

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Agenda Study Session  
October 6, 2025 – 7 p.m.  
A.W. Beattie Career Center Student Conference Center

Regular Business Meeting  
October 13, 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

IV. FOX LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approve the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated September 8, 2025.

- \* Motion: Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated September 8, 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@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

- A. Academic Committee Report (*Mrs. Cooper*)
- B. Governance Committee Report (*Mr. Frank*)
- C. Projects and Planning Committee Report (*Ms. Zych*)

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Facilities / Transportation (*Mrs. Lynch*)

1. Additional School Bus Drivers – 2025-2026 School Year

- Ratify hiring the additional ABC Transit, Inc., drivers from the attached list effective for the 2025-2026 school year. All required licensing, clearances, and all other essential employment requirements for school bus operators under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been verified.

2. Change Orders – Hartwood Elementary School HVAC Project

- Approve change orders GC-001 at a cost of \$14,974; GC-002 at a cost of \$2,384; GC-003 at a cost of \$43,807; GC-004 at a cost of \$16,179; PC-002 at a cost of \$1,851; PC-003 at a cost of \$4,653; and HC-002 at a cost of \$42,397 as attached for the Hartwood Elementary School HVAC project. **These were reviewed and recommended by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority.**

- \* Motion: Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that Facilities / Transportation items 1 and 2 are approved.

Roll Call Vote:

B. Finance (*Mr. Hamilton*)

1. Disbursements (Fund 10) – September 2025

- General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$10,684,294.40 from September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, are approved as attached.

2. Disbursements (Fund 31) – September 2025

- Capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$661,539.86 from September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, are approved as attached.

3. Finance Report – August 2025

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

4. Budget Transfers

- The budget transfers for 2025-2026 are approved as attached.

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

Roll Call Vote:

C. Instruction (*Mrs. Cooper*)

1. Seton Hill University – College Partnership Agreement

- Ratify the college partnership agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Seton Hill University for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, and authorize the administration to execute the agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a continued partnership.**

**2. Wesley Family Services – Site-Based Academic Services Agreement**

- Ratify the site-based academic services agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Wesley Family Services for site-based education services and academic programs for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. **This is a new agreement.**

**3. MGT Impact Solutions, LLC – Master Services Agreement**

- Ratify the master services agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and MGT Impact Solutions, LLC to provide Title I services to Christ the Divine Teacher Academy for eligible Title I students residing within the Fox Chapel Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year. **This is a new agreement.**

**4. Stipulated Adjudications**

- Approve the stipulated adjudications as presented.

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

**D. Legislation / Policy** (*Mr. Frank*)

**1. Policies – Revised – First Reading**

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

No. 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students  
No. 247 – Hazing  
No. 252 – Dating Violence  
No. 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures  
No. 317.1 – Educator Misconduct  
No. 320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees (name change only)  
No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance  
No. 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs  
No. 914 – Relations with Intermediate Unit  
No. 917 – Parental/Family Involvement

**2. Policy – Retired**

- Approve retiring the following policy as attached:

No. 919 – District/School Report Cards (This policy is no longer necessary based on the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s role in developing and issuing the Future Ready PA Index for measuring school performance.)

**3. Board Operations Guidelines – Revised**

- Approve the following revised board operations guidelines as attached:

No. 003-BOG-0 – Statement of Financial Interests  
No. 003-BOG-3 – Filling a Board Vacancy

\* **Motion:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that Legislation / Policy items 1, 2, and 3 are approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**E. Personnel (Ms. Zych)**

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

**1. Fox Chapel Area School District Comprehensive Emergency Management (CEM) Plan**

- Approve the district’s Comprehensive Emergency Management (CEM) Plan. This multi-hazard plan replaces the basic emergency plan, and is in compliance with state and federal emergency guidelines under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). This plan must be approved annually.

**2. Cybersecurity Services Agreements**

- Ratify the agreements related to cybersecurity services as presented.

**3. Safety Incentive Program**

- Ratify the Fox Chapel Area School District safety incentive program for the period October 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, for district employees at an estimated cost of \$8,000 as attached.

**4. Donation – Middle School Orchestra and High School Bands**

- Accept the donation of items listed below from an anonymous donor.

To the Dorseyville Middle School orchestra:  
K.C. Strings bass stand / stool

To the Fox Chapel Area High School bands:  
Roland KC-550 keyboard amplifier  
JBL LSR310S subwoofer  
Pair of JBL LSR305 monitors  
IsoAcoustics speaker stands  
4U wooden rack  
1U Behringer RX1602 mixer  
1U Behringer MIC2200 mic amp  
25 key MIDI keyboard  
Mackie Big Knob passive monitor controller  
Miscellaneous patch cables

- \* **Motion:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that Operations/Cooperative Services items 1, 2, 3, and 4 are approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**XII. FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

**XIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

                          Voice Vote:

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

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### A. Enrollment and Fire Drills

### B. Information

#### •FCASD Receives Purple Star Designation

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been awarded the Purple Star School designation by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Fox Chapel Area's designation will begin January 1, 2026, and last through December 31, 2029.

Purple Star Schools is a program that supports military-connected children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station. This designation is given to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and schools for their commitment to serving active-duty military families and students through efforts including designating a military liaison and providing a transition initiative.

To achieve Purple Star School designation, LEAs and schools must meet multiple criteria, including designating a staff member as a military liaison, detailing how the LEA or school identifies military-connected students, maintaining a publicly accessible web page to provide resources for military-connected students and their parents/guardians, and providing a transition initiative led by students.

More information about the Purple Star Schools program can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/resources/student/empoweru/military-students/purple-star-schools-application-guidelines>.

#### •Art Teacher Chosen for Junk Kouture Advisory Board

Fox Chapel Area High School art teacher **Joan Marangoni** was selected to serve on the first ever United States Junk Kouture Teacher Advisory Board. She is one of only six educators from across the nation who will serve on the board for the 2025-2026 school year and Marangoni was selected for being "an influential and passionate Junk Kouture Educator." The board members will meet several times throughout the year to build a collection of feedback and published pieces that support the work of Junk Kouture.

Junk Kouture is an international sustainable fashion competition open to students ages 13-19 that challenges young people to create high-fashion designs from 100% recycled materials. The creations showcase the creativity, innovation, and environmental consciousness driving the next generation of changemakers. The competition is organized by Junk Kouture Operations Ireland Ltd. and is the largest sustainable fashion competition for young people.

During the last few years, Mrs. Marangoni and Fox Chapel Area High School art teacher **Christine Smith**, have worked with several students who have made it to the Junk Kouture national competition and World Finals. This school year, seniors **Raina Guzman** and **Claire Conti** qualified for the national contest and have qualified for worlds. During the 2023-2024 school year, then sophomores **Lily McLaughlin** and **Ayla Ojanen** made it to the national finals and then qualified for the world competition which took place in Dublin, Ireland. Lily and Ayla, now seniors and helped by senior **Katie Siddons**, also qualified for nationals this current school year. The first year a Fox Chapel Area student competed was during the 2022-2023 school year when then senior **Marley Pistella** (Class of 2023) qualified for the national competition.

#### •Student Named Among Top 300 in National Science Competition

Fox Chapel Area High School ninth-grader **Rishabh Krishnamurthy** was named one of the Top 300 Junior Innovators in the 2025 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (Thermo Fisher JIC) for the third consecutive year. Thermo Fisher JIC is the nation's premier science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) competition for middle school students and the Top 300 represent the best and brightest middle school STEM talent in the United States and its territories. The Thermo Fisher JIC, a program of Society for Science, inspires young scientists, engineers, and innovators to solve the grand challenges of the future.

The Top 300 Junior Innovators (including six from Pennsylvania) were selected from nearly 2,000 entrants from 48 states, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico who applied to compete in the Thermo Fisher JIC. Students who place in the top 10% of their local science fair are eligible to enter the contest. Rishabh was chosen based on his project “Robots: Filling the Human Void,” for which he was awarded a first place in the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair in April 2025 when he was an eighth-grader at Dorseyville Middle School.

“These young innovators embody the most promising science and engineering talent in the nation,” said Maya Ajmera, president and CEO, Society for Science and executive publisher, Science News. “They are taking on complex challenges and demonstrating a passion for STEM that can lead to impactful change. I am thrilled to celebrate their achievements.”

“We are inspired by the creativity and determination of the Top 300 Junior Innovators, whose projects reflect a true passion for solving real-world challenges,” said Dr. Karen Nelson, chief scientific officer, Thermo Fisher Scientific. “Recognizing and supporting young scientific minds is essential to fostering the next generation of innovators who will shape a brighter, more collaborative future for us all.”

Each of the Top 300 Junior Innovators received a \$125 award from Department of Defense (DoD) STEM, as well as a special prize package.

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

October 7, 2025

6 p.m.	Governance Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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October 13, 2025

7 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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October 14, 2025

6 p.m.	Academic Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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October 21, 2025

6 p.m.	Projects and Planning Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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November 3, 2025

7 p.m.	Agenda Study Session	High School	LGI Room
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November 5, 2025

6 p.m.	Governance Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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November 10, 2025

7 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Kerr Elementary	Gym
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November 11, 2025

6 p.m.	Academic Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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November 25, 2025

6 p.m.	Projects and Planning Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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December 2, 2025 (Tuesday)

7 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting & Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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January 6, 2026

6 p.m.	Governance Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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January 13, 2026

6 p.m.	Academic Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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January 20, 2026

6 p.m.	Projects and Planning Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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February 3, 2026

6 p.m.	Governance Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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February 17, 2026

6 p.m.	Academic Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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February 24, 2026

6 p.m.	Projects and Planning Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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March 3, 2026

6 p.m.	Governance Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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March 10, 2026

6 p.m.	Academic Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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March 25, 2026

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