoology, Inc., to provide a learning management system for the high school and middle school students effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, at a cost of \$11,345.09.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – New — Approved the following new policy: No. 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs.

Policies – Revised — Approved the following revised policies: No. 138 – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners, No. 311 – Reduction of Staff, No. 808 – Food Services, No. 906 – Public Complaint Procedures, and No. 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement.

Policy – Deleted — Approved deleting the following policy: No. 310 – Abolishing a Position (now included in No. 311).

Personnel

Candidates for employment under this section were 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.

Resignations

Professional — Accepted the following professional resignation:

- **Thomas C. Hong**, elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, under the retirement incentive approved at the May 8, 2017, Board meeting, effective January 21, 2019.

Educational Support — Accepted the following educational support resignations:

- **Gloria J. Arlotti**, 12-month building secretary at Fairview Elementary School, due to retirement, effective July 2, 2018.
- **Marianne Troiano-Dietz**, personal care assistant at Dorseyville Middle School, per the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release Agreement, effective May 23, 2018.

Nutrition Center — Accepted the following nutrition center resignations:

- **Donna L. MacDonald**, nutrition center employee at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, effective June 8, 2018.
- **Corine R. Schwartz**, nutrition center employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, effective June 8, 2018.

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — Accepted the following athletic supplemental contract resignations:

- **Aaron R. Gofreed**, boys' lacrosse 2nd assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 17, 2018.
- **Shane D. Michael**, football 7th assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 23, 2018.
- **Julie R. Silverman**, girls' soccer assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 8, 2018.
- **Reginald A. Wells Jr.**, football 2nd assistant coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 23, 2018.
- **Courtney E. Whitehead**, girls' soccer part-time coach at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective May 8, 2018.

Appointments

Professional — Approved the following professional appointments:

- **Jennifer S. Jones** as a school nurse at Fairview Elementary School effective August 16, 2018. Salary will be based on Step 1, B+0 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Mary Lou Balkey**.
- **Timothy S. Kapalo-Allen** as a speech and language impaired teacher at O'Hara Elementary School effective August 16, 2018. Salary will be based on Step 7, M+0 with benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Rene Mills**.

Educational Support — Ratified the following personal care assistant:

- **Erik C. Ingram** as a personal care assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective May 7, 2018. Salary was set per the salary scale for personal care assistants, Step 1, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Thomas Posey**.

Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic — The following leave replacement non-athletic supplemental contracts were ratified for the 2017-2018 school term: **Erin K. Butkovic** – Class Caucus Sponsor, **Ryan M. Devlin** – FBLA Sponsor, and **Justin A. Papariello** – Social Committee Sponsor.

Changes of Status

Educational Support — Ratified the following secretarial changes of status:

- **Mary Michelle Gurtner**, 10-month, five-hours per day, building secretary at Fairview Elementary School, as a 10-month guidance secretary at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective June 11, 2018. Salary was set based on the salary scale for 10-month secretaries, Step 6, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the transfer of **Nicole Murray**.

- **Nicole A. Murray**, 10-month guidance secretary at Fox Chapel Area High School, as a 12-month special education/pupil services secretary for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective June 11, 2018. Salary was set based on the salary scale for 12-month secretaries, Step 12, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Sylvia Camerota**.

Leave Replacement

Professional — Approved the following professional leave replacement:

- **Charity N. Shelburg** as a first-semester leave replacement mathematics teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 16, 2018-January 18, 2019. Salary will be based on Step 1, M+0 with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of **Breane DeComo**.

Purchase-of-Service Agreements

Security Guard — Approved the following security guard purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Joseph E. Abbott** and the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, at an hourly rate.

Physical Therapist — Approved the following physical therapist purchase-of-service agreement:

- between **Patricia J. Osan** and the Fox Chapel Area School District effective July 1, 2018, through the end of the 2018-2019 school term, at an hourly rate.

Employment Agreements

Approvals — The following employment agreements for the 2018-2019 school term were approved: Behavior Specialist – **Ava M. Kilgore**, School Psychologist – **Eric M. Milke**, and Technology/Maintenance Repair Specialist (2) – **Sean M. Rhoades** and **Walter M. Santa**.

Compensation Adjustments

Nutrition Center — The hourly wage scale for nutrition center employees for the following positions for 2018-2019 was approved as follows: Substitute Employee, Substitute for 3+ Years, General Food Worker New Hire, General Food Worker 1, General Food Worker 2, General Food Worker 3, General Food Worker 4, General Food Worker 5a, General Food Worker 5b, General Food Worker 6, General Food Worker 7, Satellite Leader 1, Satellite Leader 2, Satellite Leader 3, High School Asst. Manager, and District Driver.

Summer Programs

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 120 hours of instruction plus 30 hours of preparation: **Stephanie Abriatis, Sean Baldis, Sarah Bialas, Ambur Bowen, Morgan Bush, Corinn Coposky, Meagan Dailey, Micaela DiFrancesca, Beth Ferber, Debra Fetterman, Leah Jacobs, Katie Klinger, Nicole McCaffrey, Olivia McCall, Allison Okopal, Cara Reese, Maria Ricci, Sarah Savitz, Barbara Scully, Jessica Steiner, Alexis Taylor, Kelly Uselman, Leslie Ward, Adria Wilson, and Cathleen Zierenberg**.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate: **Heath Asbury, Mary Jo Bisceglia, Frances Connolly, Elesia DiBello, and Lauren Sirianna**.

Elementary Summer Learning Academy Nutrition Center — **Denise J. Spencer** was approved as a nutrition center employee for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 204 hours.

Middle School Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 120 hours of instruction plus 30 hours of preparation: **Gregory Arabia, Aimee Berardi, Jeffrey Bonifate, Kathleen Borz, Mallory Brown, Mary Beth Dixon, Kevin Grecek, Katelyn Griffen, Michael Kosor, Megan Kramer, Jessica Markowski (.5), Peter Pinko, Johnna Regan, Noelle Schaffold, Laura Yagla, and Clare Yaksich**.

Middle School Summer Programs Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the Dorseyville Middle School summer programs at an hourly rate: **Amy Beresik, Caryn Campbell, Jane Hudok, Zachary Price, Franca Rago, Jessica Shannon, and Andrew Shaw**.

Middle School Summer Learning Academy Nutrition Center — Sherry M. Lloyd was approved as a nutrition center employee for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 204 hours.

Middle School Summer Programs Personal Care Assistant — Sandra L. Wollam was approved as a personal care assistant for the Dorseyville Middle School summer programs at an hourly rate on dates and hours the assigned student attends the summer programs.

High School Western PA Learning Academy Director — Lisa Gibson was approved as the Western PA Learning Academy director at a flat rate plus 15 percent of the workshop registration (minimum enrollment required).

High School Western PA Learning Academy Summer Student Conference Director — Lisa Gibson was approved as the summer student conference director at a flat rate.

High School Western PA Learning Academy Summer Student Conference Associate Director — Lesley Cowles, Ed.D., was approved as the summer student conference associate director at a flat rate.

High School Western PA Learning Academy Summer Student Conference Assistant — Randi Leonard was approved as the summer student conference assistant at an hourly rate not to exceed a certain amount.

High School Summer Program Website — Randi Leonard was approved to coordinate the website/online marketing for the high school at an hourly rate not to exceed a certain amount.

High School FIRST STEP Program Coordinator — Lesley Cowles, Ed.D., was approved as the FIRST STEP program coordinator at a flat rate.

High School FIRST STEP Program Instructors — The following individuals were approved as FIRST STEP program instructors at an hourly rate with a maximum of 30 hours: **Jeffrey Bonifate, Kathleen Borz, Gail Hetu, Jennifer Lancz, Gregory Miller, and Heather Skillen.**

High School Summer Faculty — The following individuals were approved as summer high school faculty at a flat rate per ½ credit course (minimum enrollment required): **Randi Leonard, Bonnie Pazin, and Deborah Welty.**

High School Western PA Learning Academy Specialty Workshop Facilitators — The following individuals were approved as Western PA Learning Academy specialty workshop facilitators (design and host): **Ryan Devlin, Lisa Gibson, Benjamin Murray, and Heather Skillen.** All workshop facilitators will receive 35 percent of the registration fees (minimum enrollment required).

STEAM Camp

STEAM Camp Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the STEAM Camp at Hartwood Elementary School at a flat rate: **Mark Cooper, Sarah Dixon, Lisa Gray, Carli Hackett, Corey Hess, Jessica Huzzard, Lindsay Lamm, Elizabeth Newill, Justin Papariello, and Mackenzie Seymour.**

STEAM Camp Substitutes — The following individuals were approved as substitutes for the STEAM Camp at an hourly rate: **Amanda Banachoski and Jessica Steiner.**

Summer Technology Workers — The following individuals were ratified as summer technology workers at an hourly rate, effective June 11, 2018, through August 22, 2018: **Sean Ellis, Trisha Shah, and Max Wolfendale.**

Volunteers

Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were ratified, effective May 4, 2018: **Christopher Campbell – Strength & Conditioning, James Chandler – Strength & Conditioning, and Zachary Metkler – HS Football.**

Operations/Cooperative Services

AIA Documents B102-2007 and B201-2007 – Thomas & Williamson, LLC – Districtwide Parking Lot Resurfacing Projects — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Thomas & Williamson, LLC for engineering and construction management services related to the districtwide parking lot resurfacing projects.

Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc. – Laboratory Testing Services – Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved the proposal from Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc. for laboratory testing services for the Kerr Elementary School project.

Plancon Part F – Attachment C – Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education PlanCon Part F Attachment C – Post-Bid Opening Certification for the Kerr Elementary School Project.

Plancon Part G – Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education PlanCon Part G – Project Accounting Based on Bids for the Kerr Elementary School Project.

Award of Construction Contracts – Kerr Elementary School Project — Approved to award contracts to the following bidders on the Kerr Elementary School Project conditioned upon the contractors completing their post-bid award documents and approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

- to Hudson Construction, Inc., for the General Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$9,890,000.00 and accepting Alternate GC-01 in the amount of \$98,000.00, Alternate GC-02 in the amount of \$44,000.00, Alternate GC-04 in the amount of \$9,000.00 and Alternate GC-06 in the amount of \$3,000.00, for a total contract award of \$10,044,000.00;
- to R.A.M.E, Inc., for the Roofing Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$680,380.00 and accepting Alternate RC-01 in the amount of \$8,000.00, for a total contract award of \$688,380.00;
- to Great Lakes West LLC, for the Food Service Construction Contract with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$260,267.29;
- to Reed Associates, Inc., for the Casework Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$388,000.00;
- to Interstate Fire Protection Co., for the Fire Protection Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$189,300.00;
- to Shipley Brothers Construction, Inc., for the Plumbing Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$834,000.00;
- to Lugalía Mechanical, Inc., for the HVAC Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$2,787,800.00;
- to Merit Electrical Group, Inc., for the Electrical Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$1,484,000.00 and accepting Alternate EC-01 in the amount of \$28,000.00, Alternate EC-02 in the amount of \$217.00, for a total contract award of \$1,512,217.00.
- to Merit Electrical Group, Inc., for the Telephone Data Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$408,000.00;
- to Palombo Landscaping, Inc., for the Landscape Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$409,900.00; and
- to Continental Construction & Demolition LLC, for the General Construction – Demolition Construction Contract, with a base bid amount and total contract award of \$277,000.00.

Award of Parking Lot Resurfacing Contract – Fairview Elementary School — Approved to award the contract to the following bidder on the Fairview Elementary School parking lot resurfacing project conditioned upon the contractor completing its post-bid award documents:

- to T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving Inc., for the Site Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$490,555.00.

Award of Parking Lot Resurfacing Contract – Hartwood Elementary School and Dorseyville Middle School — Approved to award the contract to the following bidder on the Hartwood Elementary School and Dorseyville Middle School parking lot resurfacing project conditioned upon the contractor completing its post-bid award documents:

- to A. Folino Construction, Inc., for the Site Construction Contract, with a base bid amount of \$1,464,756.00 and accepting Alternate SC-01 in the amount of \$183,798.00 and Alternate SC-02 in the amount of \$163,685.00, for a total contract award of \$1,812,239.00.

Change Orders – O’Hara Elementary School Alterations Project — Approved change orders GC-013, GC-014, and PC-003 at a total cost of \$16,955.83 for the O’Hara Elementary School alterations project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

Change Order – Fox Chapel Area School District Turf and Tracks Renovation — Approved change order GC-5 at a total cost of \$268,047.00 for the turf and tracks renovation project. This change order was reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

High School Stadium Field Turf – Agreement — Approved the agreement for the performance of work to resolve construction defects/warranty disputes pertaining to the Fox Chapel Area School District high school stadium field turf.

Precision HR Solutions, Inc. – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Precision HR Solutions, Inc., to furnish substitute aides, PCAs, nurses, and secretaries to the district for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021.

Workers, Inc. d/b/a Allegiance Staffing – Rate Adjustment — Approved the rate adjustment for substitute custodians from \$11.00 per hour to \$11.50 per hour effective July 1, 2018.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector – Reappointment — Approved the reappointment of PA Del Tax, Inc. as delinquent real estate tax collector effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

Authority Board Authorization — Authorized the Fox Chapel Area School District Authority Board to approve payment of invoices and change orders for the months of June and July 2018 on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors.

Authority Board Reappointment — Ratified the reappointment of **Robert Saunders** to the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board for a term of six years effective June 1, 2018.

Student Meal Prices — Approved the following student meal prices for the 2018-2019 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, and Adult Lunch – \$3.95.

Athletic Summer Camps/Activities — The following program was approved to hold summer camps/activities in 2018 for athletes in the Fox Chapel Area School District: Fox Chapel Area Strength and Conditioning.

Raptor Technologies, Inc. – Raptor Visitor Badging System – Subscription Agreement — Approved the subscription agreement for the purchase of the Raptor Visitor Badging System for all buildings in the Fox Chapel Area School District from Raptor Technologies, Inc., effective July 1, 2018, at a cost of \$12,402.00 for the first year, and an annual cost of \$3,240.00 thereafter.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Section 504 and ADA: Timothy A. Mahoney (412/967-2435)
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