

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Agenda Study Session  
June 3, 2024 – 7 p.m.  
Fox Chapel Area High School LGI Room

Regular Business Meeting  
June 10, 2024 – 7 p.m.  
O'Hara Elementary School Auditorium

*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 sophomore **Theodore Tedesco** was honored by the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) and InnerView Technologies as part of the 2023-2024 Community Service Impact Awards. 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 to transform our world. The Kroger Co. also presented the fifth annual Zero Hero Awards to students for taking action to help create communities free of hunger and waste. Theodore was the winner of both awards, being named a National Community Service Ambassador (the highest award) which is given to students with at least 100 hours of community service, and also being given a Zero Hero Award.

Theodore spends a great deal of time volunteering for various community service organizations. Among other things, Theodore organized and led a food drive for the Sharpsburg Library Little Food Pantry, served meals at North Way Christian Community, delivered meals to Jubilee Kitchen that serves the unhoused, volunteered with the Citizen Science Lab that serves students from underserved neighborhoods, donated snacks for students to the Sharpsburg Public Library, packed backpacks with food at the Pittsburgh Greater Community Food Bank, helped with the Living Stones fundraiser, raised money for the national aviary, attended outreach training on conservation and sustainability, and served as an Audubon summer camp counselor.

“High school students have a strong perspective on the most challenging issues and needs facing our communities. These awardees exemplify young leadership, harnessing their passion and skills to enact positive change in their communities and beyond,” says Kristine Sturgeon, CEO of InnerView Technologies. “We feel privileged to work alongside these change-makers daily, supporting their journey, unlocking opportunities, and commemorating their achievements.”

“The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a framework for addressing the world’s most pressing challenges. They also present a unique opportunity for UN member states, grassroots organizations, and advocates to work together to create a better future for everyone,” says Rachel Bowen Pittman, executive director of the UNA-USA. “Youth play a pivotal role in driving change forward, now more than ever. As an intergenerational movement of dedicated Americans, UNA-USA is committed to supporting the vital work of the United Nations and SDGs. We are thrilled to partner with InnerView again this year and celebrate the impact youth have made in advancing the SDGs. Congratulations to this year’s awardees for their dedication and inspired action!”

• Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Mira Owens** was named the first-place winner in Congressman Chris Deluzio’s second annual Congressional Art Competition. Mira’s artwork, titled “JOY,” is an abstract painting that contains imaginative depictions of her daily life in Western Pennsylvania.

“The creative energy of these students is truly inspiring,” said Congressman Deluzio. “I’m grateful to everyone who submitted their work and put their imagination on display for all of us to see.”

Mira will be honored at an event in Washington, D.C., alongside the other art competition winners from congressional districts across the country. The student art will be featured in a gallery in the United States Capitol for a full year.

Each spring, the House of Representatives sponsors a visual art competition for high school students. Students from across the nation are invited to showcase their art and highlight their home congressional districts. Congressman Deluzio received many submissions from throughout Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District.

- Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won Gold Key awards for their submissions in the 2024 Pittsburgh Region Scholastic Writing Awards. Gold Keys were won by Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Hannah Parker** for her critical essay, “Letter to the Pennsylvania State Senate,” and sophomore **Joanna Li** for her short story, “The Crimson Covenant,” and Dorseyville Middle School eighth-grader **Eliana Wellman** in the flash fiction category for “The Artist.” All three of these Fox Chapel Area School District students qualified for national judging.

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.

- Seven Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students won first-place awards as part of the 2024 Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) and qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first-place winners were senior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi**; juniors **Anna Delale-O’Connor**, **Etash Jhanji**, and **Varnujah Rengaramanujam Kanagaraj**; and freshmen **Rachel Kim**, **Heidi Stiger**, and **Param Thawani**. The first-place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition which was held May 19-21 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 3 at Baldwin High School.

- Five Fox Chapel Area High School students won first-place awards in the State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area first-place state winners were senior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi**; juniors **Anna Delale-O’Connor**, **Etash Jhanji**, and **Varnujah Rengaramanujam Kanagaraj**; and freshman **Rachel Kim**.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School students were among students in grades 7-12 from across Pennsylvania who qualified to participate in 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 19-21, 2024. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first-place winners at the annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

- Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards at the 2024 Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF). Dorseyville Middle School eighth-grader **Divya Thirumala** was named the first-place winner in the intermediate division of the consumer science category. Seventh-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** received first place in the intermediate division earth & environment category. Sixth-grader **Cora Good** won first place in the junior division of the behavioral & consumer science category. As a result of their category wins, Divya, Rishabh, and Cora have all been nominated for the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge.

The PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. Each year, students from nearly 100 schools spend up to 12 months developing and executing a project and compete for more than \$1 million in cash, scholarships, and trips. 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 April 2 and 3 at the Carnegie Science Center, a virtual awards ceremony was held April 5, and a showcase for all first-place winners was held April 6.

- Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students won first-place awards for their entries in the Pittsburgh Region of the Scholastic Art Awards 2024.

Fox Chapel Area High School Gold Key winners were seniors **Emma Kim** (2 Gold Keys), **Mikayla Korczynski** (2 Gold Keys), and **Gabriella Urso** and sophomores **Emiko Brasfield**, **Nora Kelley** (4 Gold Keys), **Mary Lynch**, and **Elyse Ritchie**. All of the Gold Key winners had their work sent to New York for national judging where they competed with other regional winners from across the United States for national awards. The winners of the national contest will be part of The Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibit.

Students from approximately 45 schools from across the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the regional competition. The award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges which included artists, art educators, and art professionals.

The Fox Chapel Area students were honored at a special ceremony March 23 at Carnegie Mellon University's College of Fine Arts.

The Fox Chapel Area High School art teachers are **Joan Marangoni**, **Mary Jo Montgomery**, **Christine Smith**, **Sarah Stewart-Vasquez**, and **Amy Wickman**.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students was named the overall grand champion in the Pennsylvania BotsIQ 2024 Finals Competition. The combat robotics program team swept the awards ceremony with accolades for "The Coolest Bot" based on both public and peer voting, "Best Engineered Bot" based on the judging and interview from a panel of professional engineers, and "Best Engineering Documentation" for the team's 200-page research and documentation of the design process. The team also had a fifth-place finish. All of these scores combined earned the Fox Chapel Area High School team the overall grand champion status.

The team members were seniors **Ava McCaffrey**, **Eduardo Phelan-Vidal**, **Aiden Purcell**, and **Lucy Rygelski**; juniors **Jackson Hagler**, **Riley Puklus**, **Graeson Santucci**, and **Keegan Scanlon**; sophomores **Jackson Biehl**, **Krisztian Salvador**, **Benjamin Sun**, and **Jacob Williams**; and freshmen **Zhanyu "Eric" Jiang**, **Mikhail Lukichev**, **Ayush Patel**, **Mateo Phelan-Vidal**, and **Georgy Pistsov**.

According to Fox Chapel Area High School technology education teacher and sponsor **Ryan Siniawski**, "The team's success in all aspects of the competition can be directly attributed to their attention to detail, dedication, and hard work over the course of the year. We also owe a great deal of gratitude to our industry sponsor, Aerotech, for their generous donations of material, precision machining, and expert guidance."

A total of 67 teams from 45 schools participated in the state BotsIQ combat robotics program finals. The competition was held April 26 and 27 at PennWest California.

- A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students was named the national grand champion in the 'Burgh Bash national invitational tournament, sponsored by the Southwestern PA BotsIQ, a workforce development program by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Foundation. The Fox Chapel Area team was awarded first place in documentation, first place in competition (battle), and was crowned the national grand champion for the second consecutive year.

Senior club president **Eduardo Phelan-Vidal** designed this year's 15-pound combat bot, Black Bird. Senior **Aiden Purcell** helped with the design of the bot. Junior **Jackson Hagler** and sophomore **Benjamin Sun** handled the electrical engineering tasks and drove Black Bird during the competition. Additional manufacturing, construction, and documentation efforts were handled by team members

seniors **Ava McCaffrey** and **Lucy Rygelski**; juniors **Riley Puklus**, **Graeson Santucci**, and **Keegan Scanlon**; sophomores **Jackson Biehl**, **Krisztian Salvador**, and **Jacob Williams**; and freshmen **Zhanyu “Eric” Jiang**, **Mikhail Lukichev**, **Ayush Patel**, **Mateo Phelan-Vidal**, and **Georgy Pistsov**. The team was advised by teachers **Ryan Siniawski** and **Justin Papariello**; parent and engineer **Edward Phelan**; and its industry partner, Pittsburgh-based Aerotech Inc.

A total of 33 high school and college teams from across the United States participated in the ‘Burgh Bash national invitational tournament. The competition was held May 17 and 18, 2024, at Robert Morris University.

Prior to being named the overall grand champion at the BotsIQ ‘Burgh Bash national invitational tournament, the team participated in the Pennsylvania BotsIQ Finals Competition in April where they were named the overall grand champion.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the 2024 Western Pennsylvania Regional History Bee in February. Senior **Logan Dressman** placed third in the varsity division and sophomore **Karsten Buchert** won sixth place in the junior varsity division. Both students qualified for the National History Bee and the International History Olympiad. The National History Bee was held in Arlington, Virginia, in late April 2024, and the International History Olympiad will be held in July 2025 in London, England.

The Western Pennsylvania Regional History Bee was held at South Side Area High School in Hookstown, Pennsylvania. The contest was sponsored by International Academic Competitions.

- Two Dorseyville Middle School students won awards at the International Academic Competitions (IAC) Southern Pennsylvania Regional Finals.

Dorseyville Middle School eighth-grader **Jonah Driver** placed first in the regional eighth-grade History Bee competition, and seventh-grader **Thomas Pohl** was named the first-place winner in the regional seventh-grade contest. Both students qualified for the IAC National History Bee and the IAC International History Olympiad.

The IAC National History Bee championships were held May 23-27 in Orlando, Florida, and the International History Olympiad will be held in London, England, in July 2025.

Jonah also won first place in the eighth-grade regional Science Bee. He then qualified for the IAC National Science Bee and the International Environmental Science Olympiad.

The IAC National Science Bee championships were held May 23-27 in Orlando, Florida, and the International Environmental Science Olympiad will be held in Puerto Rico in December 2024.

The regional IAC competitions were held March 16, 2024, at Somerset Area Junior-Senior High School. All of the students qualified for the regional finals by earning high marks on the Online Regional Qualifying Exam.

International Academic Competitions is an organization dedicated to giving students around the world the chance to compete in engaging, challenging, and exciting tournaments that are focused on history, geography, science, and other academic disciplines. The organization oversees a portfolio of academic competitions for students in more than 50 countries and is headquartered in Burlington, Vermont.

- Seven members of the Fox Chapel Area High School boys and girls track & field team qualified for the 2024 PIAA Track & Field Championships: seniors **Rowan Gwin** (1,600 and 3,200 meters), **Mason Miles** (shot put), and **Anna Troutman** (high jump and 4x100 meter relay); juniors **Anna Kintner** (4x100 meter relay and long jump) and **Alyssa Quackenbush** (4x100 meter relay); sophomore **Claire Conti** (discus); and freshman **Taylor Wilkinson** (4x100 meter relay). The championships were held May 24 and 25 at Shippensburg University.

Additionally, Anna Troutman won first place in the high jump at the WPIAL Track & Field Championships. The WPIAL competition was held May 15 & 16 at Slippery Rock 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 **Nicholas Cusano, Ben Hallman, Travis Malone, and William Siegel**; juniors **Murugan Ayyanar, Mason Friday, Milan Golla, Caden Goodworth, Parker Haberman, Charles Larsen, Nicholas Patel, Ezra Shensa, and Henry Stallings**; and sophomore **Rocco Didomenico**. The team was undefeated in the section for the second consecutive year with a record of 6-0 and the team finished with an overall record of 10-3.

Additionally, Will was named the WPIAL Class 3A Section 3 singles champion, and Ben and Travis were named the WPIAL Class 3A Section 3 doubles champions.

•The Fox Chapel Area High School baseball team won a share of the WPIAL Class 5A Section 1 championship. The team members were seniors **Benjamin DeMotte, Mitchell Epstein, Logan Hoffman, Ryan Inglis, Justin Ling, Troy Susnak, and Christian Wilkinson**; juniors **William Adams, Kristofer Bandurski, Everett Clanton, Jeremy Haigh, Cooper Hendren, Nicholas Ingramm, Brady Johnston, Antonio LeDonne, and Francesco Pistella**; and sophomores **Joseph Geller and Blake Krushinski**.

•Two members of the Fox Chapel Crew Team qualified for the Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA) Regatta. The team members are senior **Lucas Gravina** and sophomore **Nikolaj Vavpetic**. The SRAA national championship was held May 24 and 25, 2024, in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey.

**IV. FOX LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**V. 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.

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

**VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

• Approve the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated May 6, 2024.

\* **Motion:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated May 6, 2024, 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@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.

**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) – May 2024

- General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$PENDING from May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, are approved as attached. **(This amount will be forthcoming on June 3.)**

2. Disbursements (Fund 31) – May 2024

- Capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$PENDING from May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, are approved as attached. **(This amount will be forthcoming on June 3.)**

3. Finance Report – April 2024

- The finance report for April 2024 is acknowledged and filed for audit as attached. **(The revenue portion of this report will be forthcoming on June 3.)**

4. Budget Transfers

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

5. Interfund Transfer

- Approve an interfund transfer from Fund 10 (general fund disbursements) to Fund 32 (athletic capital reserves fund) in the amount of \$27,964.50 based on 50% of the 2023-2024 athletic ticket sales.

6. Insurance 2024-2025

- The following insurance policies are approved effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

Workers' Compensation

Carrier: UPMC  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$222,718

Commercial Package (includes Auto/Boiler & Machinery)

Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$189,519  
Coverage: Blanket limit based on valuation appraisal

Educators' Legal Liability

Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$29,982  
Coverage: \$1,000,000

Umbrella Policy

Carrier: PSBA/CM Regent  
Agent: AJ Gallagher  
Premium: \$18,762  
Coverage: \$20,000,000

Cyber Protection

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

**7. 2024-2025 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget**

- Approve the 2024-2025 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget as attached in the amount of \$2,185,855.

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

**8. Final 2024-2025 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2024-1**

- Approve Resolution 2024-1 as follows and attached:

**FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 2024-1**

**2024-2025 General Fund Operating Budget**

A proposed final budget in the amount of \$119,247,095.00 as presented with 21.5128 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 6, 2024. 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 \$119,178,185.00 is presented for final approval.

**RESOLVED**, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$119,178,185.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, 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, 2024, to June 30, 2025, 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 2024-2025 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, 2024, 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-one and fifty-one hundred twenty-eight 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 \$21.5128 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

**Adopted** this 10th day of June, 2024, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Directors.

9. **Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2024-2**

- Approve Resolution 2024-2 as attached regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

\* **Motion:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that Finance items 8 and 9 are approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

C. **Instruction** (*Mrs. Cooper*)

1. **Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP)  
Local Education Agency Agreement to Participate – 2024-2025**

- Approve the agreement as attached for the Fox Chapel Area School District to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) for the 2024-2025 school year, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **This is a renewal of services.**

2. **PowerSchool Group LLC – Agreement – Enrollment Registration**

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and PowerSchool Group LLC for PowerSchool enrollment registration software, for the period August 13, 2024, through August 12, 2025, at a cost of \$20,997.09. **This is a renewal of services.**

3. **PowerSchool Group LLC – Agreement – Naviance**

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and PowerSchool Group LLC for Naviance software, for the period August 13, 2024, through August 12, 2025, at a cost of \$12,150.84. **This is a renewal of services.**

4. **PowerSchool Group LLC – Agreement – Ecollect Forms SaaS**

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and PowerSchool Group LLC for PowerSchool Ecollect Forms SaaS, for the period August 13, 2024, through August 12, 2025, at a cost of \$2,407.68. **This is a renewal of services.**

5. **Navigate360, LLC – Master Services Agreement and Software Services Addendum A  
PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Rewards**

- Approve the master services agreement and software services addendum A as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Navigate360, LLC for PBIS Rewards subscription services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a total cost of \$20,150. **This is a new service and will be funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety Grant.**

6. **Navigate360, LLC – Master Services Agreement and Software Services Addendum A  
Behavioral Threat & Suicide Case Management**

- Approve the master services agreement and software services addendum A as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Navigate360, LLC for Behavioral Threat & Suicide Case Management subscription services, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost of \$28,980. **This is a new service and will be funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety Grant.**

7. **Kristine Orosz – Contractual Agreement**

- Approve the contractual agreement as attached 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **This is a renewal of services.**



**8. Seton Hill University – College Partnership Agreement**

- Approve the college partnership agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Seton Hill University for the 2024-2025 school year and authorize the administration to execute the agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a continued partnership.**

**9. Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc. DBA PGH ABA Educational Summer Program Service Agreement**

- Approve the educational summer program service agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc. DBA PGH ABA for summer program support special education services through the 2024 PGH ABA Summer Program. **This is a new agreement.**

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

- Approve the educational placement service agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc. DBA PGH ABA for special education services for the 2024-2025 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

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

- Approve the day student education agreement as attached 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 2024-2025 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

- \* **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 – Second Reading and Adoption**

- Approve the second reading and adoption 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

**2. Policy – New – Second Reading and Adoption**

- Approve the second reading and adoption 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*)

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

**1. Award of Construction Contracts – Hartwood Elementary School HVAC Project**

- Approve to award contracts to the bidders listed below on the Hartwood Elementary School HVAC project conditioned upon the contractors completing their post-bid award documents. **This was reviewed and recommended by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

To Allegheny Construction Group, for the General Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount and total contract award of \$647,250;

To Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC, for the Plumbing Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount and total contract award of 75,200;

To Wayne Crouse, Inc., for the HVAC Construction Contract, with a Base Bid amount of \$4,570,000 and accepting Alternate HC-04 for a deduction of \$50,000, for a total contract award of \$4,520,000.

**2. Rejection of Electrical Construction Bids – Hartwood Elementary School HVAC Project**

- Approve to reject the electrical construction bids opened on May 14, 2024, for the Hartwood Elementary School HVAC Project. **This was reviewed and recommended by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

**4. Change Order – Dorseyville Middle School Window Project**

- Approve change order 003 as attached at a total cost of \$39,975 for the Dorseyville Middle School window project. **This was reviewed and recommended by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

**5. Authorization for Approval of Change Orders**

- Authorization for the superintendent or designee to approve, on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors, change orders issued during June through August 12, 2024, for the ongoing construction projects, in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, as recommended by the construction/project manager.

**6. Authorization for Payment of Construction Invoices**

- Authorization for the superintendent or designee to approve, on behalf of the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors, payment of invoices for the months of June and July 2024 for all previously board-approved contract work and change orders for the ongoing construction projects, as recommended by the construction/project manager.

**7. Appointment of Solicitor – Resolution 2024-3**

- The appointment of Paul J. Giuffre, Esquire, as solicitor to the Fox Chapel Area School District pursuant to 24 P.S. § 4-406, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, is approved as attached.

**8. 2024-2025 Dental Examiner**

- Approve Dr. Susan Buzzatto as dental examiner for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$15 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.**

**9. YMCA – Agreement and Lease**

- Approve the agreement and lease as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the YMCA for the before-/after-school child care program during the school year, and a day care camp during the summer, effective August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025. **This is a renewal of services, and there is no cost to the district.**

**10. Carnegie Mellon University – Cooperative Educational Agreement**

- Approve the cooperative educational agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Carnegie Mellon University for placement of student teachers in the district music department effective October 21, 2024, through December 6, 2024. **This is a new agreement, and there is no cost to the district.**

**11. Donation – Fox Chapel Area High School Baseball Team**

- Accept the donation of \$300 to the baseball team at Fox Chapel Area High School from the Elijah Straw Memorial Fund to be used for equipment and other needs in memory of Elijah Straw.

**12. Meal Prices**

- Approve the meal prices and milk price for the 2024-2025 school year as listed below, with no increases from the 2023-2024 school year. **Free School Breakfast Program (SBP) meals for all students and no charge for reduced price eligible student lunches through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will continue in the 2024-2025 school year and forward.**

Breakfast	FREE
Reduced Breakfast	FREE
Adult Breakfast	\$2.45
Elementary Lunch	\$2.65
Secondary Lunch	\$2.95
Reduced Lunch	FREE
Adult Lunch	\$4.75
Milk	\$0.75

**13. United States Golf Association – Parking Lot Agreement**

- Approve the parking lot agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the United States Golf Association for the use of parking facilities at Fox Chapel Area High School and O'Hara Elementary School, at a fee of \$12,000, effective June 9, 2025, through June 15, 2025. **This is a new agreement.**

**14. Inter-State Studio – School Portrait Agreement – Elementaries and Middle School**

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Inter-State Studio to furnish individual portraits and provide other photography services to the district for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 8 for the 2024-2025 school year with the option to extend for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. **This is a new agreement, and there is no cost to the district.**

**15. Inter-State Studio – School Portrait Agreement – Fox Chapel Area High School**

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Inter-State Studio to furnish individual portraits and provide other photography services to the high school for the 2024-2025 school year with the option to extend for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. **This is a new agreement, and there is no cost to the district.**

**16. Award of Contract**

**Fox Chapel Area Elementary Schools Audio Visual Replacement Project**

- Approve to award the contract to Xycom Technology Group, Inc. for the Fox Chapel Area Elementary Schools audio visual replacement project with a bid amount of \$74,818.65.

\* **Motion:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that Operations/Cooperative Services items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 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**

**IVX. 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

#### •DMS Orchestra Earns Highest Rating

The Dorseyville Middle School (DMS) Philharmonic Orchestra earned the highest rating possible at the Trills & Thrills Music Festival. The orchestra was rated “Superior” and the group received a trophy for its performance. The festival was held May 3, 2024, at Hersheypark.

The DMS Philharmonic Orchestra includes 41 students in grades six, seven, and eight. The orchestra is under the direction of teacher **Jeffrey Bryer**.

#### •DMS Choirs Rank High

The Dorseyville Middle School (DMS) Girls Chamber Chorus and the DMS FoxTones performed both separately and together as the DMS Combined Honor Choir at the Festival of Music adjudication at Cedar Point. The Girls Chamber Chorus and the Combined Honor Choir both earned the highest rating of “Superior,” and the FoxTones earned an “Excellent” rating. All three groups were given plaques for their performances.

Choirs, bands, and orchestras from Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania participated in the Festival of Music at Cedar Point that was held May 10, 2024, in Sandusky, Ohio. The groups were judged by collegiate and professional-level directors.

The DMS Girls Chamber Chorus includes 40 girls in sixth through eighth grades, the FoxTones includes 16 boys in grades six through eight, and the Combined Honor Choir is made up of the Girls Chamber Chorus and the FoxTones. The DMS choirs are under the direction of teacher **Amy Beresik**.

#### •DMS Band Ranks High

The Dorseyville Middle School Honors Band performed at the Festival of Music adjudication at Cedar Point. The band earned the highest rating of “Superior” and also brought home the “Overall Best Junior High Band Award.” The band was given two trophies for its performance.

Choirs, bands, and orchestras from Indiana, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania participated in the Festival of Music at Cedar Point that was held May 17, 2024, in Sandusky, Ohio. The groups were judged by collegiate and professional-level directors.

The DMS Honors Band includes 50 students in grades six through eight. The band is under the direction of teacher **Anne Goggin**.

#### •Students Named Outstanding Young Citizens

Two Fox Chapel Area High School seniors, **Michael Shin** and **Alexandra Sroufe**, were named 2024 Outstanding Young Citizens awardees. The program honors students who demonstrate exemplary character and leadership, dedication to community service, and outstanding academic achievement. Students can be nominated by family, friends, school officials, teachers, and members of the community. Judging was done by an independent panel who reviewed the students’ biographies and selected the Outstanding Young Citizens awardees and the Top 10 Gold Medalists.

The program was open to high school juniors and seniors from 110 schools from across Western Pennsylvania and the students were honored in the print newspapers, as well as online.

#### •Students Win Awards at Regional PJAS Competition

Ten Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students won second-place and special awards as part of the 2024 Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science

(PJAS). Second-place awards went to seniors **Adhitya Thirumala** and **Gabriella Urso**; junior **Alison Clark**; sophomores **Joanna Li** and **Zehra Ozkaya**; eighth-grader **Divya Thirumala**; and seventh-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy**.

Additionally, senior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** received a perseverance award and the Carnegie Mellon University – Margaret Carver Diversity, Equity and Inclusion special award; Adhitya also received a perseverance award; junior **Varnujah Rengaramanujam Kanagaraj** received a perfect score award; and freshman **Heidi Stiger** won the Pitt Swanson School of Engineering – Excellence in Engineering special award.

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 3 at Baldwin High School.

#### •High School Students Win Awards in State Science Competition

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students placed and won special awards at the State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). The second-place state winner was freshman **Heidi Stiger**. Additionally, senior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** received a Perfect Score Award, an Excellence in Biology Award, and a Perseverance Award; junior **Etash Jhanji** won a Perfect Score Award; and senior **Adhitya Thirumala** received a Perseverance Award.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School students were among students in grades 7-12 from across Pennsylvania who qualified to participate in 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 19-21, 2024. All of the Fox Chapel Area students participating at the state level were named first-place winners at the annual Region 7 Meeting of the PJAS in February.

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

Seven Fox Chapel Area School District students won second-place, honorable mention, and special awards at the 2024 Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF).

Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Rohit Velankar** received second place in the senior division physics & astronomy category. Senior **Lakshanya Rajaganapathi** won an honorable mention in the senior division of the medicine/health/microbiology category. Junior **Etash Jhanji** won an honorable mention award in the senior division of the computer science/math category. Junior **Benjamin Fiedler** won an affiliated sponsor award from the Office of Naval Research. Sophomore **Ulyana Kubini** received a scholarship award from Mount Aloysius College. Freshman **Param Thawani** won sponsor awards from Aerotech and Bayer. Dorseyville Middle School seventh-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** received a sponsor award from the Allegheny County Health Department, and an affiliated sponsor award from the Office of Naval Research.

The PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. Each year, students from nearly 100 schools spend up to 12 months developing and executing a project and compete for more than \$1 million in cash, scholarships, and trips. 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 April 2 and 3 at the Carnegie Science Center, a virtual awards ceremony was held April 5, and a showcase for all first place winners was held April 6.

#### •FCAHS PSAT/NMSQT High Scorers

Thirty Fox Chapel Area High School rising seniors are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants on the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and have met the requirements to enter the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are: **Omar Al-Bataineh**, **Murugan Ayyanar**, **David Black**, **Anna Delale-O'Connor**, **Noelle Dick**, **Maya DiPasquale**,

**Benjamin Fiedler, Alaina Hershey, Owen Howell, Rayna Huang, Moonyoung Hwang, Etash Jhanji, Patton Johnson, Alex Kim, Evan Krieg, Arnim Kuchhal, Nathan Mackey, Devon McDonald, Noah Miller, Zhana Neumann, Pierce Osterholm, Rachel Pegher, Hyunoh Ro, Caleb Shirk, David Sorisio, Rohit Velankar, Mya Wilson, Caterina Wu, JinLiang Zhang, and Yuqi Zhou.** More than 1.3 million students took the 2023 PSAT/NMSQT and these Fox Chapel Area students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants on that test from across the nation and have shown outstanding academic potential.

Approximately 16,000 of these highest scoring students will be named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists in September 2024, 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 7,140 Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2025.

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

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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