

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Agenda Study Session
June 2, 2025 – 7 p.m.
O'Hara Elementary School Auditorium

Regular Business Meeting
June 9, 2025 – 7 p.m.
Fox Chapel Area High School LGI Room

This meeting may be recorded and/or broadcast.

Attached Pages

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. GUESTS

•Fox Chapel Area High School junior **Mira Owens** had her artwork selected for the 2025 National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Juried Exhibition. Mira's piece is titled "Reminiscence," and is a drawing using all the ink in one pen. According to Mira, "I illustrated my dance experience during quarantine. Dance kept me connected to people and music when everything else seemed out of reach. Dancing is like drawing because proper technique takes time; lots of practice must be dedicated to it."

Mira's artwork is being exhibited virtually, along with 129 other selected pieces, on the National Art Education Association (NAEA) website at <https://www.arteducators.org/national-art-honor-societies/articles/2399-2025-nahs-juried-exhibition> from March 11-August 31, 2025. The exhibition showcases the work of talented student artists who are members of NAEA's NAHS/National Junior Art Honor Society programs.

A record-breaking total of 2,587 submissions were received for this year's exhibit representing 72 schools from 31 states and South Korea. The submissions were juried by NAEA arts leaders and were judged on visual communication, execution, formal elements, originality, and artist statement.

The NAHS is designed specifically for high school students in Grades 9-12. In 1978, NAEA began the National Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art. NAHS strives to aid members in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community. Fox Chapel Area High School has an active chapter of the NAHS.

Founded in 1947, NAEA is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts educators. Members include elementary, middle, and high school visual arts educators; college and university professors; university students preparing to be art educators; researchers and scholars; teaching artists; administrators and supervisors; and art museum educators, as well as more than 29,000 students who are members of the National Art Honor Society.

•Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards for their entries in the Pittsburgh Region of the 2025 Scholastic Art Awards.

Gold Key winners were Fox Chapel Area High School juniors Raina Guzman and Mira Owens, and Dorseyville Middle School seventh-grader Samuel Ettinger. The work of the Gold Key winners has been sent to New York for national judging where they will be competing 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 42 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 artwork of the students was on display at Carnegie Mellon University's Hall of Fine Arts February 26-March 9. The students were also honored at a special ceremony March 9 at Carnegie Mellon University's Kresge Theater.

- A Fox Chapel Area High School student won an award as part of the 2025 Youth Art Month (YAM) Exhibit. Junior **Nora Kelley** won a Division Award in the painting and drawing category for her piece titled "Feline's Feast."

Youth Art Month is sponsored by the Council for Art Education and is a celebration of the visual arts. It encourages support for quality school art programs and provides a medium for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences. The artwork of more than 300 students from throughout Pennsylvania are exhibited in the virtual show and were celebrated as part of a virtual artists reception and awards ceremony March 14.

The artwork can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/paea.org/yamexhibit2025/home>.

Nora's Fox Chapel Area High School art teacher is **Joan Marangoni**.

- Seven Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards for their submissions in the 2025 Pittsburgh Region Scholastic Writing Awards. Gold Keys were won by Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Gabriella Hample**, sophomore **HanYing Zhang**, and freshman **Eliana Wellman**; and Dorseyville Middle School eighth-graders **Kai Galyardt**, **Celestial Hou**, **Brooke Nalevanko**, and **Carly Phatak**. All seven of these Fox Chapel Area School District students qualified for national judging. Additionally, Gabriella was named an American Voices nominee for the Pittsburgh region, the highest award that can be given in the competition. Her piece, titled, "My Museum," was submitted in the personal essay & memoir category. She was invited to read an excerpt from her winning piece at the regional recognition ceremony.

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 in March at the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

- Eight Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students won first-place awards as part of the 2025 Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). All eight students qualified for the state competition. Fox Chapel Area first-place winners were seniors **Omar Al-bataineh**, **Anna Delale-O'Connor**, **Etash Jhanji**, and **Rohit Velankar**; sophomores **Heidi Stiger**, **Param Thawani**, and **Rachel Kim**; and eighth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy**. The state PJAS competition was held May 18-20, 2025, 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 8 at Baldwin High School.

- Six Fox Chapel Area School District students won first-place awards at the 2025 State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area first-place state winners were seniors **Omar Al-bataineh**, **Anna Delale-O'Connor**, and **Etash Jhanji**; sophomores **Heidi Stiger** and **Param Thawani**; and eighth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy**.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were among approximately 2,000 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 in front of a panel of judges.

The state competition was held at Penn State University, Main Campus, May 18-20. 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

- A Dorseyville Middle School student won a first-place award at the 2025 Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF). Eighth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** was named the first-place winner in the intermediate division of the behavioral and social science category.

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 1 and 2 at the Carnegie Science Center, a virtual awards ceremony was held April 4, and a showcase for all first place winners was held April 5.

- A total of 110 Fox Chapel Area High School students placed first through fourth in the 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 **Matthew Begg, Ridglee Boychuk, Zoan Chittur, Kai Edwards, Milan Golla, Jonah Kline, Nathan Mackey, Rachel Pegher, Ava Persichetti, Finnigan Saunders, Ezra Shensa, Caleb Shirk, and Sienna Siegel**; juniors **Prachi Behal, Ji-Yuan “Aaron” Chung, Rocco Didomenico, Greta Erdner, Zelia Herald, Zinta Jacob, Joshua Shah, and Lorenzo Smiraglio**; sophomores **Ella Bandurski, Jolie Cessna, Max Choset, Paige Dugan, Sera Filar, Noelle Fouron, Caroline Franklin, Abigail Freyvogel, Ella Golomb, Ainsley Goode, Keita Komatsu, Lucia McElwain, Joseph McGivney, Catelyn Pastoor, Melanie Pietz, Eli Ramirez, Aidan Vita, Ava Wegley, and Dashel Wilson**; and freshmen **Santiago Alverez, Samuel Asher, Paulomi Goel, Margaret Handron, Jacob Jones, Filamena LeDonne, Elizabeth Passavant, Harrison Soose, and Ava Stackhouse**. Second-place regional winners were seniors **William Apitsch, Kellan Bleier, Gabriella Hample, Simren Sahni, and Holden Starz**; juniors **Maeve Beresford, Naudia Boyle, Michael Costello, Michael Didomenico, Tina Dong, Mikayla Feder, Aavree Hill, Emily Korczynski, James Manges, Aspen Smouse, and Brooke Thiele**; sophomores **Braxton Bielawski, Pellegrino Cilenti, Despina Gambotto, Mason Hager, Sienna Mort, Kayla Nguyen, Harrison Parker, Desmond Ruff, Camila Trott, Joshua Ummer, and Elias Zeiner**; and freshmen **Lucas Ahern, Andrew Dinh, Isabella Gray, Ottilie Happold, Eliot Meese, Purv Patel, and Matthew Wang**. Third-place regional winners were seniors **Chase Hendren, Keegan Scanlon, and Asher White**; juniors **Ross Calig, Zehra Ozkaya, and Nicolas Squeglia**; sophomore **Victoria Pfendler**; and freshmen **Hunter Blask, Fernando Echeverria Conte, Sydney Gibel, Austin Helsel, John McLaughlin, Alexander Rosenmeier, and Tyler Work**. Fourth-place regional winners were senior **Sarah Pasquella**; juniors **Nicholas Krist, Mason Shelkey-Bray, Anais Wang, and Elliott Willison**; sophomores **Aiden Drucker, Cooper Fleming, Brooklyn Harper, Luke Kaizer, Allison Olivieri, Mariah Venturino-Hazlett, and Celeste Yeske**; and freshman **Grace Smiraglio**. All of these students qualified for the 2025 Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Conference that was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 8 and 9, 2025.

The FBLA Regional Leadership Conference was held in December 2024. Approximately 450 students from eight high schools participated in the virtual regional competition.

- Several Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students placed at the 2025 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference. Senior **Gabriella Hample**; junior **Mikayla Feder**; sophomores **Aiden Drucker, Noelle Fouron, and Ainsley Goode**; and eighth-graders **Dyutit Patro** and **Anaia Shehzad** won first places. Junior **Michael Costello** and eighth graders **Zoey Liu** and **Maya Vyas** won second places. Junior **Joanna Li** and eighth-graders **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** and **Chloe Pick** won third places. Juniors **Zelia Herald, Zinta Jacob, and Joshua Shah** and sophomore **Braxton Bielawski** all won fourth places. All 17 of these students qualified to participate in the FBLA National Leadership Conference that will be held in Anaheim, California, June 29-July 2.

The Dorseyville Middle School state first-place winner in open events (not eligible for the national competition) was eighth-grader **Micah Ramirez**.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 8 and 9. More than 6,200 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**.

- A team of Dorseyville Middle School seventh-graders ranked first out of 30 teams in Pennsylvania in the Purple Comet Math Meet. The team members were **Moxley Chiu, Samuel Ettinger, Shengfeng Fei, Akhil Muvvala, Louis Vandapel, and Brian Xu**. In addition to being the first-place team in the state, the group ranked 16th out of 298 teams in the United States and also received an honorable mention designation for being given an overall international rank of 38th out of 1,047 teams.

The Purple Comet Math Meet is an international team mathematics competition designed for middle and high school students that has been conducted annually since 2003. For the 2025 contest, there were 4,613 registered teams from 80 countries.

- A team of Hartwood Elementary School students placed first at the 2025 Children’s Choice Awards competition, sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Allegheny County Library Association. The team consisted of fifth-graders **McKenna Anderson** and **Elizabeth Moudry** and fourth-graders **Eli Holmes** and **Henry Smith**.

The event was held April 9 at Commonwealth Charter Academy in Homestead. Students were asked to read novels and then participate in a trivia event where they answered questions about the books. In addition to the competition, the students also heard a keynote from author Matthew Holm who created (with his sister, Jennifer Holm) a number of graphic novels. They also attended a session with a local graphic artist/storyteller Joe Mruk. The day concluded with a live concert by local duo Josh and Gab, who provided a kindness and bullying awareness musical comedy program.

Approximately 65 students in grades three-six from Allegheny and Washington counties participated in the Children’s Choice Awards event.

- Three Fox Chapel Area School District students were named first-place winners in the 2025 WQED Writers Contest. Fairview Elementary School second-grader **Theresa Zigler** was named a first-place winner for her story “The Case of the Missing Guitar,” Kerr Elementary School first-grader **Ameena Searight** won first place for her story “Ameena’s Silly Future in Paris,” and Hartwood Elementary School kindergartner **Laura Phillips** won first place for her story “Doggy Dreams.”

Nearly 290 entries were submitted and the Fox Chapel Area winners were five of 16 students who won awards in this year’s contest. The students competed against others in their own grade levels, and the contest was open to students in kindergarten-grade three from throughout the country. The winning students were honored at an award ceremony held at WQED studios in Pittsburgh on May 17.

All the winners’ stories are available to read and listen to through WQED’s Writers Contest page at <https://www.wqed.org/education/writers-contest/2025-winners/>.

- 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 **Murugan Ayyanar, Mason Friday, Milan Golla, Caden Goodworth, Parker Haberman, Charles Larsen, Ezra Shensa, and Henry Stallings**; junior **Rocco Didomenico**; sophomores **Grant Fenton** and **Brady Haberman**; and freshmen **Frank Siegel** and **Harrison Soose**. The team was undefeated in the section for the third consecutive year with a record of 6-0 and finished with an overall record of 11-2.

Additionally, the duo of Mason and Frank won the WPIAL Class 3A Section 3 doubles championship April 16, 2025, at Fox Chapel Area High School.

- Nine members of the Fox Chapel Area High School boys and girls track & field team qualified for the 2025 PIAA Track & Field Championships: seniors **David Black** (4x800 relay), **Maya DiPasquale** (4x800 relay), and **Ethan Vaughan** (4x800 relay and 3,200); juniors **Marin Airik** (4x800 relay), **Claire Conti** (discus and shot put), and **Michael Costello** (4x800 relay); sophomores **Nolan Gwin** (4x800 relay) and **Ceci Ressler** (4x800 relay); and freshman **Ella Shevchuk** (4x800 relay). The state championships were held May 23 and 24 at Shippensburg University.

Additionally, Claire won first place in the discus at the WPIAL Class 3A Track & Field Championships. The WPIAL competition was held May 14 at Slippery Rock University.

•Several members of the Fox Chapel Crew team qualified for the Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA) Regatta (nationals). The Men’s Junior 4x finished first at the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association (MSRA) Championship Regatta (regionals) and included juniors **Keitaro Inada, Gavin Nguyen, Nikolaj Vavpetic, and Ian Wellman**. Other members of the crew team qualifying for nationals were seniors **Katherine Banyas, Emilia Boleng, and Noelle Dick**; juniors **Nora Kelley and Sophia Tai**; and sophomore **Marlowe Schmidt**.

Additionally, the Women’s Novice 4+ finished in first place at the MSRA Championship Regatta. That boat included senior **Addison Rossi**; junior **Laila Golla**; and freshmen **Vita Metz, Emily Shaw, and Eliana Wellman**.

The MSRA Championship Regatta was held May 10 and 11, 2025, in Milford, Michigan. The SRAA Regatta was held May 23 and 24 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 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget Summary** – Kimberly Pawlishak, Business Manager, and Mary Catherine Reljac, Ed.D., Superintendent

•**Bond Information** – Alisha Henry, PNC Capital Markets, and Christopher Brewer, Dinsmore & Shohl

VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approve the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated May 5, 2025.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated May 5, 2025, are approved as written.

Roll Call Vote:

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

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Facilities / Transportation (Mrs. Lynch)

1. UniFirst – Customer Service Agreement

- Approve the customer service agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and UniFirst to provide floor mats and shirts to the district for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. **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) – May 2025

- General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$7,172,158.25 from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, are approved as attached.

2. Disbursements (Fund 31) – May 2025

- Capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$262,086.13 from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, are approved as attached.

3. Finance Report – April 2025

- The finance report for April 2025 is acknowledged and filed for audit as attached.

4. Budget Transfers

- The budget transfers for 2024-2025 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 \$30,066 based on 50% of the 2024-2025 athletic ticket sales.

6. Insurance 2025-2026

- The following insurance policies are approved effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

Workers' Compensation

Carrier: UPMC
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$249,573

General Liability Commercial Package

(includes Property, Boiler & Machinery, Crime, Educator Legal Liability, Umbrella, and Auto)

Carrier: PSBA / CM Regent
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$265,082

Cyber Protection

Carrier: PAIU
Agent: AJ Gallagher
Premium: \$21,000

7. CSM Consulting, Inc. – Contract for E-Rate Compliance Services – Agreement

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and CSM Consulting, Inc. for E-Rate consulting services effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$3,000, plus an amount equal to 3.5% of category two applications submitted during the term of the agreement. **This is a renewal of services.**

8. 2025-2026 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget

- Approve the 2025-2026 Fox Chapel Area School District Food Service Budget as attached in the amount of \$2,136,600.

9. Appointment of Investment Banker and Bond Counsel

- The Board hereby appoints PNC Capital Markets as the district's investment banker and Dinsmore & Shohl as the district's bond counsel to explore the opportunities for the issuance of bonds. Said investment banker and bond counsel, along with the district administration, are directed to undertake and perform all tasks, according to standard industry practice, as shall be necessary and appropriate to assist the school district in the issuance of new long-term debt, at such time as properly determined by the Board of School Directors. These tasks include, but are not limited to, periodic reports on current conditions within the capital markets, the study and review of financing alternatives, the preparation of an official statement, bond resolution and related documentation, publication of notices required under the Local Government Unit Debt Act, solicitation of a policy of municipal bond insurance, and/or obtainment of a published credit rating from a recognized credit service.

10. Reimbursement Resolution for Bond Proceeds – Resolution 2025-5

- Approve Resolution 2025-5 as attached.

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

Roll Call Vote:

11. Final 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget – Resolution 2025-6

- Approve Resolution 2025-6 as follows and attached:

**FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2025-6**

2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget

A proposed final budget in the amount of \$123,187,421.00 as presented with 22.0076 mills of real estate tax and to continue all other taxes without change was preliminarily adopted May 5, 2025. 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 \$123,187,421.00 is presented for final approval.

RESOLVED, that a budget is hereby adopted for the Fox Chapel Area School District in the amount of \$123,187,421.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, 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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, 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 2025-2026 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, 2025, 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-two and seventy-six 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 \$22.0076 on each \$1,000 of the assessed calculation of the taxable real property.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Directors.

12. Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion – Resolution 2025-7

- Approve Resolution 2025-7 as attached regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District Homestead Exclusion.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Finance items 11 and 12 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

C. Instruction (Mrs. Cooper)

1. Textbooks and Resource Materials

- Approve the textbooks and resource materials listed below.

Updated Copyright of Current Textbooks:

Fox Chapel Area High School – Social Studies

“US History Interactive; Reconstruction to the Present” by E.J. Lapsansky-Werner, P.B. Levy, R. Roberts, and A. Taylor; Publisher: Savvas Learning Company; Updated Copyright 2024; for United States History II and United States History II Accelerated Grade 9

Dorseyville Middle School – Math

“Connected Math Project 4” by E. Defanis Phillips, G. Lappan, J.T. Fey, S.N. Friel, Y. Slinger-Grant, and A.J. Edson; Publisher: Lab-Aids, Inc.; Updated Copyright 2025; for Pre-Algebra 6 Grade 6 and Pre-Algebra 7 Grade 7

Resource Materials:

Elementary Schools – Science

OpenSciEd resource materials for science, kindergarten-grade 5, at all elementary schools

2. **DePaul School for Hearing and Speech – Professional Services Agreement 2025 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 services to students for the 2025 ESY Program, effective July 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025. **This is a renewal of services.**
3. **DePaul School for Hearing and Speech – Professional Services Agreement 2025-2026 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 services to students for the 2025-2026 school year, effective August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. **This is a renewal of services.**
4. **MHY Family Services – Longmore Academy – Agreement 2025-2026 School Year**
 - Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and MHY Family Services for services to students at Longmore Academy for the 2025-2026 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**
5. **The School at McGuire Memorial – Educational Services Agreement 2025-2026 School Year and 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Program**
 - Approve the educational services agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The School at McGuire Memorial for the 2025-2026 school year beginning August 20, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and the 2026 ESY program beginning June 29 through July 10, 2026. **This is a renewal of services.**
6. **Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) Local Education Agency Agreement to Participate – School Age 2025-2026 School Year**
 - 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 school-age children for the 2025-2026 school year, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and authorize the superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services.**
7. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit Comprehensive Services Agreement 2025-2026 School Year Waterfront Learning Services – Addendum**
 - Approve the Waterfront Learning services addendum as attached pursuant to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2025-2026 comprehensive services agreement for flexible virtual education options effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. **This is a renewal of services.**
8. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Title III Consortium – 2025-2026 School Year Memorandum of Understanding**
 - Approve the memorandum of understanding as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for participation in the Title III Consortium for the 2025-2026 school year, and authorize the superintendent to execute the memorandum of understanding on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services.**

9. Navigate360, LLC – Master Services Agreement and Software Services Addendum A Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) 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, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$16,442.50. **This is a renewal of services and will be funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety Grant.**

10. Kristine Orosz – Contractual Agreement – 2025-2026 School Year

- 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, 2025, through June 30, 2026. **This is a renewal of services.**

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

Roll Call Vote:

D. Legislation / Policy (Mr. Frank)

No action is requested.

E. Personnel (Ms. Zych)

F. Operations / Cooperative Services (Mr. Goode)

1. 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 11, 2025, for the ongoing construction projects, in an amount not to exceed \$23,800, as recommended by the construction/project manager.

2. 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 2025 for all previously board-approved contract work and change orders for the ongoing construction projects, as recommended by the construction/project manager.

3. School Board Secretary – Appointment

- The appointment of Kathleen Anuszek as School Board secretary is approved effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029.

4. Dental Examiner – 2025-2026 School Year

- Approve Dr. Susan Buzzatto as dental examiner for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$20 per student, at original entry into school and in grades three and seven, and \$100 for cleaning of instruments. **This is a renewal of services.**

5. Professional Software for Nurses, Inc. (PSNI) – 2025-2026 School Year

- Approve the renewal of services as attached with Professional Software for Nurses, Inc. (PSNI) for cloud services and the School Nurse and Parents (SNAP) software subscription for the 2025-2026 school year at a total cost of \$6,800. **This annual renewal is pursuant to the service level agreement that was Board approved on June 13, 2022.**

6. A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget – 2025-2026 School Year

- The A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2025-2026 is \$12,007,075. The Fox Chapel Area School District’s share of the 2025-2026 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 | \$6,899,536 | \$340,834 |
| Debt Service Budget | <u>\$1,388,500</u> | <u>\$216,051</u> |
| | \$8,288,036 | \$556,885 |

7. Meal Prices

- Approve the meal prices and milk price for the 2025-2026 school year as listed below. **The district has not received notification as to whether the 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 2025-2026 school year. As a result, breakfast, reduced-price breakfast, and reduced-price lunch amounts are listed.**

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| Breakfast | \$1.60 |
| Reduced-Price Breakfast | \$0.30 |
| Adult Breakfast | \$2.45 |
| Elementary Lunch | \$2.65 |
| Secondary Lunch | \$2.95 |
| Reduced-Price Lunch | \$0.40 |
| Adult Lunch | \$4.75 |
| Milk | \$0.75 |

8. Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. – Quotes for Camera Upgrades

- Approve the quotes from Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. for camera upgrades, effective June 10, 2025, at a total cost of \$130,077. **This will be funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety Grant.**

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, 2025, through July 31, 2026. **This is a renewal of services, and there is no cost to the district.**

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Operations / Cooperative Services items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 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@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.

XII. **FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice Vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment and Fire Drills

B. Information

•District Ranks No. 1 in Region and State in Pittsburgh Business Times Guide

For the second consecutive year, the Pittsburgh Business Times has ranked the Fox Chapel Area School District as the No. 1 school district in both Southwestern Pennsylvania and the state.

The rankings, released May 20, 2025, as part of the Guide to Southwestern Pennsylvania Schools, are based on how students performed on standardized Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests administered to students in grades three through eight and Keystone Exams that high school students were given in 2022, 2023, 2024.

All the district's tested grade levels ranked in either the No. 1 or No. 2 spot in the region as follows:

Grade 3 – No. 1 position
Grade 4 – No. 2 position
Grade 5 – No. 1 position
Grade 6 – No. 1 position
Grade 7 – No. 2 position
Grade 8 – No. 2 position
Grade 11 – No. 1 position

•FCASD Named One of Best Communities for Music Education

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been named among the 2025 Best Communities for Music Education. This is the 14th year that the district has received this designation. Fox Chapel Area is one of 131 in the state of Pennsylvania and one of 935 school districts in the nation chosen for this honor. It recognizes districts that demonstrate outstanding music achievement and that provide an exceptionally high commitment and access to all students to music education.

The districts were selected through a program sponsored by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation which recognizes and celebrates outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education for all students.

To qualify for the Best Communities for Music Education designation, Fox Chapel Area music teachers responded to a detailed survey with questions pertaining to funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit that celebrates and promotes the intrinsic value of music education.

•Students Win Special Awards at Regional PJAS Competition

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students won special awards as part of the 2025 Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Seniors **Omar Al-bataineh** received a Perfect Score Award and an Excellence in Biology Award, **Anna Delale-O'Connor** won a Society of Women Engineers Award, and **Rohit Velankar** received a Perfect Score Award; and sophomores **Heidi Stiger** won a Director's Award for Physics and **Param Thawani** received a Director's Award for Engineering.

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 8 at Baldwin High School.

• **Fox Chapel Area Students Place Second in State Science Competition & Win Special Awards**

Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won second place or special awards at the 2025 State Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). Fox Chapel Area second-place state winners were senior **Rohit Velankar** and sophomore **Rachel Kim**. Additionally, seniors **Anna Delale-O'Connor**, **Etash Jhanji**, and Rohit all received Perseverance awards, and eighth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** received a Perfect Score Award and a special award for Junior High Excellence in Earth/Space Science Research presented by the Pennsylvania Earth Science Teachers Association.

The participating Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students were among approximately 2,000 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 in front of a panel of judges.

The state competition was held at Penn State University, Main Campus, May 18-20. 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**

Three Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards at the 2025 Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF).

Dorseyville Middle School sixth-grader **Alexander Li** received third place in the junior division physical science and engineering category. As a result of their category wins, Alexander and eighth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** (who won first place in the intermediate division of the behavioral and social science category) have been nominated for the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge. Additionally, Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore **Param Thawani** won sponsor awards from the Naval Nuclear Lab and the Princeton Alumni Association of Western Pennsylvania.

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 1 and 2 at the Carnegie Science Center and a virtual awards ceremony was held April 4.

• **Students Place in State FBLA Competition**

Several Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School students placed at the 2025 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference.

Fox Chapel Area High School and Dorseyville Middle School state place winners in open events (not eligible for the national competition) were seniors **Kai Edwards** (sixth place) and **Milan Golla** (eighth place); junior **Michael Costello** (second, sixth, and seventh places); sophomore **Sienna Mort** (10th place); freshman **Purv Patel** (fourth and sixth places); eighth-graders **Matthew Bartolacci** (second place), **Brooke Nalevanko** (second place) and **Zhiqing Hou** (second place); and sixth-grader **Sang Nguyen** (fourth place).

Other state place winners included seniors **Zoan Chittur** (sixth place), Kai Edwards (sixth place), Milan Golla (seventh place), and **Rachel Pegher** (sixth place); sophomores **Jolie Cessna** (sixth place), **Max Choset** (fifth place), **Paige Dugan** (sixth place), **Ella Golomb** (sixth place), **Joseph McGivney** (fifth place), and **Dashel Wilson** (ninth place); freshmen **Filamena LeDonne** (10th place), **Ava Stackhouse** (10th place), **Easton Ritz** (10th place), **Henry Sun** (10th place), and **Ayden Wang** (10th place); seventh-graders **Annon Edwards** (fifth place), **Charles McLaughlin** (fifth place), **Tucker Patsey** (fifth place), and **Shiva Subramanian** (fifth place); and sixth-graders **Oskar Guttridge** (fifth place) and Sang Nguyen (fourth place).

Additionally, as part of the state leadership conference, several other awards were also given. Junior **Nicholas Krist** was inducted into the National Business Honor Society. Big 33 Community Service

Awards went to juniors **Samantha Dinh**, Nicholas Krist, and **Kalsey Thom**; sophomores **Aiden Drucker**, **Sera Filar**, and Ella Golomb; freshmen **Andrew Dinh**, **Sydney Gibel**, and Purv Patel; eighth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy**; and seventh-grader **Russell Gardner**. Business Achievement Awards were given to seniors **Caleb Shirk** and **Gabriella Hample**; junior **Ross Calig**; and sophomores **Aiden Drucker**, **Sera Filar**, **Ella Golomb**, and **Ainsley Goode**.

The Fox Chapel Area High School chapter of the FBLA also received ninth place in the Local Chapter Membership award with a total of 148 students. There are 260 active high school chapters in Pennsylvania. The Dorseyville Middle School chapter of the FBLA won third place in the Local Chapter Membership award with 37 members. There are approximately 35 middle school chapters in the state.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 8 and 9. More than 6,200 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**.

•Fairview Elementary School Students Win Awards in County Book Competition

A team of Fairview Elementary School students placed second in the 2025 Children’s Choice Awards competition, sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Allegheny County Library Association. The Fairview team consisted of fifth-graders **Samuel Barritt**, **Asya Isbiliroglu**, and **Nolan Riordan**.

The event was held April 9 at Commonwealth Charter Academy in Homestead. Students were asked to read novels and then participate in a trivia event where they answered questions about the books. In addition to the competition, the students also heard a keynote from author Matthew Holm who created (with his sister, Jennifer Holm) a number of graphic novels. They also attended a session with a local graphic artist/storyteller Joe Mruk. The day concluded with a live concert by local duo Josh and Gab, who provided a kindness and bullying awareness musical comedy program.

Approximately 65 students in grades three-six from Allegheny and Washington counties participated in the Children’s Choice Awards event.

•Elementary Students Winners in WQED Writers Contest

Two Fox Chapel Area School District students were named second- and third-place winners in the 2025 WQED Writers Contest. The second place winner was Kerr Elementary first-grader **Hansheng Peng** for his story “In My Future,” and the third place winner was Fairview Elementary first-grader **Talon Jacob Boyer** for his story “My Future.”

Nearly 290 entries were submitted and the Fox Chapel Area winners were five of 16 students who won awards in this year’s contest. The students competed against others in their own grade levels, and the contest was open to students in kindergarten-grade three from throughout the country. The winning students were honored at an award ceremony held at WQED studios in Pittsburgh on May 17.

All the winners’ stories are available to read and listen to through WQED’s Writers Contest page at <https://www.wqed.org/education/writers-contest/2025-winners/>.

•Students Honored by Alle-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame

Fox Chapel Area High School senior soccer player **Milo Chiu** and swimmer **Sarah Pasquella** were honored by the Alle-Kiski Valley Sports Hall of Fame. Milo was honored for his selection as the 2024 Valley News Dispatch boys soccer player of the year. Sarah was honored for winning the PIAA Class 3A 200 yard freestyle swimming title. Several student-athletes were recognized at the banquet on May 17, 2025, for contributing to the area’s sports success over the past school year.

•Players Named to All-Section Softball Teams

Three members of the Fox Chapel Area High softball team were named to Big 56 WPIAL Class 5A Section 1 teams. Sophomore **Jillian Haigh** was selected for the first team, and seniors **Brianna Hnatow** and **Adina Rosen** and sophomore **Ella Eisner** were named to the second team.

• **Students Named to All-Section Baseball Teams**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students were named to Big 56 WPIAL Class 5A Section 3 baseball teams. Senior **Jeremy Haigh** was named to the first team, and seniors **Kristopher Bandurski** and **Franco Pistella** and sophomore **Tristan Blum** were selected for the second team.

• **Student Named to All-Star Volleyball First Team**

• Fox Chapel Area High School senior **Ethan Filter** was named to the WPIAL Class 3A Section 4 WPIAL Coaches Association first team. The students were chosen by the members of the WPIAL Coaches Association.

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

June 9, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | High School | LGI Room |
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August 11, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting | High School | LGI Room |
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September 8, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting | High School | LGI Room |
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October 6, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Agenda Study Session | A.W. Beattie Career Center | Student Conference Center |
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October 13, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | High School | LGI Room |
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November 3, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Agenda Study Session | High School | LGI Room |
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November 10, 2025

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| 7 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Kerr Elementary | Gym |
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December 2, 2025 (Tuesday)

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