

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Agenda Study Session
November 6, 2023 – 7 p.m.
Fox Chapel Area High School LGI Room

Regular Business Meeting
November 13, 2023 – 7 p.m.
Kerr Elementary School Gym

This meeting may be recorded and/or broadcast.

Attached Pages

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. GUESTS

•Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Anna Delale-O'Connor** was among only six students worldwide to receive a perfect score on the Advanced Placement (AP) World History: Modern Exam out of approximately 300,000 students who took the test in the spring of 2023.

“We applaud your mastery of the content and skills of this AP course and wish you many future successes,” said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement program, in an email to Anna congratulating her on her accomplishment.

According to Fox Chapel Area High School social studies teacher Brandon Rios, who instructed Anna’s AP World History course during the 2022-2023 school year, her success is well-deserved.

“She did such a wonderful job in class, and her work ethic is amazing,” Mr. Rios said. “I told her that she is the first student in all my years of teaching AP classes to accomplish this. I am so proud of her.”

Advanced Placement Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, and 5 is equivalent to an A in the corresponding college course.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School girls varsity golf team won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 4 title for the sixth consecutive year. The team members were seniors **Molly O'Donnell** and **Lucy Rygelski**; juniors **Baustin Bitar**, **Gabrielle DeVita**, and **Riley Francis-Perka**; sophomores **Ava Calandra**, **Laila Golla**, and **Morgan Monteverde**; and freshman **Clara Koteski**.

Additionally, Clara won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 4 individual golf title on September 19, 2023, at the Pittsburgh Field Club.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School boys varsity golf team won a share of the WPIAL Class 3A Section 8 title. The team members were seniors **Rocco Didomenico**, **David Fuhrer**, **Frederick Hanna**, and **Joseph Rattner**; juniors **Matthew Begg** and **Davis Kittsley**; sophomores **David DiGregory**, **Anderson Dockey**, **Grady Johnson**, and **Griffin McCaffrey**; and freshman **Carson Kittsley**. This is the third consecutive year the team won a section championship.

Additionally, David won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 8 individual golf title on September 19, 2023, at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club. David Fuhrer and Davis also qualified for the PIAA Class 3A individual championship that was held October 16 and 17 at Penn State Blue Golf Course.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School boys varsity cross country team won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 4 title and was undefeated in its section (7-0) for the fifth consecutive year. The team members were seniors **Dylan Berman**, **Rowan Gwin**, and **Maxwell Kaizer**; juniors **David Black**, **Nicholas**

Clump, Douglas Lisotto, and Ethan Vaughan; sophomore Michael Costello; and freshmen Nolan Gwin, Harrison Parker, and Logan Shirk.

Additionally, Rowan was the individual first-place winner at the WPIAL Class 3A Section 4 championship for the second consecutive year. He and David both qualified for the PIAA Cross Country Championships that were held November 4, 2023, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School girls varsity cross country team won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 4 title and was undefeated in its section (7-0). The team members were seniors **Emily Harajda, Madeleine Ivanusic, and Clara Kelley**; juniors **Sarah Michalak and Yuqi Zhou**; sophomores **Marin Airik and Zelia Herald**; and freshmen **Margaret Carter, Iris Minturn, and Cecilia Ressler.**

IV. FOX LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approve the minutes of the regular business meeting dated October 9, 2023.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the minutes of the regular business meeting dated October 9, 2023, are approved as written.

Roll Call Vote:

VIII. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Public comment is limited to residents or taxpayers of this district. The first public comment period is for items that are scheduled for deliberation or official action on the agenda. To register to make a public comment, please contact the Board Secretary during business hours, but no later than 12 p.m., on the day of the meeting by email (boardsecretary@fcasd.edu), telephone (412-967-2413), or at the district office (611 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238). Please provide your name, complete address, telephone number, the subject of the comment or topic to be addressed, and any group affiliation. During the meeting, the Board Secretary will call those community members scheduled to comment by telephone. Sign-in sheets will also be provided at each meeting for those attending who wish to offer public comment and did not register in advance.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Facilities / Transportation (Mrs. Lynch)

No action is requested.

B. Finance (Mr. Hamilton)

1. Disbursements (Fund 10) – October 2023

- General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$7,498,905.43 from October 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023, are approved as attached.

2. Finance Report – September 2023

- The finance report for September 2023 is acknowledged and filed for audit as attached.

3. Budget Transfers

- The budget transfers for 2023-2024 are approved as attached.

4. Student Activity Financial Reports

- The first quarter 2023-2024 middle school and high school student activity financial reports are acknowledged and filed for audit as attached.

5. Award of Bid – Industrial Embroidery Machine

- The administration is authorized to award the following bid for an industrial embroidery machine at the high school:

Hirsch Solutions Inc.
11515 Vanstory Drive, Suite 145
Huntersville, NC 28078 \$24,745

6. Award of Bids – Athletic

- The administration is authorized to award the following bids for the 2023-2024 school year:

Athletic Supplies Bids – Spring

BSN Sports, LLC
P.O. Box 7726
Dallas, TX 75209-0726 \$815.22

Century Sports, Inc.
115 E. McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317 \$5,550.98

MF Athletic
1600 Division Road
West Warwick, RI 02893 \$1,192.00

Natale Sporting Goods
209 Fifth Avenue
McKeesport, PA 15132 \$5,426.68

Pyramid School Products
6510 North 54th Street
Tampa, FL 33610-1908 \$4,167.90

7. Close Bank Account

- Approve closing the Fox Chapel Area School District bank account with Wesbanco and move all funds into other investment accounts already held by the district.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,
that Finance items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

C. Instruction (Mrs. Cooper)

1. January 2024 Graduates

- The following students are eligible for midyear graduation, subject to final approval by the high school lead principal:

Eva Arraujo	Julia Baker	Alyssa Berardi
Kiersten Berardi	Emma Bolton	Cassady Chapple
Malachi Chapple	Devin Charles	Jayne Dye
Alexandra Gerdes	Alex Guiste	Gabrielle Hodas
Haley Kulikowski	Barron Loeffler	Amanda Marron
Eva Mazreku	Connor Mazzoni	Hannah Mohoska
Safiyah Muhina	Sofia Rhee	Jamile Washington
Feona Williams	John Zottola	

2. Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania – JA BizTown Contracts

- Approve the contracts as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania for fourth-grade students to participate in JA BizTown for the 2023-2024 school year at an estimated cost of \$8,025, and authorize the administration to execute the contracts on behalf of the district. **These are renewals of contracts.**

3. Add-Education, Inc. – Staffing Agreement

Approve the staffing agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Add-Education, Inc. to provide healthcare professionals to the district effective November 13, 2023. **This is a new service.**

4. Stipulated Adjudication

- Approve the stipulated adjudication as presented.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____
that Instruction items 1, 2, 3, and 4 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

D. Legislation / Policy (Mr. Frank)

1. Policies – Revised – First Reading

- Approve the first reading of the following revised policies as attached:

No. 006 – Meetings
No. 137 – Home Education Programs
No. 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
No. 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
No. 223 – Use of Motor Vehicles
No. 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
No. 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
No. 718 – Service Animals in Schools
No. 800 – Records Management
No. 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
No. 830 – Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification

2. Policies – New – First Reading

- Approve the first reading of the following new policies as attached:

No. 137.2 – Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students

No. 137.3 – Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students

No. 830.1 – Data Governance – Storage/Security

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Legislation/Policy items 1 and 2 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

E. Personnel (*Ms. Zych*)

F. Operations / Cooperative Services (*Mr. Goode*)

1. Verizon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (COPA) – Agreement

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Verizon COPA effective November 14, 2023, through December 31, 2027, which will allow the Fox Chapel Area School District to purchase Verizon services at a reduced rate through COSTARS. **This is a renewal of the district's agreement through the Commonwealth COSTARS program account.**

2. Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. – Contract

- Approve the contract as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. for migration of district phone service to a new platform effective November 14, 2023, through project completion, at a cost of \$7,720.09 in addition to a recurring monthly charge of \$937.01 and a one-time service charge of \$602.85. **This is a replacement for an existing service.**

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Operations/Cooperative Services items 1 and 2 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

XI. **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Public comment is limited to residents or taxpayers of this district. The second public comment period is for other matters of concern within the authority of the School Board. To register to make a public comment, please contact the Board Secretary during business hours, but no later than 12 p.m., on the day of the meeting by email (boardsecretary@fcsd.edu), telephone (412-967-2413), or at the district office (611 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238). Please provide your name, complete address, telephone number, the subject of the comment or topic to be addressed, and any group affiliation. During the meeting, the Board Secretary will call those community members scheduled to comment by telephone. Sign-in sheets will also be provided at each meeting for those attending who wish to offer public comment and did not register in advance.**

XII. **FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

XIII. **BOARD COMMENTS**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the meeting is adjourned. Time: _____.

Voice Vote:

NOTE: Attachments cited within the agenda are available for the public on the district website. Anyone without access to the district website who wishes to review the attachments may do so by contacting the Board Secretary during regular business hours.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment and Fire Drills

B. Information

•Fox Chapel Area High School Students and Graduates Named AP Scholars

A total of 143 current Fox Chapel Area High School students and 2023 graduates were named Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars by the College Board for demonstrating college-level achievement on the AP examinations taken in May 2023. The College Board recognizes three levels of achievement based on the number of courses and exams.

–The following graduates/students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction award by earning an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams: 2023 graduates **Ishaan Acharya, Delaney Asbury, Maya Bradley, Talia Bugel, Davina Chang, Siheng Chao, Elijah Conklin, Luke Curran, Matthew Fiedler, Zoe Fitzsimmons, Arjun Golla, Zachary Gordon, Nathaniel Green, Caleb Hahl, Helia Hamidi, James Harris, Nicholas Harris, Sonny Hur, Talis Jacob, Nora Johnson, Ananth Kashyap, Trevor Katz, Leah Kenyon, Daniel Kim, Samuel Kuhns, Paul Kullmann, Jonathan Li, Nathania Lingam, Tyler Miller, Nathan Moore, Silas Owens, Rachel Persichetti, Mahitha Ramachandran, Diya Reddy, William Rice, Luka Romero, Stephen Santilli, Lindsay Scheffler, Thomas Selwood, Sophie Shao, Salvatore Smith, William Smith, Prajval Sreenivas, Dylan Srodes, George Tabor, Ethan Tan, Blaz Vavpetic, Daniel Wang, and Luiza Weissmann**; and 2023-2024 seniors **Annalese Bartolacci, Jack Cannon, Amelia Costello, David Feder, Adam Ferris, Emmett Gillespie, Lucas Gravina, Eileen Healy, Henry Koloc, Shriya Krishnamurthy, Lakshanya Rajaganapathi, Oscar Ruff, Michael Shin, Madeleine Stone, Adhitya Thirumala, Kieu My Tong, Gloria Wen, Abraham White, Isabella White, Dylan Work, and Bridget Yun.**

–The following graduates/students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams: 2023 graduates **Alexsander Kirby, Matigan Kirk, Mia Lynch, Kevin Quinn, Stella Ruane, Oliver Stephany, Jackson Stevens, Joseph Thomas, and Lydia Weidner**; and 2023-2024 seniors **Jacob Anthikad, Joseph Berger, Dylan Berman, Micah Cagley, Grady Cullen, Logan Dressman, Gabriel Felman, Katherine Haas, Anna Iasella, Darren Jayaratnam, Madelyn Jones, Whitney Jones, Emma Kim, Kathleen Krebs, Massimo Lagazzi, Lucy Larsen, Jenna Lazaro, Benjamin Myers, Nora Siri, Emily Torbert, Gabriella Urso, and Andrew Wagner.**

–The following graduates/students qualified for the AP Scholar award by receiving scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams: 2023 graduates **Lily Adams, John Paul Brach, Zoe Broyles, Philipp Drappatz, Jonathan Farah, Antonio Mantella, Diego Marshal, Aadil Pattada, Hyunjin Ro, Alina Stiger, and Joseph Zgurzynski**; 2023-2024 seniors **Caroline Berger, Joshua Correnti, Maria Costantino, Nicholas Cusano, Anna Dering, Madeline Fontenot, Evelyn Healy, Isaac Jacobs, Alex Kaufmann, Clara Kelley, Chloe Kim, Mikayla Korczynski, Harry Littwin, Rebecca Lokshanov, John Lynch, Jacob Milgrub, Rose Mullan, Annaliese Pham, Miguel Quercia Marcano, Harlan Sheehan, Micah Shelley, Claudia Smith, Safiya Stewart, and Anna Troutman**; and 2023-2024 juniors **Murugan Ayyanar, Brooke Fenton, Etash Jhanji, Patton Johnson, Arnim Kuchhal, Matus Vecera, and Jin Zhang.**

Advanced Placement exams are graded on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest. Most of the nation's four-year colleges and universities award credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying exam scores. Every year, AP examinations are offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

•High School Marching Band Places First at Norwin PIMBA Competition

The Fox Chapel Area High School Marching Band won first place in the Class AA division at the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) competition held September 23, 2023, at Norwin High School. Additionally, the band also received the highest scores in both Visual and General Effect. The theme of this year's show was "Cosmos."

The band is under the student direction of drum majors senior **Chloe Kim** and junior **Luca Zgurzynski**, and band directors/teachers **Daryl Lesnik** and **Evan Hertrick**.

C. Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

November 13, 2023

7 p.m. Regular Business Meeting Kerr Elementary Gym

November 14, 2023

6 p.m. Governance Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

November 15, 2023

6 p.m. Academic Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

November 21, 2023

6 p.m. Projects and Planning Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

December 4, 2023

7 p.m. Reorganization Meeting & Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting High School LGI Room

January 9, 2024

6 p.m. Governance Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

January 16, 2024

6 p.m. Academic Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

January 23, 2024

6 p.m. Projects and Planning Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

February 6, 2024

6 p.m. Governance Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

February 7, 2024

6 p.m. Academic Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

February 20, 2024

6 p.m. Projects and Planning Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

March 12, 2024

6 p.m. Projects and Planning Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

April 2, 2024

6 p.m. Governance Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

April 3, 2024

6 p.m. Academic Committee Meeting Administrative Offices Staff Development Room