FLEETWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026 - Tuesday, 7:00 PM

The monthly meeting of the Fleetwood Area Board of School Directors was called to order by President Mr. Valick at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were:

Board Members: Lisa J. Bogacki, Brandi Brown, Adam S. Chernow, Elizabeth Hersh, Whitney Kopco, John L. Noll Jr. (via Zoom), Michael D. Noll, Jason E. Valick, James M. Younker

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Mr. Valick.

Administrators: Jennifer Bergstresser, Stephen A. Herman, Thomas D. DeAngelo, Brian Hostetler, Michelle D. Jackson, Michael P. Kelly, Carol Knasiak, Natalie E. Lytle, Greg M. Miller, Casey M. Moser, Heidi A. Orth, Kathryn Wood

Absent: Gwynn E. Bollinger, Kate Costenbader, Matthew Q. Diehl, Erin Murphy, Nathan Shefter, Kerry R. Strickler

Solicitor: James Mancuso, Esq. Secretary: Michael D. Noll Recording Secretary: Heidi A. Orth

Visitor Recognition: None

A motion was made by Mr. Chernow, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting. — Minutes Approved

Question, Voice Vote - Unanimous, Motion Carried
Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. M. Noll, seconded by Mr. Younker, to approve the treasurer's report. — Treasurer's Report

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bogacki, seconded by Mrs. Kopco, to pay the bills for the month. — Bills Approved

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

The following curriculum was presented to be approved at the March Board meeting: — Instructional Program Curriculum

- Wood Shop 1 - Jon Heck
- Woods 2 - Jon Heck
- Woods 3 - Jon Heck
- Construction and Manufacturing - Jon Heck
- Intro to Electricity - Jon Heck
- Metals - Jon Heck

No motion needed.

A motion was made by Ms. Hersh, seconded by Mr. Chernow, to approve the curriculum for the following courses that were presented in January:

Instructional Program Curriculum

- Advanced Social Studies, 8th Grade
- Digital Art
- American History II
- Geography
- Hamiliton and Founding Fathers
- Global History
- Accelerated American History
- Sculpture
- Intro. to HS Art
- Craft Design
- Drawing
- Ceramics

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. M. Noll, seconded by Mr. Younker, to approve the following personnel actions:

Assignments

Support Staff

- Christine Montes, Willow Creek Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 2/18/2026 at an hourly rate of $15.02
- Mitzi Cote, Willow Creek Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 2/18/2026 at an hourly rate of $16.45, pending completion of paperwork

Transfers

- Maryelba Crespo, Willow Creek Elementary Special Education Long-Term Substitute Teacher to Willow Creek Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective 2/18/2026 at Bachelor's +24, Step 2
- Kayla Kulp, Middle School Paraprofessional to Districtwide Support Staff Substitute, effective 1/26/2026

Substitute

Support Staff

- Megan Gurung, effective 2/18/2026, pending completion of paperwork

Retirements

- Elizabeth Wilkie, Middle School Math Intervention Specialist, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- Karen McGuinness, Middle School/High School German Teacher, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- Margaret Fryzol, Andrew Maier Elementary 4th Grade Teacher, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- Carole LeVan, High School Health/Physical Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- Stacy Redding, Middle School Intervention Specialist, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- Veronica Hilbert, Andrew Maier Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year

Resignations

- Steve Pangburn, High School Varsity Football Coach, effective 1/30/2026
- Robert Kutzler, High School Assistant Football Coach, effective 2/2/2026

Leave Request

- Dawn Gaugler, Willow Creek Elementary Teacher, intermittent FMLA qualifying leave beginning 1/30/2026 through 3/01/2026

Volunteers

Athletics

- HS Boys' Tennis: Jaxon Kuehner
- HS Track & Field: Ben Koncsics
- HS Softball: Kenneth Rentschler, Abby Stump, Britney King
- HS Baseball: Matt Dobrosky, Rob Hackash, Jon Downs, Rolland Green, Brian Loy, Kenneth Steward
- MS Baseball: John Noll Jr., Shaun Schlegel

Building

- Daniel Brown
- Alexandria Flamm
- Jacob Kramer

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Bogacki, seconded by Mrs. Kopco, to approve the 1st reading of the following board policies:

Board Policies
1st Reading
218.1, 317, 318, 320, 323, 340

- 218.1 - Weapons
- 317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- 318 - Attendance and Tardiness (new title) Penalties for Tardiness (old title)
- 320 - Freedom of Speech in Non-school Setting
- 323 - Tobacco and Vaping Products (new title) Tobacco/Nicotine (old title)
- 340 - Responsibility for Student Welfare

Question, Voice Vote - Unanimous, Motion Carried
Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Chernow, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the Berks County Intermediate Unit mandated services budget for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of $2,290,940. (FASD share totals $32,358.15; an increase of 3% from the 2025-2026 budget)

Business and Finance
BCIU 2026-2027 Budget

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Younker, seconded by Mrs. Bogacki, to approve the ratification of the transfers as presented.

Business and Finance
Budget Transfers

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. M. Noll, seconded by Mrs. Kopco, to approve the exoneration of the elected tax collectors from any further attempts to collect unpaid real estate taxes for the 2025 tax year and ratify the turnover of all uncollected bills to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for further collection efforts.

Business and Finance
Tax Collector Exoneration

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ms. Hersh, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve a lease agreement with Vantage Financial for 380 Lenovo 100e Chromebooks as well as 200 replacement screens and 100 replacement keyboards to support the Chromebooks during their usage in the district. This is a five-year lease with an annual payment of $37,152.

Business and Finance Chromebooks Lease

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. M. Noll, seconded by Mr. Younker, to approve a lease proposal from Vantage Financial to lease 250 Lenovo E14 laptops for a term of 60 months at an annual cost of $67,420.

Business and Finance Laptop Lease

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Chernow, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve a resolution authorizing District Administration to request a Public-School Facility Improvement Grant in the amount of $549,612 to assist with the Willow Creek Elementary Water Heater and Building Envelope Project.

Business and Finance Facility Improvement Grant

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

A motion was made by Mr. M. Noll, seconded by Mrs. Bogacki, to approve the following billable request for use of facilities:

Use of Facilities

• Emerge Dance & Twirl	MS Gym A	$ 8.00
• Tri-Valley YMCA	AM/MS Gyms	$ 520.00
• Fleetwood Community Theater	WC LGI	$1,014.88
• Sideline Cancer Athletics	MS Gym B	$1,900.00
• Fleetwood Youth Soccer	HS Parking Lot	$ 10.00

Question, Voice Vote-Unanimous, Motion Carried
Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Chernow, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Question, Roll Call Vote
Ayes: Bogacki, Brown, Chernow, Hersh, Kopco, J. Noll Jr., M. Noll, Valick, Younker
Absent: None
Nays: None Motion Carried

The regular monthly meeting of the Fleetwood Area Board of School Directors was adjourned by the president at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Noll
School Board Secretary