

October 8, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its combined agenda study session and regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School October 8, 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.; Eric C. Schmidt; and Dharmesh Vyas, MD, Ph.D.

**GUESTS (October 1, 2018)**

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

•Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been designated as National Merit Semifinalists and 15 have been named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The Semifinalists from Fox Chapel Area High School are **Justin Breen, Arnav Gupta, Theresa Heidenreich, Rachel Himmel, Elizabeth Kaslewicz, Zachary Lakkis, Mitchell Miles, Annika Urban, Gina Wang, Landon Williams, and Ziya Xu**. The Commended Students from Fox Chapel Area High School are **Vaishavi Agrawal, Abigail Baldauf, Benjamin Cagan, Steven Cano, Kristen Friday, Marissa Hardiman, Sanjana Harish, Cara Himmel, Jayanth Kashyap, Trevor Klatt, Eric Moore, Jared Nord, Robert Shymansky, Benjamin Weiss, and Chloe Yofan**.

All of these students were selected based on their 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) scores. Each year college-bound 11<sup>th</sup> grade students complete the PSAT/NMSQT. About 1.6 million juniors who take the test are automatically enrolled in the National Merit Scholarship Program and approximately 16,000 advance to become Semifinalists and about 34,000 are Commended. The Semifinalists represent less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors and the Commended Students represent the top five percent. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Commended Students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. The Semifinalists now have the opportunity to advance to the Finalist level and compete for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarship® awards worth more than \$32 million to be offered in the spring of 2019.

The NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

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•**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**

- 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
- Enrollment and Fire Drills** — The Board received the enrollment and fire drills report.

## Information

### •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.

### •Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

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 September 10, 2018.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

### Finance

**Disbursements (A)** — General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$10,554,042.99 from September 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018, were approved.

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

**Disbursements (C)** — Capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$955,508.15 for September 2018 were approved.

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

**Budget Transfers** — Several budget transfers for 2018-2019 were approved.

### Instruction

**Resource Materials Pilot – Secondary** — Approved 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.

**Wesley Family Services – Agreement** — Ratified 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.

**EI US, LLC d/b/a LearnWell Services – Agreement** — Ratified the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and LearnWell Services for tutoring services effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

### **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.*

### **Resignation**

**Nutrition Center** — Accepted the following nutrition center employee resignation:

- **Rebecca L. Enciso**, nutrition center employee at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective October 2, 2018.

### **Appointments**

**Nutrition Center** — Ratified the following nutrition center appointment:

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

**Supplemental Contract – Athletic** — The following athletic supplemental contract was approved for the 2018-2019 school term:

- **Timothy R. Joyce** – Girls' Basketball High School JV Head Coach.

**Supplemental Contracts – Nonathletic** — The following nonathletic supplemental contracts were ratified for the 2018-2019 school term:

- **Jennifer Armenis** – Mentor Teacher – O'Hara and
- **Amy Grove** – Mentor Teacher – O'Hara.

**School Police Officers** — Approved the hiring of the following school police officers:

- **Scott E. Bailey**, pending court approval, as a school police officer for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective date to be determined, per the employment agreement.
- **Dennis J. Lynch**, pending court approval, as a school police officer for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective date to be determined, per the employment agreement.
- **Eric R. Valentine**, 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:**

**Rescindments – Information** — Acknowledged the following employment rescindments:

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

### **Operations/Cooperative Services**

**Change Order – Fox Chapel Area School District Turf and Tracks Renovation** — Approved 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.

**Change Orders – O'Hara Elementary School Alterations Project** — Approved 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.

**Change Orders – Kerr Elementary School Project** — Approved 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.

**Change Orders – Fairview Elementary School Parking Lot Resurfacing Project** — Approved 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.

**Duquesne Light Company – Right-of-Way Agreement** — Approved 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.

**Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Memorandum of Understanding** — Approved 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.

**YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh – Contract** — Ratified 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**

**FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

**BOARD COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** — The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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