

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Combined Agenda Study Session
and Regular Business Meeting
May 6, 2024 – 7 p.m.
Dorseyville Middle School Auditorium

This meeting may be recorded and/or broadcast.

Attached Pages

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. OATH OF OFFICE

•The oath of office for district superintendent Mary Catherine Reljac, Ed.D., will be administered by the Honorable Dwayne D. Woodruff, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judge, Family Division.

IV. GUESTS

•**25-Year Pins** — The following employees will be recognized for 25 years of service to the district: Fairview Elementary School – **John Anderson, Wendy Donaldson, and Stacey Reese**; O’Hara Elementary School – **Tracy Barbosky, Danielle Gumto, and Tracey Planz**; Dorseyville Middle School – **Todd Ashbaugh, Jill Bennett, Thomas Hartman, Francesca Sciulli, Christopher Studebaker, and David Wygonik**; and Fox Chapel Area High School – **Jennifer Cuda and Annette Sparrow**.

•Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Joanna Li** was named a 2024 Carson Scholar, and senior **Henry Koloc** had his status as a Carson Scholar renewed and was recognized for the fourth time. Both students were invited to attend the 20th Annual Pittsburgh Carson Scholars Awards Ceremony April 7 at Acrisure Stadium where they were honored for their accomplishments.

Thousands of students from across the nation are nominated each year by educators based on their high academic achievement and their commitment to their communities through community service. This year, 570 students from across the nation, and 89 from Pennsylvania, were named 2024 Carson Scholars. Additionally, 936 students (125 from Pennsylvania) had their Carson Scholar status renewed.

Each year the fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships and the coveted honor of being named a Carson Scholar to a select group of high achieving students in grades 4-11 who not only demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, maintaining at least a 3.75 GPA, but also embody significant humanitarian qualities. The students also receive an Olympic-sized medal and a certificate.

To date, the Carson Scholars Fund has awarded more than 11,049 scholarships to students. The Carson Scholars Fund was started by Dr. Ben Carson and his wife, Candy, and is dedicated to impacting the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are academically talented and socially conscious. The fund is a nonprofit public charity based in Maryland.

•Twelve Fox Chapel Area High School students participated in the first-ever Allegheny County Chorus Festival: juniors **Josie Giguere, Madeleine Jones, Alaina OKunewick, and Rachel Pegher** and sophomores **Alana Calig, Veda Catone, Daniel DeMotte, Grace Gouwens, John McGough, Faye Muller, Lincoln Rowley, and Niko Vavpetic**.

Approximately 200 students were selected by their directors to perform with the choir. The festival was held October 10, 2023, at Gateway High School, and the students were directed by four choral directors from the area.

- Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Choir. The students are seniors **Claire Kinst** and **Kristopher Pizzella** and junior **Alaina OKunewick**.

The PMEA District 1 Choir featured students from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties and the festival concert was hosted by Canon-McMillan High School January 26, 2024.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region I Choir. The students are senior **Kristopher Pizzella** and junior **Alaina OKunewick**.

The choral group included approximately 160 of the best singers from school districts throughout Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The Region I Choir concert was held March 8, 2024, at Mars Area High School.

- Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2023 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Band. The students are seniors **Elijah Herzer** (bass clarinet) and **Chloe Kim** (clarinet), juniors **Marina Dunham** (bassoon) and **Patton Johnson** (percussion), sophomores **Elliott Broyles** (trombone) and **Joshua Shah** (flute), and freshman **Rachel Kim** (clarinet). The band was comprised of 120 of the best student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Honors Band concert was held November 19 at North Hills Middle School and was conducted by Dr. Jack Stamp, a composer and the retired director of bands at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

- Fox Chapel Area High School juniors **Lindsay Gould** (baritone saxophone) and **Patton Johnson** (drum set) were selected by audition to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Jazz Band. District 1 encompasses school districts from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

The PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Band performed at Moon Area High School December 9, 2023, under the direction of Dr. David Glover, associate professor of percussion, and Dr. Jason Kush, assistant professor of Music. Both directors are from Slippery Rock University.

- Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 East Band. The students are seniors **Elijah Herzer** (bass clarinet) and **Chloe Kim** (clarinet); juniors **Marina Dunham** (bassoon), **Lindsay Gould** (baritone saxophone), and **Patton Johnson** (percussion); and sophomores **Elliott Broyles** (trombone), **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion), and **Joshua Shah** (flute). The band was comprised of 120 of the best student-musicians from 28 high schools from Allegheny, Fayette, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 East Band concert was held January 13 at Greater Latrobe Senior High School. The guest conductor was Dennis Glocke, professor emeritus and former director of concert bands at Penn State University.

- Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region I Band. The students are seniors **Elijah Herzer** (bass clarinet) and **Chloe Kim** (clarinet), juniors **Marina Dunham** (bassoon) and **Patton Johnson** (percussion), and sophomores **Elliott Broyles** (trombone) and **Joshua Shah** (flute). The band included 140 of the best student-musicians from 62 high schools from throughout Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA Region I Band concert was held February 24 at Deer Lakes High School and was conducted by Dr. Patricia Cornett, director of bands at Temple University.

- Nine Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Ensembles. The student chosen for the PMEA All-State Chorus is senior **Kristopher Pizzella**. The student selected for the PMEA All-State Concert Band is junior **Marina Dunham** (bassoon). The students chosen for the PMEA All-State Orchestra are seniors **Amelia Costello** (violin), **Elijah Herzer** (bass clarinet), and **Bridget Yun** (cello) and sophomore **Elliott Broyles** (trombone). The students selected for the PMEA All-State Wind Ensemble are senior **Chloe Kim** (clarinet), junior **Patton Johnson** (percussion), and sophomore **Joshua Shah** (flute). The PMEA All-State Ensembles brought together the top student-musicians from across the state of Pennsylvania.

The PMEA All-State Festival was held at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 17-20, 2024. The Fox Chapel Area High School students performed with their prospective groups April 20 at the Warner Theater.

- Fifteen Fox Chapel Area School District students were selected by audition to perform with the 2024 Allegheny Valley Honors bands. Seventh-twelfth grade student-musicians from the Avonworth, Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts auditioned for the groups, and a total of 208 were selected (100 for the senior high band and 108 for the junior high band). The students chosen from Fox Chapel Area were Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Elijah Herzer** (bass clarinet); juniors **Malik Choset** (trumpet), **Marina Dunham** (bassoon), and **Patton Johnson** (percussion); sophomores **Elliott Broyles** (trombone), **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion), and **Joshua Shah** (flute); freshmen **Rachel Kim** (clarinet) and **Dashel Wilson** (bass clarinet); eighth-graders **Annabel Berkowitz** (bassoon), **Steven Hu** (tenor saxophone), and **Claire Lesnik** (trumpet); and seventh-graders **Rebecca Dorneich** (flute), **Zoey Liu** (flute), and **Zhiqing Hou** (flute).

The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at Hampton High School January 4 & 5, and culminated with a public concert January 5. The conductors were Dr. Zach Cheever and Dr. Jason Worzbyt from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

- Four Dorseyville Middle School students were selected by committee to perform with the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Junior High Band. The students are eighth-graders **Ethan Beresik** (trombone), **Annabel Berkowitz** (bassoon), and **Claire Lesnik** (trumpet) and seventh-grader **Leah Sparks** (tenor saxophone). The band included approximately 105 of the most talented seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade band students from throughout Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Junior High Band Festival was held February 15 & 16 at Yough Intermediate Middle School, and culminated with a concert on the evening of February 16. The concert was directed by Chad Heiny, a multifaceted freelance musician and educator, as well as a versatile and regularly commissioned composer residing in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

- Two Dorseyville Middle School students were selected by committee to perform with the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Junior High Orchestra. The students are eighth-graders **Finn Johnson** (string bass) and **Matthew Wang** (violin). The orchestra included more than 120 of the most talented seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade orchestra students from throughout Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Junior High Orchestra Festival was held April 26 & 27 at Keystone Oaks High School, and culminated with a concert April 27. The concert was directed by Dr. Stephen Benham, the chair of the performance department and professor of music education at the Duquesne University Mary Pappert School of Music.

- Nine Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2023 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors String Orchestra. The students are seniors **Amelia Costello** (violin), **Sophia Rike** (cello), and **Bridget Yun** (cello); junior **Anna Delale-O'Connor** (violin); sophomores **Xing Carlough** (viola), **Michael Costello** (bass), and **Eloise Johnson** (violin); and freshmen **Ozlem Sayrak** (cello) and **Leonidas Vandapel** (cello).

A total of 75 of the top student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties were selected for the District 1 Honors String Orchestra. The festival was held

at Mt. Lebanon High School November 17 & 18 and culminated with a public concert November 18. The orchestra was conducted by Dr. Alexandra Dee, the director of orchestral activities at Appalachian State University.

- Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by application to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Senior High Orchestra. The orchestra was comprised of a select group of student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students chosen were seniors **Amelia Costello** (violin), **Elijah Herzer** (clarinet), **Chloe Kim** (clarinet), **Jacob Milgrub** (cello), and **Bridget Yun** (cello); juniors **Marina Dunham** (bassoon) and **Patton Johnson** (percussion); and sophomores **Elliott Broyles** (trombone), **Xing Carlough** (viola), **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion), and **Joshua Shah** (flute).

A total of 150 students were selected for the District 1 Orchestra Festival which was held at North Hills Middle School February 8-10, 2024. The conductor was Jeffrey Turner, professor at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and distinguished artist at the MacDuffie Center for Strings at Mercer University where he is the conductor of the Macon-Mercer Symphony Orchestra.

- Ninety-one Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the 2023-2024 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Leadership Conference and qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first-place regional winners were seniors **Jacob Anthikad**, **Micah Cagley**, **Isaac Jacobs**, **Jadyn Smouse**, **Kieu My “Judy” Tong**, and **Dylan Work**; juniors **Baustin Bitar**, **Ridglee Boychuk**, **Reed Echnat**, **Kai Edwards**, **Gabriella Hample**, **Chase Hendren**, **Rayna Huang**, **Jonah Kline**, **Nathan Mackey**, **Lily Massaro**, **Sarah Pasquella**, **Rachel Pegher**, **Simren Sahni**, **Caleb Shirk**, and **David Sorisio**; sophomores **Marin Airik**, **Prachi Behal**, **Maeve Beresford**, **Michael Costello**, **Mikayla Feder**, **Zelia Herald**, **Vesta Homayoun**, **Zinta Jacob**, **Charlotte Rattner**, **Joshua Shah**, and **Lorenzo Smiraglio**; and freshmen **Jolie Cessna**, **Paige Dugan**, **Sera Filar**, **Ella Golomb**, and **Ava Wegley**. Second-place regional winners were seniors **Annalese Bartolacci**, **Leanora Carson**, **Tess Petrucelli**, and **Laney Porterfield**; juniors **Kellen Bleier**, **Ava Persichetti**, **Keegan Scanlon**, and **Holden Starz**; sophomores **William Apitsch**, **Naudia Boyle**, **Ross Calig**, **Michael Didomenico**, **Zehra Ozkaya**, **Marilyn “Hope” Pekarcik**, **Rodrigo Silva**, **Aspen Smouse**, **Nicolas Squeglia**, **Emma Srodes**, **Emilia Sutkowski**, and **Brooke Thiele**; and freshmen **Ainsley Goode**, **Keita Komatsu**, and **Allison Olivieri**. Third-place regional winners were seniors **Joseph Berger**, **William Kratsa**, and **Angela Ngo**; junior **Nicholas Patel**; sophomores **Arman Alborzi**, **Rocco Didomenico**, **Grady Johnson**, **Avery Jones**, and **Sabina Mantella**; and freshmen **Lauren Bachman**, **Noelle Fouron**, **Harrison Parker**, **Lia Pizzella**, and **Celeste Yeske**. Fourth-place finishers were seniors **Madelyn Jones** and **Gloria Wen**; juniors **David Black**, **Zoan Chittur**, **Sienna Siegel**, and **Henry Stallings**; sophomores **Atia DiGioia**, **Nicholas Krist**, and **Mason Shelkey-Bray**; and freshman **Joseph McGivney**. Fifth-place regional winners were juniors **Anna Kintner** and **Victor Nernberg**; sophomore **Benjamin Sun**; and freshmen **Aiden Drucker** and **Cooper Fleming**. Other state qualifiers were junior **Swati Mylarappa** and sophomore **Aavree Hill**. The 2024 Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 8-10, 2024.

The FBLA Regional Leadership Conference was held in December 2023 and January 2024, both online and in-person. Approximately 300 students from 10 high schools participated in the online and in-person portions of the regional competition. The in-person portion was held January 10, 2024, at Robert Morris University.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students placed at the 2024 Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. Senior **Micah Cagley**, junior **Gabriella Hample**, eighth-graders **Alessandra Sirio** and **Ayden Wang**, and seventh-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** won first places; seventh grader **Dyutit Patro** and sixth-grader **Shiva Subramanian** won second places; sophomore **Joshua Shah** won third place; and juniors **Kai Edwards**, **Jonah Kline**, and **Nathan Mackey**, sophomores **Zelia Herald** and **Zinta Jacob**, freshman **Sera Filar**, and sixth-graders **Annon Edwards**, **Russell Gardner**, and **Tucker Patsey** all won fourth places. All 17 of these students qualified to participate in the FBLA National Leadership Conference that will be held June 29-July 2 in Orlando, Florida.

Fox Chapel Area High School state place winners in open events (not eligible for the national competition) were seniors **Micah Cagley** (first place) and **Laney Porterfield** (two first places), and junior **Kai Edwards** (first place).

The Fox Chapel Area High School chapter of the FBLA also received the Sixth Largest Local Chapter Membership Award with 151 total members. There are 248 chapters in Pennsylvania. The Dorseyville Middle School chapter of the FBLA won first place with the Largest Percentage Increase in local chapter membership. The Dorseyville Middle School chapter had two participating students last year, and this year has 21 members.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 8 & 9. More than 4,000 students from high schools and middle schools across the state participated in the competition.

The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher **Christina Congalton**.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Moon Area/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School Speech and Debate Tournament. The team of junior **Moonyoung Hwang** and sophomore **Joanna Li** won first place in Policy Debate.

The tournament was held at Moon Area High School November 18, 2023. A total of 279 students representing 23 high schools from Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia participated in the competition.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Dalmasse Sterner Steel City Invitational. The team of senior **Adhitya Thirumala** and junior **Moonyoung Hwang** won first place in Policy Debate and earned a bid to the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament.

The Dalmasse Sterner Steel City Invitational was held December 15 & 16, 2023, and was hosted by Pittsburgh Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic high schools. A total of 274 students representing 22 high schools from across Pennsylvania competed at the event.

- Five Fox Chapel Area High School students qualified for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament. The Policy Debate team of sophomores **Joanna Li** and **Zachary Rubin** placed third, and the Policy Debate team of senior **Adhitya Thirumala** and junior **Moonyoung Hwang** placed fifth. Additionally, sophomore **Ulyana Kubini** placed fifth in Original Oratory at the event. All five students qualified for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament that will be held in Chicago Memorial Day weekend.

The Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Forensic League national qualifying tournament was held March 2, 2024, at Fox Chapel Area High School. Approximately 140 students from 11 Pittsburgh region public and private secondary schools participated in the competition.

- Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students placed first and second in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) District 16 state championship qualifying tournament. First place awards went to senior **Isabella White** in Commentary, junior **Varnujah Rengaramanujam Kanagaraj** in Informative Speaking, the team of sophomores **Maya Agarwal** and **Prachi Behal** in Parliamentary Debate, sophomore **Priscila Hayetian** in Programmed Oral Interpretation, and sophomore **Ulyana Kubini** in Persuasive Speaking. The Policy Debate team of sophomores **Joanna Li** and **Zachary Rubin** placed second at the tournament. All eight of these students qualified to participate in the PHSSL State Championship Tournament that was held March 15 & 16, 2024, at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg.

The state qualifying tournament hosted 52 students representing seven public and private high schools in the North Hills region and the City of Pittsburgh. It was held at Pine-Richland High School February 24.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students won first place at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament. The team of senior **Adhitya Thirumala** and junior **Moonyoung Hwang** were named the state champions in Policy Debate for the second consecutive year.

The state championship speech and debate tournament was held March 15 & 16, 2024, at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg. More than 650 students representing 85 public and private high schools from across Pennsylvania participated in the competition.

- Three Fox Chapel Area High School students won first-place awards at the University of Pittsburgh Model United Nations (UN) High School Conference. Senior **Adhitya Thirumala** was named the Best Delegate (equivalent to first place), and juniors **Etash Jhanji** and **Arnim Kuchhal** won Best Position Paper (equivalent to first place) awards.

Approximately 385 students from 25 public and private high schools from Pennsylvania and West Virginia competed at the University of Pittsburgh Model UN High School Conference held October 24, 2023, at the University of Pittsburgh.

The purpose of the Model UN conferences is to enable students to role-play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conferences, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students won an award at the annual Westminster College High School Model United Nations (UN) Conference. The team of senior **Logan Dressman** and sophomore **Ori Goldin** won the Outstanding Delegation award (equivalent to first place).

A total of 130 students from 13 public and private high schools from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and northern West Virginia participated in the Westminster College High School Model UN Conference. The competition was held April 18, 2024, at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

V. FOX LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- **A Lens on Learning** – Each month, we focus on student work in our schools to highlight lessons, growth, and successes of all kinds.

- **2024-2025 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget Summary** – Kimberly Pawlishak, Business Manager, and Mary Catherine Reljac, Ed.D., Superintendent

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approve the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated April 8, 2024, and the minutes of the special meeting dated April 29, 2024.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated April 8, 2024, and the minutes of the special meeting dated April 29, 2024, are approved as written.

Roll Call Vote:

IX. 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.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Facilities / Transportation (Mrs. Lynch)

1. Foster Care Transportation Plan and Memorandum of Understanding

- Approve the Foster Care Transportation Plan and Memorandum of Understanding as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families (ACCYF) to ensure the educational stability of youth in foster care to meet the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements, effective July 1, 2024, and authorize the superintendent to execute the documents on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services.**

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Facilities/Transportation item 1 is approved.

Roll Call Vote:

B. Finance (Mr. Hamilton)

1. Disbursements (Fund 10) – April 2024

- General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$7,574,096.86 from April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024, are approved as attached.

2. Disbursements (Fund 31) – April 2024

- Capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$88,370.04 from April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024, are approved as attached.

3. Finance Report – March 2024

- The finance report for March 2024 is acknowledged and filed for audit as attached.

4. Budget Transfers

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

5. Student Activity Financial Reports

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

6. 2024-2025 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget

- The superintendent, with the advice of and upon the recommendations of the administration and with advisement from the Resource Planning Advisory, has prepared for presentation to the School Board the Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget for 2024-2025 as attached.

Therefore, be it resolved, to adopt the 2024-2025 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$119,247,095 as attached with a real estate tax increase of 3.75% (0.7776 mills) and a continuation of all other taxes without change.

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Finance item 6 is approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Finance Information Item:

7. 2024-2025 Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Rates – Information

- The Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium approved rates below are effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Performance Blue Flex PPO and EPO rate increase is 9%, the United Concordia Flex Elite increase is 5%, and the Davis Vision rate increase is 3%.

<u>Monthly Coverage</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Parent/Child</u>	<u>Parent/Children</u>	<u>Employee/Spouse</u>	<u>Family</u>
Performance Blue Flex PPO	\$878.85	\$1,970.39	\$2,167.42	\$2,387.43	\$2,482.27
Performance Blue Flex EPO	\$820.99	\$1,841.50	\$2,025.60	\$2,230.29	\$2,319.04
United Concordia Flex Elite	\$ 32.16				\$ 105.76
Davis Vision	\$ 6.53				\$ 15.94

C. Instruction (Mrs. Cooper)

1. June 2024 Candidates for Graduation

- Approve the list of candidates for June 9, 2024, graduation submitted by the Fox Chapel Area High School administration as attached. Candidates must meet all graduation requirements by June 9, 2024, in order to graduate and receive their diplomas.

2. Textbooks for Approval

- a. Approve the following updated copyrights of current textbooks:

Fox Chapel Area High School – Math

“The Practice of Statistics – 7th Edition” Daren S. Starnes and Josh Tabor; Publisher: Bedford, Freeman & Worth; Updated Copyright 2024; for AP Statistics Grades 10-12

Fox Chapel Area High School – Science

“Chemistry – 11th Edition” by Steven S. Zumdahl, Susan A. Zumdahl, and Donald J. DeCoste; Publisher: Cengage; Updated Copyright 2024; for AP Chemistry II Grades 10-12

Fox Chapel Area High School – Social Studies

“Economics for Today – 11th Edition” by Irvin B. Tucker; Publisher: Cengage; Updated Copyright 2023; for AP Economics Grades 11 and 12

Fox Chapel Area High School – World Languages

“Imagina, 5th Edition” by José A. Blanco; Publisher: Vista Higher Learning; Updated Copyright 2022; for Spanish 4 Grades 10-12

Dorseyville Middle School and Fox Chapel Area High School – World Languages

“Encuentros 1, Encuentros 2, Encuentros 3” by Rafaél de Cardenas Lopez; Publisher: Vista Higher Learning; Updated Copyright 2022; for Spanish 1, Spanish 2, and Spanish 3 Grades 7-12

Dorseyville Middle School – English Language Arts

“Intro Literature” by various authors; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Updated Copyright 2022; for Literacy Grades 6-8

Elementary Schools – English Language Learners

“Reach Higher (1-5) and Reach for the Stars (K)” by Nancy Frey, Lada Kratky, Nonie K. Lesaux, Sylvia Linan-Thompson, Deborah J. Short, and Jennifer D. Turner (1-5); and Lada Kratky (K); Publisher: National Geographic Learning; Updated Copyright 2020; for English Language Development – Elementary K-Grade 5

- b. Approve the following new textbooks:

Fox Chapel Area High School – Social Studies

“The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography” by James M. Rubenstein; Publisher: Pearson; Copyright 2024; for AP Human Geography Grades 10-12

Dorseyville Middle School – World Languages

“Galería” by various authors; Publisher: Vista Higher Learning; Copyright 2025; for Spanish Literature and Culture Grades 6-8

Elementary Schools – English Language Arts

“S.P.I.R.E. Specialized Program Individualizing Reading Excellence 4th Edition” by Sheila Clark-Edmands; Publisher: EPS Learning; Copyright 2019; for Tier 3 ELA Grades 2-5

Elementary Schools – Social Studies

“myWorld Interactive” by Dr. Linda B. Bennett and Dr. James B. Kracht; Publisher: Savvas; Copyright 2019; for Social Studies K-Grade 5

3. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech – Professional Services Agreement 2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program

- Approve the professional services agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for itinerant hearing support services for the 2024 Extended School Year (ESY) Program, effective July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. **This is a renewal of services.**

4. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech – Professional Services Agreement 2024-2025 School Year

- Approve the professional services agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for itinerant hearing support services for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **This is a renewal of services.**

**5. River School Therapies
Proposal for Provision of Special Education Therapy Services**

- Approve the proposal for provision of special education therapy services between the Fox Chapel Area School District and River School Therapies for services to students effective August 2024 through July 31, 2026, as attached. **This is a renewal of services.**

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

- Approve the comprehensive services agreement and special education services Addendum A as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for specialized educational services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **This is a renewal of services.**

**7. University of Pittsburgh
Maximizing Adolescent Potentials Program (MAPS) – Agreement**

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the University of Pittsburgh Maximizing Adolescent Potentials Program (MAPS), effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and authorize the superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services.**

**8. Human Services Administration Organization
Student Assistance Program (SAP) – Letter of Agreement**

- Approve the letter of agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Human Services Administration Organization to provide Student Assistance Program (SAP) services for the 2024-2025 school year effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and authorize the superintendent to execute the letter of agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services and is funded by the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health.**

9. The Day School – Services Agreement

- Approve the services agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Day School for educational and related alternative education placement services for the period July 1, 2024, through July 30, 2025. **This is a renewal of services.**

10. MHY Family Services – Addendum for ESY 2023-2024

- Approve the addendum as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and MHY Family Services for ESY 2023-2024 for the period June 10, 2024, through July 12, 2024. **This addendum is pursuant to the agreement that was approved April 14, 2023.**

11. Stipulated Adjudication

- Approve the stipulated adjudication as presented.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,
that Instruction items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 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. 226 – Searches
 - No. 322 – Gifts
 - No. 339 – Uncompensated Leave
 - No. 340 – Responsibility for Student Welfare
 - No. 341 – Benefits for Part-Time Employees
 - No. 342 – Jury Duty
 - No. 343 – Paid Holidays
 - No. 351 – Drug and Substance Abuse
 - No. 601 – Fiscal Objectives
 - No. 602 – Budget Planning
 - No. 603 – Budget Preparation
 - No. 604 – Budget Adoption
 - No. 605 – Tax Levy
 - No. 606 – Tax Collection
 - No. 608 – Bank Accounts
 - No. 609 – Investment of District Funds
 - No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted
 - No. 612 – Purchases Not Budgeted
 - No. 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
 - No. 903 – Public Comment in Board Meetings

2. Policy – New – First Reading

- Approve the first reading of the following new policy as attached:
 - No. 347 – Workers’ Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program

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

Roll Call Vote:

E. Personnel (Ms. Zych)

Candidates for employment under this section are approved subject to verification of the results of physical and drug screening examinations, required clearances, and all other essential employment requirements under Policy and Administrative Regulations 304-AR and 304-AR-4.

1. Resignations

a. Professional

- (1) The resignation of Shannon M. Finley, Spanish teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.

b. Educational Support

- (1) The resignation of Victoria L. McDade, personal care assistant at Hartwood Elementary School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 7, 2024.
- (2) The resignation of Sharlene M. Pirring, instructional assistant at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to retirement, is accepted effective June 7, 2024.

c. Custodial/Maintenance

- (1) The resignation of Mark A. Pisano, 10-month, 8-hours per day custodian at Hartwood Elementary School, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 29, 2024.

d. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Gary Anderson-Davis, football, HS 8th asst., due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 16, 2024.
- (2) The resignation of Emily Ben, field hockey, MS head (50%), due to personal reasons, is accepted effective March 7, 2024.
- (3) The resignation of Tim Frassenei, football, HS 2nd asst., due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 16, 2024.
- (4) The resignation of Maurin Stone, intramurals, MS activity sponsor 14, MS musical set design (50%), due to personal reasons, is accepted effective April 11, 2024.

e. Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic

- (1) The resignation of Mairi Cooper, music – HS department head, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.
- (2) The resignation of Bryan A. Elder, English – HS department head, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.
- (3) The resignation of Mary Jo Montgomery, spring musical set design, due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.
- (4) The resignation of Charles H. Rackley, band percussion instrumental – marching (60%), due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.
- (5) The resignation of Jennifer A. Reynolds, art - elem department head (50%), due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.
- (6) The resignation of Hannah Y. Roux, band 2nd assistant director – marching (20%), due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.
- (7) The resignation of Hannah Y. Roux, band technician – marching (35%), due to personal reasons, is accepted effective June 12, 2024.

2. Appointments

a. Professional

- (1) Emily G. Grychowski is approved as a social studies teacher at Dorseyville Middle School. This position is available due to the retirement of Debra Skiles.

Certification: Instructional I
Education: B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2020
Experience: 1 Year, Erie School District
1 Year, Fox Chapel Area School District
Effective: August 14, 2024
Salary: \$59,418 based on Step 3, B+0
Fringe Benefits: As per the Collective Bargaining Agreement

- (2) Evan V. Rumble is approved as an art teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School. This position is available due to the retirement of Mary Jo Montgomery.

Certification: Instructional I
 Education: B.A., Western Washington University, 2015
 Experience: 2 Years, Pittsburgh Public Schools
 2 Years, Washougal School District, WA
 1 Year, Fox Chapel Area School District
 Effective: August 14, 2024
 Salary: \$62,568 based on Step 6, B+0
 Fringe Benefits: As per the Collective Bargaining Agreement

b. Food Services

- (1) Sandra R. Strong is ratified as a permanent, part-time (four hours per day) food services employee in the Dorseyville Middle School cafeteria. Hourly wage is set based on the wage scale for food services employees, General Food Worker, with no fringe benefits, effective April 29, 2024. This position is available due to the resignation of Mindi Holtzman.

c. Supplemental Contracts – Athletic

- (1) The following athletic supplemental contract is ratified for the 2023-2024 school year, effective April 2, 2024:

Brendon Urso	Intramurals, MS Activity Sponsor 11, Bigger Faster Stronger – Leave Replacement	\$2,023
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- (2) The following athletic supplemental contracts are approved for the 2024-2025 school year, effective May 7, 2024:

Jesse Berzonski	Football, HS 7th Asst.	\$5,700
Joshua DePasquale	Football, MS Assistant	\$5,529
Emily Grychowski	Soccer, Boys, HS Asst.	\$5,305
Lawrence Jon Koteski	Golf-Girls, HS Head	\$3,664

3. Employment Agreement

- a. The following employment agreement is approved as presented:

Technology Engineer I, Luke Barkley

4. Change of Status

a. Educational Support

- (1) Maria A. Powers, business office/communications secretary for the Fox Chapel Area School District, is approved as secretary to the director of special education and pupil services, effective date to be determined. There is no change in salary or benefits. This position is available due to the retirement of Cynthia Misencik.

5. Services Agreement

a. Middle School Athletic Trainer

- (1) The services agreement for middle school athletic trainer between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Keith Gorse is approved, effective on or about August 12, 2024, through on or about May 20, 2025, as presented. **This is a renewal of services.**

6. Extended School Year (ESY) Program – 2024

- a. Kerri Bacco is approved as the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY program facilitator at a rate of \$31.54 per hour with a maximum of 150 hours for preparation and instruction.
- b. The following individuals are approved as half-day instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at a rate of \$31.54 per hour with a maximum of 110 hours for preparation and instruction:
 - Frank Bacco
 - William Baine
 - Gabriella Bonelli
 - Monica Gralewski
 - Brad Zurski
- c. The following individual is approved as a full-day instructor for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at a rate of \$31.54 per hour with a maximum of 170 hours for preparation and instruction:
 - Claire Oliver
- d. The following individuals are approved as half-day paraprofessionals for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at a rate of \$18 per hour with a maximum of 80 hours for preparation and instruction:
 - Rebecca Apter
 - Amy Funk
 - Teresa Kieffer
 - Angela Wilhelm
 - Emily Wilhelm
- e. The following individuals are approved as full-day paraprofessionals for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at a rate of \$18 per hour with a maximum of 140 hours for preparation and instruction:
 - Cynthia Fondrk
 - Rosanne Libengood
 - Tammi Pietropaolo
 - Leanne Zottola

7. Summer Programs – 2024

- a. **Elementary**
- (1) The following individuals are approved as instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$31.54 per hour with a maximum of 90 hours for preparation and instruction:
 - Stephanie Abriatis
 - Sean Baldis
 - Samantha Diamond
 - Isabella Donaldson
 - Katherine Frederick
 - Emmelia Jaffe
 - Nicolas Luciano
 - Julia Puntil
 - Tracy Santoro
 - Anna Steen
 - Mira Steen
 - Bailey Traczynski
 - Katy Wygant
 - Miranda Zarlino

- (2) The following individuals are approved as substitute instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$31.54 per hour:
 - Jessica L. Resek
 - Samantha R. Rihn
 - Kirstein M. Sharrow
 - Taylor R. Trasatti
- (3) Karly Keller is approved as the Elementary Summer Learning Academy program assistant facilitator at a rate of \$600.
- (4) Colleen S. Kozak is approved as an instructional assistant for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$21.25 per hour with a maximum of 79 hours.

b. Middle School

- (1) The following individuals are approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$31.54 per hour with a maximum of 90 hours for preparation and instruction:
 - Pamela Barentine
 - Craig Farrell
 - Kevin Grecek
 - Jane Hudok
 - Alexis Hurlbut
 - Deanna Mudry
 - Noelle Noel
 - Sarah Zwiebel

c. Food Services

- (1) Lora M. Peretik is approved as a food services employee for the Fox Chapel Area School District Elementary/Middle School Summer Learning Academy at a rate of \$17.03 per hour with a maximum of 90 hours.

d. STEAM Camp

- (1) The individuals listed below are approved as instructors for the STEAM Camp at Fairview Elementary School at a rate of \$1,350:
 - Kaitlyn Ellsworth
 - Jayne Hadley
 - Emily Mischen
 - Kathleen Nesko

8. School Police Officers – Summer Hours

- a. The following school police officers are approved for additional summer hours as needed at the officer's hourly rate with a maximum of 80 hours per officer:
 - Scott E. Bailey
 - Stanley M. Bradish
 - Joshua A. Dietz
 - Dennis J. Lynch
 - Timothy G. Rush
 - Shannon Santucci-Davis
 - Eric R. Valentine

9. Volunteer – Athletic

- a. The following athletic volunteer is approved for the 2024-2025 school year, effective May 7, 2024:

Michael Leasure Football, HS

10. Correction – Supplemental Contract – Athletic

- a. Brendon Urso, previously approved as football, MS asst. at the salary of \$5,529, is ratified as football, HS 8th Asst. (52%) at the salary of \$2,964, for the 2024-2025 school year, effective March 11, 2024.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,
that Personnel items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

F. Operations / Cooperative Services (Mr. Goode)

1. Cyclone Energy Group – Proposal

- Accept the proposal as attached from Cyclone Energy Group for a condition assessment and district master plan matrix at a cost of \$118,725, effective May 7, 2024, through November 30, 2024. **This proposal was reviewed and recommended by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____,
that Operations/Cooperative Services item 1 is approved.

Roll Call Vote:

2. Change Order – Dorseyville Middle School Window Project

- Approve change order 002 as attached at a total cost of \$13,915 for the Dorseyville Middle School window project. **This change order was reviewed and recommended by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

3. Hartwood Elementary School HVAC Project – Rejection of Bid

- Motion to reject the electrical construction bid opened on April 25, 2024, for the Hartwood Elementary School HVAC Project.

**4. Authorization to Advertise for Bids
Fox Chapel Area Elementary Schools Audio Visual Replacement Project**

- Authorize the advertisement of bids for the Fox Chapel Area elementary schools audio visual replacement project.

5. School Board Treasurer – Appointment

- The appointment of Eric G. Hamilton as School Board Treasurer is approved effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

6. PSBA 2024 Delegate Assembly – Appointment of Voting Delegates

- The appointment of Adam Goode and Marybeth Dadd as voting delegates to the PSBA 2024 Delegate Assembly to be held November 2, 2024, is approved.

7. Athletic Summer Camps/Activities

- The following teams are approved to hold summer camps/activities in 2024 for athletes in the Fox Chapel Area School District:

- Fox Chapel Area Baseball
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Basketball
- Fox Chapel Area Cheerleading
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Cross Country
- Fox Chapel Area Field Hockey
- Fox Chapel Area Football
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Golf
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Lacrosse
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Soccer
- Fox Chapel Area Softball
- Fox Chapel Area Strength and Conditioning
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Volleyball
- Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Wrestling

8. Precision HR Solutions, Inc. – Addendum

- Approve the addendum as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Precision HR Solutions, Inc., for the rate of substitute secretaries and aides for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **This addendum is pursuant to the agreement that was approved April 11, 2023.**

9. Pavilion at Lauri Ann West Community Center

- Approve the construction by O'Hara Township of a handicap accessible pavilion for general public use on the property located at 1220 Powers Run Road (commonly known as Lauri Ann West Community Center) as presented by the township.

10. Public School Facility Improvement Grant – Authorized Official Resolution

- Approve the authorized official resolution as attached, requesting a Public School Facility Improvement Grant of \$5,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for improvements to the infrastructure of Fairview Elementary School.

11. A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget Resolution

- The A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2024-2025 is \$11,557,559. The Fox Chapel Area School District's share of the 2024-2025 A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget is approved as set forth below, and the Board secretary is authorized to record each Board member's vote and sign on their behalf.

	<u>Total Members Share</u>	<u>Fox Chapel Area SD Share</u>
Operating Budget	\$6,862,779	\$413,306
Debt Service Budget	<u>\$1,382,400</u>	<u>\$215,101</u>
	\$8,245,179	\$628,407

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Operations/Cooperative Services items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

XII. **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@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.

XIII. **FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

XIV. **BOARD COMMENTS**

XV. **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

•FCAHS Receives Computer Science Female Diversity Award

Fox Chapel Area High School has earned the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded young women's access in AP computer science courses and improved gender representation in computer science.

A total of 1,127 schools were acknowledged for their work toward equal gender representation in one of the two AP computer science courses. In 2023, Fox Chapel Area High School was one of 834 recognized in the category of AP Computer Science Principles.

"Computer science is the source code of our economy and much of the career landscape," said Trevor Packer, head of the AP program. "In the six years since we began the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, it's been heartening to see schools like Fox Chapel Area High School welcome so many more young women into this vital field."

The first year of AP Computer Science Principles in 2016-2017 attracted more students than any other AP course debut, and participation is on the rise. In 2023, 164,505 students took the AP Computer Science Principles Exam – more than triple the number of exam takers in the course's first year. In 2023, 55,572 women took the AP Computer Science Principles Exam, more than four times the number who tested in 2017.

•FCAHS & DMS Polar Plunge Team Raise Record-Breaking \$46,000

A group of Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students raised the most money in Pennsylvania for the 2024 Cool Schools Polar Plunge. The Fox Chapel Area team raised \$46,642 to support the Fox Chapel Area School District Special Olympics Unified Sports teams and Unified Sports teams across Pennsylvania. The teams promote inclusion through competitive experiences. This is the second consecutive year that the Fox Chapel Area team raised the most money out of all the school teams in Pennsylvania, and Fox Chapel Area broke its own record for the most money raised. The team raised \$30,558 in 2023.

Donations can still be made to Fox Chapel Area's team at <https://give.specialolympicspa.org/team/538107>. Additionally, also for the second consecutive year, the Kramer Family matched a portion of the donations given to Fox Chapel Area's team.

Approximately 150 Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students participated in the Pittsburgh Cool Schools Polar Plunge on February 23, 2024, at Acrisure Stadium.

•Students Place in State FBLA Competition

Several Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students placed at the 2024 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. Fox Chapel Area High School state place winners in open events (not eligible for the national competition) were seniors **Micah Cagley** (fourth and seventh places) and **Laney Porterfield** (second, eighth, and ninth places), and junior **Kai Edwards** (second and third places).

Other state place winners included seniors **Annalese Bartolacci** (eighth place) and **Gloria Wen** (sixth place); junior **Rachel Pegher** (sixth place); sophomores **Marin Airik** (eighth place), **Michael Costello** (sixth place), and **Mason Shelkey-Bray** (seventh place); freshmen **Jolie Cessna** (10th place), **Paige Dugan** (10th place), **Ella Golomb** (10th place), and **Harrison Parker** (ninth place); and seventh-grader **Matthew Bartolacci** (fifth place).

Additionally, as part of the state leadership conference, several other awards were also given. Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society, juniors **Ridglee Boychuk, Kai Edwards, Caleb Shirk, and Sienna Siegel**. Big 33 Community Service Awards went to sophomores **Prachi Behal** and **Rodrigo Silva**, seventh grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** and sixth-grader **Russell Gardner**. Business Achievement Awards were given to sophomores Prachi Behal (Contributor level), Michael Costello (Contributor, Leader, and Advocate levels), and Mason Shelkey-Bray (Contributor, Leader, and Advocate levels).

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 8 & 9. More than 4,000 students from high schools and middle schools across the state participated in the competition.

•High School Student/Early Grad Win Awards in Black History Month Essay Contest

A Fox Chapel Area High School student and a 2024 early graduate placed in a Black History Month essay contest sponsored by Stop the Violence Pittsburgh. Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Swati Mylarappa** was awarded the overall third grand prize and won a trophy and a gift card, and 2024 early graduate **Safiyyah Muhina** won a gift card in the grades 11 and 12 category. The essay topics were “Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen,” “What was the National Negro Opera Company,” and “What was the Freedom House Ambulance Service.” Students in grades 9-12 from school districts across Western Pennsylvania participated in the essay contest.

The contest was held in conjunction with the 2024 Student Black History Month Summit which was a free educational program for high school students held in February at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Twenty Fox Chapel Area High School students from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council; the Black Student Union; and other interested students participated in the program. As part of the event, students learned about the Tuskegee Airmen of Western Pennsylvania, the National Negro Opera Company, and the Freedom House Ambulance Service.

Stop the Violence Pittsburgh is a grass-roots community organization designed to curb youth violence, culturally educate members of the community, and promote inclusion and diversity.

•Students Win Regional Scholastic Writing Awards

Sixteen Fox Chapel Area School District students won Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards for their submissions in the 2024 Pittsburgh Region Scholastic Writing Awards.

Silver Keys were awarded to Fox Chapel Area High School juniors **Anna Delale-O’Connor, Rayna Huang, and Sangyon Park**; sophomore **Veda Catone**; and freshmen **Nadre Digbohous** and **Ella Ettinger**; and Dorseyville Middle School eighth-grader **Talya Rubin**.

Honorable Mentions went to Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Emma Kim**; sophomores **Akshay Lath, Joanna Li** (2 Honorable Mentions), and **Zachary Rubin** (2 Honorable Mentions); freshmen Nadre Digbohous and **Aislynn Senn**; and Dorseyville Middle School eighth-graders **Sarah Dering, Amelia Tedesco, and Divya Thirumala** (2 Honorable Mentions), and seventh-grader **Rebecca Dorneich**.

Hundreds of submissions spanning a variety of different genres of writing were received from students in grades 7-12 from across Allegheny County. The local competition is sponsored by the Point Park University Honors Program, which hosted a regional recognition ceremony for the winners March 23 at the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

•Students Win Honorable Mention in Shakespeare Contest

Four Fox Chapel Area School District students won honorable mentions in Pittsburgh Public Theater’s 2024 Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest. Fox Chapel Area High School sophomores **Zachary Rubin** and **Joseph Weber** and Dorseyville Middle School seventh-graders **Kai Galyardt** and **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** were all recognized for their performances. Zachary portrayed Shylock from “Merchant of Venice,” Joseph played Timon from “Timon of Athens,” Kai portrayed Beatrice from “Much Ado About Nothing,” and Rishabh played Marc Antony from “Julius Caesar.”

Pittsburgh Public Theater received more than 740 submissions from over 80 schools and organizations. Students competed in an upper division (grades 8-12) and a lower division (grades 4-7). All performances were monologues and/or scenes they had chosen from the works of William Shakespeare.

• **Student Wins Second Place at Pine-Richland Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament**

A Fox Chapel Area High School student placed at the Pine-Richland Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. Senior **Isabella White** won second place in Commentary.

More than 300 students representing 24 public and private secondary schools from Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia participated in the tournament that was held January 20, 2024, at Pine-Richland High School.

• **Students Place at Stanford University Speech and Debate Tournament**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Stanford University Speech and Debate Tournament. The Policy Debate team of senior **Adhitya Thirumala** and junior **Moonyoung Hwang** advanced to the octofinal round of the tournament and finished in the top 16.

More than 2,600 students from 387 public and private secondary schools from 43 states participated in the virtual tournament. It was held February 9-11, 2024, and was sponsored by Stanford University.

• **Student Places at Mars Area High School Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament**

A Fox Chapel Area High School student placed at the Mars Area High School Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. Senior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** won sixth place in Impromptu Speaking.

The tournament was held at Mars Area High School February 17, 2024. A total of 185 students representing 20 public and private high schools from Western Pennsylvania participated in the competition.

• **High School Students Qualify as Alternates for State Speech and Debate Tournament**

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) District 16 state championship qualifying tournament. Junior **Emanuel DiNatale** won third place in Commentary and the team of sophomores **Steven Li** and **Ryan Wang** won fourth place in Public Forum Debate. All three students qualified as alternates for the PHSSL State Championship Tournament that was held March 15 & 16, 2024, at Bloomsburg University.

The state qualifying tournament hosted 52 students representing seven public and private high schools in the North Hills region and the City of Pittsburgh. It was held at Pine-Richland High School February 24.

• **High School Students Among Best at State Speech & Debate Tournament**

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students ranked among the best at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament. Senior **Isabella White** won second place in Commentary. The Policy Debate team of sophomores **Joanna Li** and **Zachary Rubin** placed sixth at the state tournament. Sophomore **Priscila Hayetian** won seventh place in Programmed Oral Interpretation. Sophomore **Ulyana Kubini** was awarded 11th place in Persuasive Speaking.

Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School team won the 1st Place School Sweepstakes Award in the Small School Division for being the best overall team across all events.

The state championship speech and debate tournament was held March 15 & 16, 2024, at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg. More than 650 students representing 85 public and private high schools from across Pennsylvania participated in the competition.

• **Two Students Place at American University Model UN Conference**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School juniors won awards at the annual American University Model UN Conference. **Swati Mylarappa** and **Holden Starz** were both recognized as Outstanding Delegates, equivalent to second place.

Approximately 900 students representing 65 public and private secondary schools from eight states and four foreign countries (Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, and Panama) participated in the American University Model UN Conference. The conference was held February 2-4, 2024, at American University in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the Model UN conferences is to enable students to role-play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conferences, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.

• **Students Place at Westminster Model UN Conference**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students placed second and third at the annual Westminster College High School Model United Nations (UN) Conference. Senior **Adhitya Thirumala** and sophomore **Dylan Paserba** won the second place Country Delegation award. Juniors **Hannah Parker** and **Caterina Wu** won an Honorable Mention (equivalent to third place).

A total of 130 students from 13 public and private high schools from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and northern West Virginia participated in the Westminster College High School Model UN Conference. The competition was held April 18, 2024, at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

• **Students Named to Valley News Dispatch All-Star Wrestling Teams**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to Valley News Dispatch 2024 all-star wrestling teams. Senior **Alexander Kaufmann** was named to the first team, and senior **Joshua Alexander** and juniors **Landon Funk** and **Michael Worsen** were named to the second team.

• **Students Named to Valley News Dispatch All-Star Basketball Teams**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to Valley News 2024 all-star boys basketball teams. Senior **Jefferson Moorefield-Brown** was named to the third team, and senior **William Siegel** received an honorable mention to the team.

• **Students Selected for Roundball Classic Games**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students have been selected to play in Roundball Classic basketball games. Senior **Jefferson Moorefield-Brown** was named to the WPIAL Class 5A silver team and senior **William Siegel** was named to the WPIAL Class 5A gold team. The top senior players from the WPIAL, City League, and District 10 were chosen to participate in the all-star games. The boys Class 5A silver and gold games will be played May 25, 2024, at North Allegheny High School.

• **Students Chosen for Cager Classic**

Two seniors from the Fox Chapel Area High School girls basketball team were selected to play on Cager Classic teams. **Isabella Barbour** and **Skylar Byrnes** were chosen for the east team. The games bring together the top senior boys and girls basketball players from the A-K Valley and beyond. The 27th Cager Classic games were played April 6, 2024, at Highlands High School.

C. **Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings**

June 3, 2024

7 p.m.

Agenda Study Session

High School

LGI Room

*Combined Agenda Study Session
and Regular Business Meeting – 5/6/24*

June 10, 2024

7 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	O'Hara Elementary	Auditorium
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August 12, 2024

7 p.m.	Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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September 9, 2024

7 p.m.	Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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October 7, 2024

7 p.m.	Agenda Study Session	High School	LGI Room
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October 14, 2024

7 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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November 4, 2024

7 p.m.	Agenda Study Session	High School	LGI Room
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November 11, 2024

7 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Kerr Elementary	Gym
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December 3, 2024 (Tuesday)

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