

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District was called to order by president, Marybeth Dadd, at 7 p.m. on June 12, 2023, in the Auditorium at O'Hara Elementary School. Prior to tonight's open meeting, members of the Board met in executive session for a discussion regarding personnel matters during which information was provided that if discussed in public would violate a lawful privilege or lead to disclosure of confidential information protected by law.

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

ROLL-CALL

The Board members present at roll call were Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Dadd, Ms. Findley, Mr. Frank, Mr. Goode, Mr. Hamilton, and Ms. Zych (via telephone). Absent were Ms. Andrews and Mrs. Lynch. Also present were Dr. Reljac, Dr. McCommons, Mr. Giuffre, and Mrs. Anuszek. Other members of the public were present.

GUESTS

•Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Alexandra Sroufe** and sophomore **Avanti Muvvala** were selected to receive 2022-2023 National Community Service Awards, presented by the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) and InnerView Technologies. The awards recognize student commitment and community service impact in support of the UN Global Goals. The program is open to students across the nation and is designed to connect student community service activities, skill development, and commitment to Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to the National Community Service Awards, both Alexandra and Avanti were awarded Zero Hero Awards which are given by the Kroger Co. to students for taking action to help create communities free of hunger and waste.

"The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been a directional beacon not only for UN member states, but also for their citizens, including, and perhaps especially – their young people," says Rachel Bowen Pittman, Executive Director of the UNA-USA. "We are thrilled to be involved with a platform that not only helps to capture the impact that young people are having, but to recognize and to celebrate their achievements. Kudos to all those who have committed to staying the course and doing their part to help actualize the SDGs!"

Alexandra has more than 108 hours of volunteering and leading activities, and Avanti has more than 99 hours. At Fox Chapel Area High School, Alexandra and Avanti are the co-chairpersons of community outreach. They have both have been involved with the Gift of Life Marrow Registry, blood drives, local Earth Day cleanups, World Kindness Day events, Cookies for Kids with Cancer, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Fox Chapel Area School District telethon fundraisers, a drive for the Second Avenue Commons shelter, and Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy projects. Additionally, Alexandra led a collection drive for the people of Ukraine; volunteered at a diversity, equity, and inclusion ceiling tile event; and helped collect hygiene products for the Light of Life Rescue Mission. Avanti has also volunteered for the high school's annual senior citizens luncheon.

According to Fox Chapel Area High School counselor and community outreach sponsor, **Rachel Machen**, both Alexandra and Avanti are passionate about helping people in their community.

"Alexandra and Avanti have taken great initiative when it comes to community outreach and getting our students involved in helping others," says Mrs. Machen. "They are truly invested in helping our local and high school communities become better places for everyone."

“What a fabulous group to lift up; these purposeful students are taking action to create a better tomorrow for their communities and the world,” says Kristine Sturgeon, CEO of InnerView Technologies. “High school students have a strong perspective on the most challenging issues and needs facing our communities. They have given us hope as we see a measured increase in breadth and depth of volunteerism by these local leaders and global citizens.”

• A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students was named the overall grand champion in the ‘Burgh Bash National Championships, hosted by the BotsIQ manufacturing workforce program. The team overcame great odds when, on the first day of the competition, their 15-pound BattleBot suffered a mechanical failure. The team ended up going through the entire consolation bracket of the double-elimination tournament with a record of 9-0 and placed second in the battle portion of the event. Averaged with the team’s outstanding engineering documentation scores, the team, nevertheless, was named the overall grand champion.

Junior **Eduardo Phelan-Vidal** was responsible for the research, documentation, primary design, and assembly of the BattleBot’s frame, armor, and weapon systems in the three-dimensional modeling software. Senior **Adam Zimmerman** aided in design and commanded the mechanical construction of the complex aerospace titanium, nylon, and structural aluminum assemblies. Sophomore **Jackson Hagler** was in charge of the power system, battery, electrical design, and soldering, aided by freshman **Benjamin Sun**. Seniors **Aiden Dorneich** and **Kevin Quinn** were responsible for the propulsion and programmable control systems. During competition, Adam drove the robot with precise control and unmatched strategy, while Aiden controlled the offensive weapon.

The other members of the Fox Chapel Area High School robotics team are senior **Samuel Kuhns**; juniors **Ava McCaffrey**, **Aiden Purcell**, and **Lucy Rygelski**; sophomores **Riley Puklus**, **Graeson Santucci**, and **Keegan Scanlon**; and freshmen **Krisztian Salvador** and **Alanna Sloss**. The team’s sponsor is teacher **Ryan Siniawski** and its industry partner is Pittsburgh-based Aerotech Inc., which provided mentorship and design consultations.

Mr. Siniawski says he is incredibly proud of his students for their dedication and overcoming great odds.

“Their hundreds of hours of work as a second-year design outlasted many teams with over a decade of revisions and experience under their belts,” he says.

A total of 38 teams participated in the ‘Burgh Bash National Championships, including teams from California and Kansas. The competition was held May 19 and 20, 2023, at Rosedale Technical College in Kennedy Township.

Prior to being named the overall grand champion at the ‘Burgh Bash National Championships, the team participated in the BotsIQ State Finals Competition, held at PennWest California at the end of April, where they won second place in Engineering Documentation with a near-perfect score.

• Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Keonha Ye** was named a second-place winner in Pennsylvania in the fifth annual Just Drive public service announcement (PSA) video contest. Students representing 92 high schools from New Jersey and Pennsylvania created 30-second video PSAs highlighting the dangers of distracted driving as part of the contest. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), car crashes are a leading cause of preventable deaths for teens.

Keonha’s video, “Driver’s Test,” encourages drivers to exercise the same responsible behavior they used to pass their driving test. First through third places were awarded in each state and Keonha’s second place PSA earned Fox Chapel Area High School \$10,000. Keonha’s winning video can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQbcCll6xd0>.

The Just Drive competition presents a creative opportunity for teens to promote safe driving practices, and the winning schools will put their prize money toward a post-prom, post-graduation, or safe driving program.

The contest was sponsored by NJM Insurance Group (NJM), in partnership with the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey (BIANJ) and Impact Teen Driver (ITD). The winning schools were awarded a total of \$60,000.

“Our partners at the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey and Impact Teen Drivers inspire students to promote a culture of safety within their schools,” said Erica Rosso, NJM Consumer Safety Partnership and Program Supervisor. “Year over year this contest amplifies the power of teen voices. Their collaborative work to raise awareness and end distracted driving gives us promise that safer roads are achievable.”

NJM announced the winners in special virtual showcases on Facebook and Instagram on April 26 and April 27, 2023. During the virtual presentation, the winning New Jersey and Pennsylvania submissions were showcased.

“The creative approaches students take in developing safe driving messages reminds us that teens are one of our greatest ambassadors in engaging, educating, and empowering others,” said Kelly Browning, Ph.D., executive director of Impact Teen Drivers.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Arvind Seshan** was selected as a Regional Finalist for the 35th class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Arvind is one of 250 students from across the nation, and one of only 10 from Pennsylvania, to be selected as a Regional Finalist.

Prior to being named a Regional Finalist, Arvind was named a Semifinalist for the 2023 class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. A total of 1,557 high school seniors from across the nation (and 100 from Pennsylvania) were chosen as Semifinalists from more than 91,000 applicants. Students are selected as Semifinalists based on their academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities.

Regional Finalists participated in the next phase of the selection process which included a 20-minute interview with a regional committee comprised of a Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation staff member and previous Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship recipients.

A joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers across the country and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. With the addition of the 2023 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than \$81 million in scholarships over the course of 35 years.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Arvind Seshan** was named a semifinalist in the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Arvind is one of nearly 630 outstanding high school seniors from across the nation, and one of only 16 from Pennsylvania, chosen as a semifinalist. The semifinalists were selected from approximately 5,000 candidates from nearly 3.6 million high school seniors graduating this year from across the U.S.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, begun in 1964, is one of the nation’s highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Students are first selected for the program based on their superior academic achievements. They are then further evaluated on their academic achievements, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and the quality and content of a submitted essay.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School and A.W. Beattie Career Center student placed first in the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania District 8 competition. Senior **Casey Forst** won a gold medal in the medical math competition. Casey is a student in Beattie’s Introduction to Pharmacy program and also qualified for the SkillsUSA state competition that was held April 12-14, 2023, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The SkillsUSA District 8 competition was held in January at Pittsburgh Technical College. The competition was open to students from 10 career and technical education centers from across the greater Pittsburgh area.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students were named semifinalists in the 2023 Western Pennsylvania History Bowl tournament. The team of seniors **Elijah Conklin**, **Nathaniel Green**, **Arvind Seshan**, and **Prajval Sreenivas** and junior **Logan Dressman** placed third, making them semifinalists in the varsity division. The team qualified for the National History Bowl that was held in Arlington, Virginia, at the end of April. All five of the students are members of the Fox Chapel Area High School History Club.

The Western Pennsylvania History Bowl tournament was held at South Side Area High School January 21 in Hookstown, Pennsylvania. A total of 11 teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia competed in the tournament where they answered questions about world and United States History. The contest was sponsored by International Academic Competitions.

- Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Elijah Conklin** placed in two individual events as part of the National History Bowl. In the United States Geography Championships, Elijah placed eighth in the nation and in the National Political Science Bee, he placed 21st.

Elijah was at the competition with teammates seniors **Nathaniel Green**, **Arvind Seshan**, and **Caleb Hahl** and junior **Logan Dressman** who qualified for the National History Bowl by being named semifinalists in the varsity division of the 2023 Western Pennsylvania History Bowl tournament. At nationals, only a tiebreaker kept the team from qualifying for the playoff rounds. Additionally, senior **Prajval Sreenivas** also qualified for the national competition with the team, but was unable to attend. All six students are members of the Fox Chapel Area High School History Club.

The national competition was held April 28 and 29 in Arlington, Virginia, and was sponsored by International Academic Competitions.

- Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards at the 84th Annual Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF), and one of those students qualified for an international competition.

Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Arvind Seshan** was one of six overall winners and qualified to participate in the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair (Regeneron ISEF) for the third consecutive year. Judging for the international competition was held May 14-19, 2023, in Dallas, and hundreds of students in grades 9-12 from nations across the world competed for prizes worth millions of dollars. Arvind also won first place in the senior division computer science/math category. The name of Arvind's project is "An Iterative Neural Network Based Approach to Automated IFT-20 Sensory Neuron Identification in *Caenorhabditis elegans*."

Additionally, sophomore **Rohit Velankar** was named the first-place winner in the senior division physics & astronomy category, and sixth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** won first place in the junior division behavioral & consumer science category. The PRSEF also nominates all first-, second-, and third-place junior and intermediate division category winners to attend the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (formerly called the Broadcom MASTERS competition) that is held annually in October in Washington, D.C.

The PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from the 21 counties within Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. Each year, approximately 1,000 students from more than 100 schools compete for cash, scholarships, and trips worth thousands of dollars. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research and presented their projects to a committee of judges. The judging took place March 28 and 29 at the Carnegie Science Center. An awards ceremony was livestreamed March 31.

- Seven Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students won first-place awards as part of the 89th Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS).

Fox Chapel Area first-place winners were seniors **Lawrence Liu** and **Arvind Seshan**; juniors **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** and **Adhitya Thirumala**; sophomores **Etash Jhanji** and **Rohit Velankar**; and eighth-grader **Param Thawani**. The first-place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition which was held May 15-17, 2023, 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 make a presentation in front of a panel of judges. The regional competition was held February 4, 2023, at Baldwin High School.

- Four Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards in the State Competition of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area first-place state winners were juniors **Lakshanya**

Rajaganapathi and Adhitya Thirumala; sophomore **Etash Jhanji**; and eighth-grader **Param Thawani**. Additionally, Lakshanya was named the Pennsylvania Science Talent Search (PSTS) Outstanding Junior, and Param received a Perfect Score award and a Director's Award for Junior High Excellence in Computer Science.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were among students in grades 7-12 from across Pennsylvania who competed at the state PJAS competition. The students researched their science projects for several months and were required to give an oral presentation on their projects in front of a panel of judges.

The state competition was held at Penn State University (Main Campus) May 14-16, 2023. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first-place winners at the 89th Annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

- Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Sofia Liberto** was named a winner in the Third Annual Prime Stage High School Drama Awards. Sofia won the award for best student costume design for Fox Chapel Area High School's fall play, "Arsenic and Old Lace."

The Fox Chapel Area High School students performed a scene from the fall play as part of the awards ceremony that was held April 24, 2023, at Prime Stage's New Hazlett Theater Center for the Performing Arts. The awards, sponsored by Prime Stage Theatre, recognize excellence in high school drama and were open to schools from across Southwestern Pennsylvania.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the 2022 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Virtual Regional Leadership Conference and many qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first-place regional winners were seniors **Helia Hamidi** and **Jack Wilk**; juniors **Jacob Anthikad**, **Maria Costantino**, **Evelyn Healy**, **Madelyn Jones**, **Whitney Jones**, **Harry Littwin**, and **Angela Ngo**; sophomores **David Black**, **Jackson Hagler**, and **David Sorisio**; and freshmen **Marin Airik**, **Prachi Behal**, **Maeve Beresford**, **Michael Costello**, **Aavree Hill**, and **Rodrigo Silva**. Second-place regional winners were senior **Paul Kullmann**; juniors **Joseph Berger**, **Micah Cagley**, **Isaac Jacobs**, and **Dylan Work**; sophomores **Charles Larsen**, **Anna Mohn**, and **Kennedy Murton**; and freshmen **Joshua Shah** and **Nicolas Squeglia**. Third-place regional winners were 2023 early graduate **Zachary Sullivan**; juniors **Iris Doty**, **Jenna Lazaro**, **Tess Petrucelli**, and **Heidi Tong**; sophomores **Matthew Begg**, **Kai Edwards**, **Gabriella Hample**, and **Keegan Scanlon**; and freshman **Avery Jones**. Fourth-place finishers were senior **Diya Reddy**; juniors **Julia Hernaez** and **Jadyn Smouse**; and sophomores **Rayna Huang**, **Jonah Kline**, and **Asher White**. Fifth-place regional winners were sophomore **Rachel Pegher** and freshmen **Mira Owens** and **Emma Srodes**. Other winners included juniors **Ava McCaffrey** and **Gloria Wen**; and sophomores **Brennan Bielawski**, **Selin Geylani**, **Swati Mylarappa**, and **Holden Starz**. All of these students qualified to participate in the 2023 FBLA State Leadership Conference that was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 17-19, 2023.

The FBLA Virtual Regional Leadership Conference was held in December 2022 and January 2023. Approximately 600 students from 11 school districts participated in the regional competition.

- Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students placed at the 2023 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. Juniors **Micah Cagley** and **Dylan Work**, sophomores **Kai Edwards** and **Gabriella Hample**, and freshman **Joshua Shah** all won first places; and juniors **Harry Littwin** and **Gloria Wen** won second places. All seven of these students qualified to participate in the FBLA National Leadership Conference that will be held June 27-30 in Atlanta. Other Fox Chapel Area High School state place winners were juniors **Laney Porterfield** (second place) and **Jacob Anthikad** (seventh place) and sophomores **Kai Edwards** (two fifth places) and **Jackson Hagler** (sixth place). Additionally, Dorseyville Middle School sixth-grader **Matthew Bartolacci** also placed second at the state conference. This was the first year that Dorseyville Middle School had a chapter of FBLA at the school.

The Fox Chapel Area High School chapter of the FBLA also received the 5th Largest Local Chapter Membership Award with 117 total members. There are more than 200 high schools participating in FBLA within the state of Pennsylvania.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 17-19. More than 5,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Congalton**.

- Hartwood Elementary School fourth-grader **Charlene “Cici” Xu** was named the winner of the Allegheny County Sumdog Contest. The Sumdog contest consists of an online math quiz that students take on their own time. For the county contest, Cici took the online test in November 2022 and answered 991 out of 1,000 questions correctly, more than any other participating student in the county.

Additionally, in September 2022, Cici finished 32nd (in the top 1%) of all 26,524 students who competed in the national Sumdog September Slam Math Contest. In that contest, Cici answered 978 math questions correctly out of 1,000. Also, as part of that national contest, Hartwood Elementary teacher Leah Rea’s fourth-grade class as a whole, of which Cici is a member, finished in the top 10% overall out of 1,615 classes in the nation.

Cici also participated in the Sumdog Spring Fling math contest May 5-11 where she finished ninth in the nation from among 13,231 students.

Sumdog is a free online math contest offered throughout the year and students compete against other classes and schools, locally and/or nationally. Students’ individual scores are based on the number of questions they answer correctly during the contest and the class score is based on the average of the number of questions answered correctly by every student in the class.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School student won a gold medal in the Tri-State Track Coaches Association (TSTCA) indoor track championships. Junior **Anna Troutman** won first place in the high jump at the meet that was held February 18 at PennWest Edinboro. Additionally, Anna qualified for the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association (PTFCA) indoor state championship meet in the high jump. The state meet was held February 26, 2023, at Penn State University (Main Campus).

- Two members of the Fox Chapel Area High School girls track & field team qualified for the 2023 PIAA Track & Field Championships. Junior **Anna Troutman** (100 meter hurdles) and freshman **Claire Conti** (discus) qualified for the state competition. The championships were held May 26 and 27 at Shippensburg University.

- The Fox Chapel Area High School boys varsity tennis team won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 3 team title. Members of the team were seniors **Jack Delaney, Christopher Ernharth, Cooper Friday, Arjun Golla, Ananth Kashyap, and Owen Patel**; juniors **Ben Hallman, Travis Malone, and William Siegel**; and sophomores **Mason Friday, Milan Golla, Parker Haberman, Ezra Shensa, and Henry Stallings**. The team was undefeated in the section with a record of 6-0 and the team finished with an overall record of 12-2.

- Four members of the Fox Chapel Crew Team qualified for the Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA) National Regatta. The team members are freshmen **Charles Hahl, Keitaro Inada, Gavin Nguyen, and Nikolaj Vavpetic**. The SRAA National Regatta was held May 26 and 27, 2023, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

•FCASD Police Department Named NASRO Model Agency

The Fox Chapel Area School District Police Department has been named a recipient of the 2023 NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers) Model Agency Award. The recognition is being given for the department’s creative and innovative approach to school-based policing. Fox Chapel Area School District is the only district in Pennsylvania and one of only 10 from across the nation to receive the award this year.

National Model Agency Awards are given to agencies that exemplify NASRO’s triad concept of school-based policing in which the school resource officers serve as mentors, educators, and law enforcement officers, while serving school communities in a manner that represents the best in community policing. The award will be presented at the NASRO National School Safety Conference in Indianapolis on June 30.

The members of the Fox Chapel Area School District Police Department are **Joseph Kozarian** (chief), **Joseph Abbott**, **Scott Bailey**, **Stanley Bradish**, **Joshua Dietz**, **Dennis Lynch**, **Timothy Rush**, **Shannon Santucci**, and **Eric Valentine**.

NASRO is dedicated to making schools and children safer by providing the highest quality training to school-based law enforcement officers. By training law enforcement to educate, counsel, and protect school communities, NASRO continuously leads by example and promotes a positive image of law enforcement to school children and school communities.

• **High School Students Named PSAT/NMSQT High Scorers**

Twenty-eight Fox Chapel Area High School rising seniors are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants on the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and have met the requirements to enter the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are: **Jacob Anthikad**, **Annalese Bartolacci**, **Dylan Berman**, **Joshua Correnti**, **Amelia Costello**, **Nicholas Cusano**, **Eliza Davis**, **Logan Dressman**, **David Feder**, **Adam Ferris**, **Emmett Gillespie**, **Lucas Gravina**, **Darren Jayaratnam**, **Clara Kelley**, **Chloe Kim**, **Henry Koloc**, **Shriya Krishnamurthy**, **Rachel Milcheck**, **Eduardo Phelan-Vidal**, **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi**, **Liviya Rubin**, **Adhitya Thirumala**, **Emily Torbert**, **Gloria Wen**, **Abraham White**, **Isabella White**, **Dylan Work**, and **Bridget Yun**. More than 1.3 million students took the 2022 PSAT/NMSQT and these Fox Chapel Area students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants on that test from across the nation.

Approximately 16,000 of these highest scoring students will be named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists in September 2023, representing the top scorers in each state, and approximately 34,000 of the students will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. The Semifinalists will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for about 7,250 Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2024.

• **Students Win Awards at Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

Four Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards at the 84th Annual Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF). Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Adhitya Thirumala** won a scholarship award from Slippery Rock University. Additionally, three Dorseyville Middle school students were also named winners. Sixth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** won sponsor awards from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh & Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, and the Naval Nuclear Laboratory. Eighth-grader **Param Thawani** won third place in the intermediate division engineering/robotics category and the Lemelson Early Inventor Prize affiliated sponsor award. The PRSEF also nominates all first-, second-, and third-place junior and intermediate division category winners to attend the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (formerly called the Broadcom MASTERS competition) that is held annually in October 2023 in Washington, D.C. In addition, seventh-grader **Divya Thirumala** won a Society for Women Engineers sponsor award.

The PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from the 21 counties within Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. Each year, approximately 1,000 students from more than 100 schools compete for cash, scholarships, and trips worth thousands of dollars. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research and presented their projects to a committee of judges. The judging took place March 28 and 29 at the Carnegie Science Center. An awards ceremony was livestreamed March 31.

• **Students Win Special Awards at State FBLA Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students won special awards at the 2023 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. Six students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society: senior **Stella Ruane** and juniors **Annalese Bartolacci**, **Maria Costantino**, **Whitney Jones**, **Angela Ngo**, and **Kieu Uyen Tong**. Big 33 Community Service Awards went to 2023 early graduate **Zachary Sullivan**, junior **Joseph Berger**, and sophomore **Sienna Siegel**. Business Achievement Awards were given to senior Stella Ruane (Contributor level, Advocate level, and Leader level), junior Annalese Bartolacci (Contributor level), and sophomore **Kai Edwards** (Contributor level, Advocate level, and Leader level).

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 17-19. More than 5,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Congalton**.

• **High School Student Selected for NCWIT Affiliate Rising Star Award**

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** was selected to receive the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Western Pennsylvania Affiliate Rising Star Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC). Lakshanya was selected for the award based on her demonstrated aspirations in computing and technology. She received a medal and a certificate in honor of her achievements.

The NCWIT Western Pennsylvania Affiliate Rising Star Award for AiC recognizes high school students in grades 9-12 for their aptitude and interest in information technology and computing, solid leadership ability, successful academic history, and plans for postsecondary education. The Western PA affiliate of the NCWIT Award for AiC is a collaborative effort by dedicated volunteers from Saint Francis University, Penn State University New Kensington, the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and All Clear Translations.

• **High School Team Receives Honorable Mention in Governor’s STEM Competition**

A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students received an honorable mention in the ninth annual Pennsylvania Governor’s STEM Competition. The team members are juniors **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi, Adhitya Thirumala, and Gabriella Urso** and sophomores **Alex Kim and Swati Mylarappa**. The theme of the competition this year was “Innovating the Commonwealth through Collaboration and Computing.” The Fox Chapel Area High School team was one of 20 winning teams from across the state and one of only two from Western Pennsylvania to be named a winner.

The Fox Chapel Area group developed a product called TURBO, a low-cost turbidity sensor that repurposes the already-existing LifeStraws. TURBO addresses the needs of individuals struggling with various water quality issues and bridges the gap between individuals and communities from around the world to reduce water contamination. The device measures the turbidity of the water and relays the data via a mobile application to local water authorities who then alert the public about possible water contamination in the area.

This year, the Governor’s STEM Competition challenged 62 teams of students in grades 9-12 from across the state to research, design, and present a device or project that can help improve the lives of Pennsylvanians and fulfill real-world needs.

“The thought and innovation that went into this year’s projects continues to show us why Pennsylvania has long been seen as a national leader in STEM,” said Acting Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid N. Mumin. “The commonwealth is fortunate to have such talented, knowledgeable, and creative students.”

The Fox Chapel Area High School students’ advisor was gifted support facilitator **Lisa Gibson**.

• **Students Named Outstanding Young Citizen Awardees**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students have been named among the top 163 in the 2023 Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen program. Juniors **Camryn Eisner, Anna Iasella, and Eduardo Phelan-Vidal** were named among the Outstanding Young Citizen Awardees. Students from more than 100 public, private, parochial, charter, and career and technology schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area were nominated for the award which is based on academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community service. Biographies of the students are featured on the website oyc.triblive.com.

• **Fairview Student Named Winner in Regional Poster Contest**

Fairview Elementary School third-grader **Nora Diven** won second place in the third-grade division of the Pittsburgh area U.S. Department of Energy’s National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) annual Earth Day Poster Contest. The theme of this year’s contest was “Invest in Our Plant. What will you do?”. Students

were invited to design posters featuring their favorite ways to restore the earth and its precious resources. Nora’s poster encourages people to “make our earth a better place” by planting more trees and flowers, and picking up trash and throwing it away. The contest was open to elementary students from NETL’s laboratory sites in Pittsburgh, West Virginia, and Oregon.

The first-, second-, third-, and fourth-place winning posters were sent to the U.S. Department of Energy headquarters in Washington, D.C., for display. The winning artwork of all the students can be seen at <https://netl.doe.gov/education/earth-day>.

• **Softball Players Chosen for Big 56 All-Section Teams**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School softball players were chosen for Big 56 Class 5A Section 1 all-star teams. Senior **Hunter Taylor** was named to the first team, sophomore **Adina Rosen** and freshman **Ava Walmsley** were named to the second team, and freshman **Bailey Mack** received an honorable mention to the team.

• **Baseball Players Chosen for Big 56 All-Section Teams**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School baseball players were chosen for Big 56 Class 5A Section 1 all-star teams. Senior **Zachary Johnston**, juniors **Mitchell Epstein** and **Troy Susnak**, and sophomore **Jeremy Haigh** were all named to the first team. Freshman **Joseph Geller** received an honorable mention to the team.

• **Basketball Player Chosen for Underclassmen Roundball Classic Rising Stars Challenge**

A Fox Chapel Area High School junior was selected to play in the Roundball Classic Rising Stars Challenge. **Jefferson Moorefield-Brown** played in a game May 17, 2023, at Geneva College featuring top junior, sophomores, and freshmen from the WPIAL, City League, and District 10. The Rising Stars Challenge was a new addition to the Roundball Classic that annually features the top seniors.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

There was no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dadd asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular business meeting dated May 8, 2023. On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Frank, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

A. Facilities/Transportation

There was no business.

FINANCE

B. Finance

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Frank, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items 1 – 9:

1. Disbursements (A)

General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$7,152,117.81 from May 1, 2023, through May 31, 2023, are approved.

2. Disbursements (B)

Athletic capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$19,060 for May 2023 are approved.

3. Finance Report

The finance report for April 2023 is acknowledged and filed for audit.

4. Budget Transfers

The budget transfers for 2022-2023 are approved.

5. Insurance 2023-2024

The following insurance policies are approved effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024:

Workers' Compensation:

Carrier: UPMC
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$216,114

Commercial Package (includes Auto/Boiler & Machinery):

Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$166,827
Coverage: Blanket limit based on valuation appraisal

Educators' Legal Liability:

Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$25,344
Coverage: \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy:

Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$18,326
Coverage: \$20,000,000

Cyber Protection:

Carrier: Travelers
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$25,523
Coverage: \$1,000,000

6. First National Bank – Merchant Processing Service Fee Program

Approve the merchant processing service fee program with First National Bank, and authorize the administration to complete the application process. **This is a new program that allows the district to centralize online payments.**

7. First National Bank – Merchant Services Proposal

Approve the merchant services proposal from First National Bank for athletic ticket sales, and authorize the administration to complete the application process. **This is a new program that will replace the agreement with the previous provider for this service.**

8. 2023-2024 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget

Approve the 2023-2024 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget in the amount of \$2,087,063.

9. Interfund Transfer

Approve an interfund transfer from Fund 10 (general fund disbursements) to Fund 32 (athletic capital reserves fund) in the amount of \$24,434.50 based on 50% of 2022-2023 athletic ticket sales.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Goode, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Finance items 10 and 11:

10. Final 2023-2024 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2023-3

Approve Resolution 2023-3 as follows:

**FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2023-3**

2023-2024 General Fund Operating Budget

A proposed final budget in the amount of \$115,373,219.00 as presented with 20.7352 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 8, 2023. The budget was advertised and made available to the public for review and comment for the past 30 days. The Board of School Directors and the administration have reviewed any comments. A budget in the amount of \$115,373,219.00 is presented for final approval.

RESOLVED, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$115,373,219.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, 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 1% on salaries, wages, commissions, and other compensation earned by residents of the Fox Chapel Area School District during the period beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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% 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, 2023, to June 30, 2024, 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 2023-2024 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, 2023, 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 twenty and seventy-three hundred fifty-two 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 \$20.7352 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2023, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Directors.

11. Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2023-4

Approve Resolution 2023-4 regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

INSTRUCTION

C. Instruction

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

**1. Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Comprehensive Services Agreement and Special Education Services Addendum A**

Approve the comprehensive services agreement and special education services Addendum A between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for specialized educational services for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. **This is a renewal of services.**

2. Kristine Orosz – Contractual Agreement

Approve the contractual agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Kristine Orosz to provide special education evaluations to students identified by the district for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. **This is a renewal of services.**

3. The Day School – Services Agreement

Approve the services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Day School for educational and related services to students for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. **This is a renewal of services.**

**4. Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc. DBA PGH ABA
School Educational Placement Service Agreement**

Approve the educational placement service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc. DBA PGH ABA for special education services for the 2023-2024 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

**5. Glade Run Lutheran Services – Day Student Education Agreement
dba St. Stephens Lutheran Academy and St. Stephens Academy Utica**

Approve the day student education agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Glade Run Lutheran Services dba St. Stephens Lutheran Academy and St. Stephens Academy Utica for services to students for the 2023-2024 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

6. The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Outreach Services Contract Agreement

Approve the outreach services contract agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children for services to students effective August 30, 2023, through August 29, 2024. **This is a renewal of services.**

7. Pressley Ridge Day School Autism – Addendum #6 to the Contractual Agreement

Approve Addendum #6 to the contractual agreement approved August 14, 2017, between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pressley Ridge for services to students for the 2023-2024 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

8. St. Anthony Post-Secondary Program Public School District Service Agreement

Approve the public school district service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and St. Anthony School Programs for post-secondary program services effective August 21, 2023, through June 30, 2024. **This is a renewal of services.**

9. College Partnership Agreements

Approve the following college partnership agreements and authorize the administration to execute the agreements on behalf of the district as necessary:

Seton Hill University
University of Pittsburgh

10. Stipulated Adjudication

Approve the stipulated adjudication as presented.

LEGISLATION/POLICY

D. Legislation/Policy

There was no business.

PERSONNEL

E. Personnel

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.

On motion by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Goode, and after a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Personnel items:

1. Resignations

a. Educational Support

- (1) The resignation of Veronica G. Miers, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 5, 2023.

b. Food Services

- (1) The resignation of Suzanne K. Birdsong, food services worker at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 5, 2023.
- (2) The resignation of Sherry M. Lloyd, food services leader at Dorseyville Middle School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 5, 2023.

c. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Shannon M. Finley, track HS 3rd assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective May 30, 2023.
- (2) The resignation of Natalie Meyer, girls volleyball HS assistant (50%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective May 16, 2023.
- (3) The resignation of James W. Muir, softball HS 1st assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective May 23, 2023.
- (4) The resignation of Daniel R. Taylor, swimming HS head at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective May 24, 2023.

d. Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Caesandra D. Burgh, band 2nd assistant director – marching (75%) at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 8, 2023.
- (2) The resignation of Andrea F. Deasy, special education – MS department head at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 30, 2023.
- (3) The resignation of Michele M. Fischer, special education – HS department head at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 30, 2023.
- (4) The resignation of Hannah Y. Roux, bus monitor #1 elementary – O'Hara at O'Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 30, 2023.
- (5) The resignation of Diana M. Sayre-Dolan, student government class caucus sponsor – 4 at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 30, 2023.

2. Appointments

a. Professional

- (1) Alyson E. De La Torre is approved as an elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Maura O'Rorke.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., Ohio University, 2017
B.S., Ohio University, 2015
Experience: 3 Years, Riverview School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$68,598 based on Step 4, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (2) Marissa J. Dent is approved as a reading support teacher at Kerr Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Frances Connolly.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., Duquesne University, 2022
B.S., Slippery Rock University, 2020
Experience: Student Teaching, Slippery Rock Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$66,498 based on Step 1, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (3) Samantha M. Diamond is approved as an elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School. This position is available due to increased enrollment.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., Carlow University, 2022
B.S., Slippery Rock University, 2014
Experience: 1 Year, Loudoun County Public Schools, VA
2 Years, Norfolk Public Schools, VA
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$68,598 based on Step 4, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (4) Julia L. Puntl is approved as a gifted support teacher at Fairview Elementary School. This position is available due to the transfer of Susan Kreit.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2022
Experience: Student Teaching, Tyrone Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$58,198 based on Step 1, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (5) Alexander Poellnitz is approved as a science teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Gregory Schubert.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2020
Experience: 2 Years, New Brighton Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$59,248 based on Step 3, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (6) Matthew W. Sasson is approved as an English teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Donna Rust.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., Slippery Rock University, 2020
B.A., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2015
Experience: 1 Year, Penn Hills School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$67,023 based on Step 2, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (7) Mary L. Schluep is approved as a math support teacher at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the retirement of Amanda Thiessen.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Clarion University of Pennsylvania, 2017
Experience: 1 Year, North Allegheny School District
1 Year, Ambridge Area School District
1 Year, Quaker Valley School District
1 Year, Norristown Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$61,348 based on Step 5, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (8) Deena L. Stipetich is approved as an art teacher at O'Hara Elementary School. This position is available due to the retirement of Nanci Goldberg.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.A., Seton Hill University, 1990
Experience: Student Teaching, Greater Latrobe School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$58,198 based on Step 1, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (9) Bailey L. Traczynski is approved as an elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School. This position is available due to the resignation of Margarita Escobedo.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Duquesne University, 2022
Experience: Student Teaching, Fox Chapel Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$58,198 based on Step 1, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (10) Brendon J. Urso is approved as a special education teacher at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the retirement of Andrea Deasy.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., University of Pittsburgh, 2021
B.A., Allegheny College, 2020
Experience: 2 Years, Mars Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$67,548 based on Step 3, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (11) Abigail R. Wentling is approved as a special education teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Michele Fischer.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., High Point University, 2021
B.A., High Point University, 2020
Experience: 1 Year, Davie County Schools, NC
Effective: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$67,023 based on Step 2, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (3) Yaryna Korenovska is approved as a first-semester leave replacement elementary teacher at Hartwood Elementary School. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of Amy Zottola.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Duquesne University, 2021
Experience: Student Teaching, Moon Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023, through January 19, 2024
Salary: \$58,198 (prorated) based on Step 1, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (4) Zachary J. Piper is approved as a leave replacement music teacher for the elementary program. This position is available due to the resignation of Judith Meyers.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2022
Experience: Student Teaching, Trinity Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023, through the day after the last day of school for students for the 2023-2024 school year
Salary: \$58,198 based on Step 1, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (5) Carolyn N. Whitney is approved as a leave replacement elementary teacher at Hartwood Elementary School. This position is available due to increased enrollment.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: M.Ed., University of Pittsburgh, 2023
B.S., Duquesne University, 2021
Experience: Student Teaching, West Mifflin Area School District
Effective: August 21, 2023, through the day after the last day of school for students for the 2023-2024 school year
Salary: \$66,498 based on Step 1, M+0
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (6) Miranda M. Zarlino is approved as a leave replacement elementary teacher at Kerr Elementary School. This position is available due to the educational sabbatical of Erin Wharton.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Duquesne University, 2021
Experience: 1 Year, Elizabeth Forward School District
Effective: August 21, 2023, through the day after the last day of school for students for the 2023-2024 school year
Salary: \$64,173 based on Step 2, B+24
Fringe Benefits: As Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

4. Employment Agreements

- a. The following employment agreements are approved as presented:

District Van Driver, David R. Daugherty
Food Services Manager, Julie K. Geary
Certified Athletic Trainer/Assistant Director of Athletics, John N. Panos

5. Fox Chapel Area School Police Officers – Agreement

- a. The Fox Chapel Area School Police Officers Fringe Benefits, Compensation, and Employment Agreement is approved effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, as presented.

6. Changes of Status

a. Confidential

- (1) Susan R. Nichols, pupil services secretary for the Fox Chapel Area School District, is approved as the executive assistant to the deputy superintendent, effective July 3, 2023. Salary and benefits will be set as per the Fox Chapel Area School District Confidential Employees Fringe Benefits, Compensation, and Performance Appraisal Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of Donna Beley.
- (2) Shonie E. Walters, business office accounts payable/purchasing secretary for the Fox Chapel Area School District, is approved as the payroll/accounting specialist, effective June 13, 2023. Salary and benefits will be set as per the Fox Chapel Area School District Confidential Employees Fringe Benefits, Compensation, and Performance Appraisal Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of Shari Hudak.

b. Educational Support

- (1) Heather L. Wike, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, is approved as an instructional assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, effective August 25, 2023. Salary will be set based on the salary scale for instructional assistants, Step 2, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of Patricia Letters.

7. Summer Programs – 2023

a. Elementary

- (1) Stacy E. Trpcic is approved as the Elementary Summer Learning Academy special education teacher at a rate of \$30.92 per hour with a maximum of 90 hours for preparation and instruction.

b. Middle School

- (1) The following individuals are approved as substitute instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$30.92 per hour:

Andrew J. Richards
Debra L. Skiles

8. Compensation Adjustments – Nutrition Center

- a. The wage scale for food services employees is approved as follows:

Wage Scale 2023-2024:

General Food Worker – New Hire	\$14.50/hour
General Food Worker – 1	\$15.45/hour
General Food Worker – 2	\$16.34/hour
General Food Worker – 3	\$17.49/hour
Lead – 1	\$17.54/hour
Lead – 2	\$18.55/hour
High School Manager	\$23.00/hour

9. Summer Student Worker

- a. Megan Mulhern is ratified as a summer student worker at a rate of \$7.25 per hour, effective June 9, 2023, through August 25, 2023, with a maximum of 16 hours per week.

10. Volunteers – Athletic

- a. The following athletic volunteer is ratified effective May 24, 2023:

Maxfield Reed Boys Soccer – MS

- b. The following athletic volunteer is ratified, effective June 12, 2023:

Michael Lemon Football – MS

OPERATIONS/COOPERATIVE SERVICES

F. Operations/Cooperative Services

On motion by Mr. Goode and seconded by Mr. Hamilton, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Operations/Cooperative Services item 1:

1. AIA Document A101-2017 – Hellas Construction, Inc. Multiple Fields Renovation Project – Contractor

Approve the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Hellas Construction, Inc. for construction related to the multiple fields renovation project at Fox Chapel Area High School.

On motion by Mr. Goode and seconded by Mr. Frank, and after a discussion, it was unanimously resolved to approve the following Operations/Cooperative Services items 2 – 9:

2. Precision HR Solutions, Inc. – Addendum

Approve the addendum between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Precision HR Solutions, Inc., for the rate of substitute cafeteria workers for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. **This addendum is pursuant to the agreement that was approved May 8, 2023.**

3. Student Teaching Affiliation Agreements

Approve the following student teaching affiliation agreements:

Carlow University
La Roche University
Robert Morris University
The Pennsylvania State University

4. 2023-2024 Dental Examiner

Approve Dr. Susan Buzzatto as dental examiner for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$12 per student, at original entry into school and in grades three and seven, and \$100 for cleaning of instruments. **This is a renewal of services.**

5. Meal Prices

Approve the meal prices and milk price for the 2023-2024 school year, with no increases from the 2022-2023 school year. Reduced lunch and breakfast prices listed are set by the USDA.

Elementary Lunch	\$2.65
Secondary Lunch	\$2.95
Breakfast	\$1.45
Adult Breakfast	\$2.45
Adult Lunch	\$4.05
Milk	\$0.75
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30

6. PSBA 2023 Delegate Assembly – Appointment of Voting Delegates

The appointment of Adam Goode and Marybeth Dadd as voting delegates to the PSBA 2023 Delegate Assembly is approved.

7. Fox Chapel Little Foxes and Foxettes – Agreement and Lease

Approve the agreement and lease between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Fox Chapel Little Foxes and Foxettes, effective June 12, 2023. **This is a new agreement.**

8. Special Counsel

Motion to approve, pursuant to Section 406 of the Public School Code (24 P.S. § 4-406), the engagement of Andrews & Price LLC as special counsel to the district for a personnel matter at a rate of \$185 per hour for partners, \$155 per hour for associate attorneys, and \$90 per hour for paralegals.

**9. HomeTown Ticketing, LLC
Digital Ticketing and Event Management Software Service Agreement**

Approve the digital ticketing and event management software service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and HomeTown Ticketing, LLC for automated athletic ticket sales at no cost to the district. **This is a replacement service.**

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Rachel Machen, Fox Chapel Educators Association president, gave her report.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were six comments. Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Zych, Mr. Frank, Ms. Findley, Mr. Hamilton, and Ms. Dadd commented.

ADIJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary