

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Agenda Study Session
March 2, 2026 – 7 p.m.
Fox Chapel Area High School LGI Room

Regular Business Meeting
March 9, 2026 – 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 seniors **Abigail Haas** and **Molly Krajcovic** were named winners in Prime Stage Theatre’s 6th Annual High School Drama Awards. Abigail and Molly won in the best student makeup design category for the high school’s 2025 fall play, “Our Town.”

“The High School Drama Awards is our way of looking to the future,” said Dr. Wayne Brinda, Prime Stage Theatre producing artistic director. “By encouraging these young actors and production specialists in their early efforts, we’re building a strong foundation for Pittsburgh theatre in years to come.”

“What makes these awards unique,” says Drama Awards Director and Prime Stage Theatre Board Member John Dolphin, “is that to be eligible, the students must be in a backstage leadership role or an onstage performance role. We encourage adult mentorship and assistance, but in the end, these productions are student-run.”

The Prime Stage Theatre’s drama awards were presented at a ceremony that was held January 10, 2026, at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. The awards are open to schools from across Southwestern Pennsylvania.

•For the fourth consecutive year, the Fox Chapel Area High School varsity competition cheerleading squad competed at the National High School Cheerleading Championship that was held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, January 30-February 1, 2026. The competition is the most prestigious high school national championship in the country.

Members of the Fox Chapel Area High School competition squad are seniors **Maya Agarwal**, **Catherine Conway**, **Lillian Fontenot**, **Adele Greenawalt**, **Trista Jackson**, and **Emma Kurtz**; juniors **Ainsley Goode**, and **Evie Rosen**; sophomores **Ilaria Conte**, **Chloe Karlo**, **Mackenzie Minton**, **Emma Ritz**, **Arianna Solari**, and **Presley Turner**; and freshmen **Maeve Carey**, **Tessa Jackson**, and **Emelyn Mizzie**.

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VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approve the minutes of the regular business meeting dated February 9, 2026.

* **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the minutes of the regular business meeting dated February 9, 2026, 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*)

No action is requested.

B. **Finance** (*Mr. Hamilton*)

1. **Finance Report – January 2026**

- The finance report for January 2026 is acknowledged and filed for audit as attached.

2. **Budget Transfers**

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

3. **Subsidies to Fox Chapel Area School District Club Sports**

- Approve the request of Fox Chapel Area Fencing for a subsidy in the amount of \$3,000 for the current school year and approve an annual 2% increase in the amount of the approved subsidies to Fox Chapel Crew, Fox Chapel Area Ice Hockey, and Fox Chapel Area Fencing beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and continuing until further action of the Board.

4. **Allegheny Intermediate Unit – 2026-2027 Program of Services Budget**

- Approve the proposed 2026-2027 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,431,488. The Allegheny County school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$2,042,623. The Fox Chapel Area School District's contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$111,224 and will be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education some time after July 1, 2026, based on the District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).

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

Roll Call Vote:

C. Instruction (Mrs. Cooper)

1. Fox Chapel Area School District Comprehensive Plan

- Approve the required Fox Chapel Area School District Comprehensive Plan for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education as attached.

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Instruction item 1 is 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. 105.2 – Exemption From Instruction
- No. 204 – Attendance
- No. 218.1 – Weapons
- No. 247 – Hazing
- No. 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted
- No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance
- No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance Attachment – Procurement
- No. 805.1 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies
- No. 805.2 – School Security Personnel

- * **Motion:** Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that Legislation / Policy item 1 is approved.

Roll Call Vote:

E. Personnel (Ms. Zych)

F. Operations / Cooperative Services (Mr. Goode)

1. Inter-State Studio – School Portrait Agreement – All Schools

- 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 12 for the 2026-2027 school year with the option to extend for the 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030, and 2030-2031 school years, with no package price increases throughout the term of the agreement. **This is a renewal of services, and there is no cost to the district.**

2. IN Community Magazines, Inc. – Agreement

- Approve the agreement as attached between the Fox Chapel Area School District and IN Community Magazines, Inc. for the fall 2026, winter 2026, spring 2027, and summer 2027 issues at a cost of \$7,000 per each quarterly issue effective July 1, 2026. **This is a renewal of services.**

3. Care Solace – Amendment to Renew the Service Agreement

- Approve the amendment to renew the service agreement with Care Solace as attached to provide a web-based navigation system to assist its school district clients and the districts’ students and parents in locating and connecting with mental health treatment providers and community-based social services, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost of \$14,000, pursuant to the service agreement that was approved January 10, 2022. **This is a renewal of services and will be funded by a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) school safety grant.**

4. Mobile Communication Service, Inc./Mobilcom – Agreement

- Approve the agreement as presented between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Mobilcom for the purchase and installation of safety and security equipment effective March 9, 2026, at a cost of \$8,950. **This is a new agreement.**

- * **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@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

•High School Students Win Awards at North Allegheny Speech & Debate Tournament

Five Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the annual North Allegheny High School Speech and Debate Tournament. The Parliamentary Debate team of seniors **Maya Agarwal** and **Prachi Behal** won third place. In Public Forum Debate, the team of juniors **Aiden Drucker** and **Noelle Fouron** were awarded fourth place. Senior **Sabina Mantella** won sixth place in Student Congress.

More than 450 students representing 31 public, private, and charter high schools from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia participated in the tournament that was held January 17, 2026, at North Allegheny Intermediate and Senior high schools.

•Students Place in Regional Math Competition

Eight Fox Chapel Area School District students placed in the 2025 regional CalcuSolve tournament. The team of Dorseyville Middle School eighth-graders **Catherine Carlson**, **Shengfeng Fei**, **Akhil Muvvala**, and **Brian Xu** placed second overall out of all 70 teams competing countywide. From O'Hara Elementary School, **Chelsea Butzke**, **Chia-Yi Lin**, and **Asher Tobe** tied for third place in the individual part of the competition, and the O'Hara Elementary team of fifth-graders Chelsea Butzke, Chia-Yi Lin, **Will McKenzie**, and Asher Tobe placed third in the competition.

Hundreds of students participated in the contest from across Allegheny County and surrounding areas. The tournament was held virtually in December and was sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

CalcuSolve is a competition that tests students' problem-solving skills related to mathematics. Students compete as part of a team, as well as individually.

C. Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

March 3, 2026

6 p.m.	Governance Committee Meeting	Administrative Offices	Staff Development Room
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March 9, 2026

7 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI 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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April 7, 2026 (Tuesday)

7 p.m.	Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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May 4, 2026

7 p.m.	Combined Agenda Study Session and Regular Business Meeting	High School	LGI Room
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Agenda Study Session – 3/2/26

June 1, 2026

7 p.m. Agenda Study Session High School Auditorium

June 8, 2026

7 p.m. Regular Business Meeting High School LGI Room

August 10, 2026

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

September 14, 2026

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

October 5, 2026

7 p.m. Agenda Study Session High School LGI Room

October 12, 2026

7 p.m. Regular Business Meeting High School LGI Room

November 2, 2026

7 p.m. Agenda Study Session High School LGI Room

November 9, 2026

7 p.m. Regular Business Meeting High School LGI Room

December 7, 2026

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