

May 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its combined agenda study session and regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School May 4, 2026. President Marybeth Dadd called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Ronald P. Frank; Assistant Secretary Vanessa K. Lynch, Treasurer Eric G. Hamilton; Amy B. Cooper; Katie Findley; Adam G. Goode; Jessica Haselkorn, Ph.D.; and Ariel Zych.

GUESTS

•**25-Year Pins** — The following employees were recognized for 25 years of service to the district:

Fairview Elementary School – **Jennifer Kane**;

Hartwood Elementary School – **Kira Dadowski**;

Kerr Elementary School – **Connie Banachoski** and **Rachel Stone**;

O'Hara Elementary School – **Kerrie Barnett** and **Julie Perrotte**;

Dorseyville Middle School – **David Dadowski**, **Joseph Eisel**, and **Gretchen Gyrich**; and

Fox Chapel Area High School – **Jose Aires**, **Jennifer Antonikas**, **Bill Barle**, **Jeremy Bennett**, **Mairi Cooper**, **Jessica Green**, **Tanja Koller**, **Mary Modlin**, **Bonnie Pazin**, and **Andrew Richards**.

Certificates of Merit – Students — The Board presented certificates of merit to the following students:

•Two Dorseyville Middle School students placed in the 2025 regional CalcuSolve tournament. Individually, Dorseyville Middle School eighth-graders **Shengfeng Fei** and **Brian Xu** tied for first place.

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.

•Twenty Fox Chapel Area School District students were selected to perform with the inaugural Allegheny Valley Elementary Honors Band. A total of 135 fifth- and sixth-grade student-musicians from the Avonworth, Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts participated in the band.

The students chosen from Dorseyville Middle School are sixth-graders **Naomi Chao** (flute), **Daniel Choi** (alto saxophone), **Daniel Claus** (trombone), **Theda Kingman-Graves** (trombone), **Luca Liu** (clarinet), **Morgan Lovett** (flute), **Tristan Sayre** (percussion), and **Hanaka Takano** (flute). The Fox Chapel Area elementary school students chosen are Fairview Elementary School fifth-graders **Brilee Edwards** (clarinet) and **Cloudio Jeffery** (trombone); Hartwood Elementary School fifth-graders **Conor Hollis** (French horn) and **Granth Patel** (alto saxophone); Kerr Elementary School fifth-graders **Lucy Ferda** (trumpet), **Ada Randtke** (clarinet), **Rowan Teschke** (trumpet), and **Shihong Yu** (clarinet); and O'Hara Elementary School fifth-graders **Lisha Chen** (clarinet), **Nicholas Friedberg** (alto saxophone), **Miles Glick** (trombone), and **Michael Luis Sakoian** (trumpet).

The first-ever Allegheny Valley Elementary Honors Band concert was held February 5, 2026, at Hampton Middle School. The conductor was Christine Burgh, a retired long-time elementary band director who taught in the Quaker Valley School District.

•Two Dorseyville Middle School students were selected by committee to perform with the 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Junior High Orchestra. The students are eighth-graders **Laila Tobe** (viola) and **Louis Vandapel** (violin). The orchestra included more than 80 of the most talented seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade orchestra students from throughout Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Junior High Orchestra Festival was held March 13 and 14 at Hampton Middle School, and culminated with a concert March 14. The concert was directed by Dr. Jeffrey Tedford, professor of music and director of orchestras at Grove City College.

- Dorseyville Middle School eighth-graders **Owen Ewing** and **Cora Good** were selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Junior High Chorus. The chorus featured 150 seventh- through ninth-grade students from more than 60 schools from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The festival was held at Mount Lebanon High School February 27, 2026, and culminated with a concert. The festival guest conductor was Dr. Ethan Murphy, an assistant professor of choral music education at Duquesne University.

Both Owen and Cora are active in the DMS choral program, participating in the DMS Honor Choir and serving on the choir council for the past three years.

- Fourteen Fox Chapel Area High School students participated in the third annual Allegheny County Chorus Festival: seniors **Daniel DeMotte**, **Maggie Jones**, **Benjamin Shuttleworth**, and **Robert Svenson**; juniors **Cascie Banachoski**, **Aubrielle Cheatham**, **Evangeline Sereno**, and **Emma Smith**; and sophomores **Anita Fava**, **Sophia Geraci**, **Kassidy Joyce**, **Abigail Ornelas Barajas**, **Addison Smith**, and **Margot Walter**.

Approximately 200 students were selected by their directors to perform with the chorus. The festival was held October 15, 2025, at Gateway High School and the students were directed by four area choir directors.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Choir. The students are juniors **Evangeline Sereno** and **Emma Smith**.

The PMEA District 1 Choir featured students from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties and the festival was hosted by Elizabeth Forward and McKeesport Area high schools and was held at McKeesport Area High School January 8 and 9. It culminated in a concert January 9 directed by Dr. Christopher Kiver, the director of choral activities at Penn State University.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region I Choir. The students are juniors **Evangeline Sereno** and **Emma Smith**.

The choral group included approximately 160 of the best singers from school districts throughout Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The Region I Chorus Festival was held February 19-21 and was hosted by Mohawk High School. The event culminated in a concert February 21 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle, Pa. The group was directed by British composer, Patrick Hawes.

- Twenty-one Fox Chapel Area School District students were selected by audition to perform with the 2026 Allegheny Valley senior and junior high honors bands. Seventh-twelfth grade student-musicians from the Avonworth, Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts auditioned for the groups, and approximately 200 were selected.

The students chosen from Fox Chapel Area are high school senior **Elliott Broyles** (trombone); junior **Nadre Digbohau** (clarinet); sophomores **Paulomi Goel** (trombone) and **Claire Lesnik** (trumpet); and freshmen **Isaac Chan** (trumpet), **Kaitlyn DiNatale** (mallet percussion), **Celestial Hou** (piccolo), **Roman Johnston** (alto saxophone), **Holden Link** (trombone), **Delaney Liu** (flute), and **Zoey Liu** (flute). The students chosen from Dorseyville Middle School are eighth-graders **Shengfeng Fei** (clarinet), **Georgia Graves** (trombone), **Beatrix Kiger** (French horn), **Christine Meskel** (tuba), **David Neilan** (clarinet), and **Charles Wang** (French horn); and seventh-graders **Reid Bushnell** (clarinet), **Ellie Huh** (clarinet), **Christina Randtke** (flute), and **Marisa Wesaratchakit** (tenor saxophone).

The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held January 28 and 29 at North Allegheny Senior High School and culminated with a public concert January 29. The conductors were Dr. Arris Golden, the assistant director of bands and the associate director of the Spartan Marching Band at Michigan State University, and Captain David Regner, the commander and conductor of the United States Air Force Band of the West.

- Three Dorseyville Middle School students were selected to perform with the 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Junior High District 1 Band East. The students are eighth-graders **Shengfeng Fei** (clarinet), **Georgia Graves** (trombone), and **Christine Meskel** (tuba). The band was comprised of the best seventh- through ninth-grade student-musicians from 37 schools from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Band East festival was held May 1 and 2 at Connellsville Area High School. A concert was held May 2 and the guest conductor was Dr. William Stowman, a professor of music and chair of the department of music at Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

- Five Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the 2025 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Band. The students are seniors **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion) and **Joshua Shah** (flute); juniors **Nadre Digbohau** (clarinet) and **Rachel Kim** (clarinet); and freshman **Celestial Hou** (flute). The band was comprised of 120 of the best student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA District 1 Honors Band concert was held November 23 at North Hills Middle School and was conducted by Dr. Andrew Boysen Jr., professor of music and the University of New Hampshire.

- Three students, seniors **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion) and **Joshua Shah** (flute) and sophomore **Claire Lesnik** (trumpet), were chosen for the 2026 PMEA Senior District 1 Band Festival (East). The band was comprised of 130 of the best student-musicians from 31 high schools from Allegheny, Fayette, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA Senior District 1 Band Festival (East) was held February 4-6 and was hosted by Greater Latrobe Senior High School. A concert was held February 6 at The Palace Theatre in Greensburg. The guest conductor was Dr. James Gourlay, the director of bands at Duquesne University and the music director of the River City Brass Band.

- Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA Region I Band. The students are seniors **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion) and **Joshua Shah** (flute) and sophomore **Claire Lesnik** (trumpet). The band included 146 of the best student-musicians from 63 school districts from throughout Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

The PMEA Region I Band Festival was held March 19-21, 2026, and culminated with a concert March 21 at Upper St. Clair High School. The guest conductor was Dr. Shelby R. Chipman, the director of bands and professor of music at Florida A&M University.

- Seven Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen to participate in the 2025 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors String Orchestra Festival. The students are seniors **Xing Carlough** (viola), **Michael Costello** (bass), and **Charles Hahl** (cello); juniors **Ozlem Sayrak** (cello) and **Leonidas Vandapel** (cello); and sophomores **Philip Johnson** (bass) and **Ayden Wang** (violin).

Approximately 250 students from across the greater Pittsburgh area auditioned for the PMEA District 1 Honors String Orchestra and only 90 were chosen to participate. The students rehearsed November 15 and 16 and the festival culminated with a concert on November 16 at Carson Middle School in the North Allegheny School District. The orchestra was conducted by Scott Laird, instructor of music and chair of fine arts at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

- Nine Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Senior High Orchestra. The orchestra was comprised of a select group of 150 student-musicians from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students chosen are seniors **Michael Costello** (bass), **Charles Hahl** (cello), **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion), and **Joshua Shah** (flute); juniors **Nadre Digbohau** (clarinet), **Ozlem Sayrak** (cello), **Aislynn Senn** (harp), and **Leonidas Vandapel** (cello); and sophomore **Philip Johnson** (bass).

The District 1 Senior High Orchestra Festival was held at Mt. Lebanon High School January 22-24, 2026. A concert was held January 24 and the guest conductor was Rotem Weinberg, director of orchestral activities at West Virginia University.

- Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were chosen by audition to perform with the 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Western Region Orchestra. The orchestra was comprised of best musicians from the western half of Pennsylvania. The students are seniors **Michael Costello** (bass), **Charles Hahl** (cello), and **Joshua Shah** (flute); juniors **Ozlem Sayrak** (cello) and **Aislynn Senn** (harp); and sophomore **Philip Johnson** (bass).

Approximately 120 students were selected for the Western Region Orchestra. The festival was held March 5-7, was hosted by North Allegheny Senior High School, and culminated with a concert at Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh. The festival was conducted by Daniel Meyer, music director of the Erie Philharmonic and artistic director of the Westmoreland Symphony and Cleveland's BlueWater Chamber Orchestra.

- Six Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected by audition to perform with 2026 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Ensembles. The students chosen for the PMEA All-State Concert Band are senior **Jack Murray-Krezan** (percussion) and sophomore **Claire Lesnik** (trumpet). The students selected for the PMEA All-State Orchestra are seniors **Michael Costello** (bass) and **Charles Hahl** (cello), and juniors **Ozlem Sayrak** (cello) and **Joshua Shah** (flute). The PMEA All-State Ensembles bring together the top student-musicians from across Pennsylvania.

The PMEA All-State Festival was held at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in the Poconos, in conjunction with the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference April 22-25. The Fox Chapel Area High School students performed with their prospective groups April 25.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students won awards at the annual Pine-Richland High School Speech and Debate Tournament. Sophomores **Paulomi Goel** and **Otilie Happold** won first place in Duo Interpretation.

More than 340 students representing 21 public and private high schools from Western Pennsylvania participated in the tournament that was held November 22, 2025, at Pine-Richland High School.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students won a first-place award at the annual Duquesne University Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. Sophomores **Paulomi Goel** and **Otilie Happold** won first place overall in Duo Interpretation.

More than 230 students representing 19 public and private high schools from across Pennsylvania participated in the tournament that was held December 6, 2025, at Duquesne University.

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the annual Dalmasse Sterner Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. The team of seniors **Maya Agarwal** and **Prachi Behal** won first place in Parliamentary Debate.

The Dalmasse Sterner Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament was held January 10, 2026, and was hosted by the Pittsburgh Central Catholic Forensics Society, in cooperation with the Taylor Allderdice Speech and Debate Team. A total of 394 students representing 27 public and private high schools from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, and West Virginia competed at the event that was held at Taylor Allderdice High School.

- Four Fox Chapel Area High School students qualified for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament. The team of sophomores **Paulomi Goel** and **Otilie Happold** won third place overall in Duo Interpretation, sophomore **Divya Thirumala** won fourth place in Declamation, and senior **Sabina Mantella** won fifth place in Student Congress. All four of these students have qualified for the national tournament. The competition will be held in Washington, D.C., Memorial Day weekend.

The Pittsburgh Diocesan qualifying speech and debate tournament was held March 7, 2026, at Fox Chapel Area High School. A total of 168 students from 13 public and private high schools from the Pittsburgh area participated in the competition.

- Six Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) District 16 state championship qualifying tournament. First-place awards went to the team of sophomores **Paulomi Goel** and **Otilie Happold** in Duo Interpretation, to the Public Forum Debate team of juniors **Aiden Drucker** and **Noelle Fournon**, and to senior **Priscila Hayetian** in Oral Interpretation. A second-place award went to senior **Anya Butler** in Oral Interpretation. Additionally, the Parliamentary Debate team of seniors

Maya Agarwal and **Prachi Behal** placed in enough tournaments throughout the year to qualify for the state event. All eight of these students earned invitations to compete in the PHSSL State Championship Tournament that was held March 20 and 21, 2026, at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Bloomsburg.

The state qualifying tournament hosted 247 students representing 24 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania. Students then competed against others from their own district. The tournament was held at Moon Area High School February 28.

•Fox Chapel Area High School and A.W. Beattie Career Center senior **Gracen Patterson** placed in the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania District 8 competition. Gracen won first place in the medical terminology category. Gracen is a student in Beattie's Health and Nursing Sciences program and qualified for the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania Leadership & Skills Conference that was held April 8-10, 2026, in Hershey, Pa.

The SkillsUSA District 8 competition was held in December 2025 at Community College of Allegheny County West Hills Campus in Oakdale. The competition was open to students from 10 career and technical education centers from across the greater Pittsburgh area.

SkillsUSA is a student organization that develops leadership skills to complement what students learn in career and technical education programs. Its mission is to empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members.

FOX LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES — Members of the Class of 2026 senior council **Lil Thomas** and **Gigi Mettenburg** updated the Board on the various activities the class has done this year and what is being planned for the year-end activities for the seniors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

•**A Lens on Learning** – Each month, we focus on student work in our schools to highlight lessons, growth, and successes of all kinds. This month, Dorseyville Middle School Program Principal **Laura Miller**, Ed.D. introduced DMS teachers **Emily Grychowski** and **Ethan Wagner** who talked about the school's student-led conferencing.

•**Annual Data Summary** – The district's Director of Student Achievement and Instructional Verification **Stephen Edwards**, Ed.D., provided the Board with an overview of district data.

•**2026-2027 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget Summary** – **Ryan Manzer**, director of finance, and **Mary Catherine Reljac**, Ed.D., superintendent, provided an update on the district's proposed final budget.

Enrollment and Fire Drills — Received the enrollment and the fire drills report.

Textbook for Review — The textbook listed below will be recommended for approval at the June 8, 2026, Board meeting. It is available for review until that time in the administrative offices.

New Textbook for Adoption:

High School – Business Education

— "Managing Your Personal Finances" by Tamra S. Connor; Publisher: Cengage; Copyright 2026, 8th Edition; for Career and Financial Essentials, Grade 11.

Information

•FCAHS Orchestra Receives "Superior" Rating

The Fox Chapel Area High School Orchestra performed at Heinz Hall on March 16, 2026, for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Music Performance Assessment. A total of 75 members of the high school orchestra attended and played "Elegy" from John Ireland's "Downland Suite" and "Praelude" from Edvard Grieg's "Holberg Suite." The Fox Chapel Area High School Orchestra received the highest rating, "Superior," for their performance.

In addition to the adjudication, the students participated in a clinic with members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Associate Conductor Jacob Joyce.

•**High School Seniors Candidates in Presidential Scholars Program**

Fox Chapel Area High School seniors **Michael Costello**, **Joanna Li**, and **Rodrigo Silva** have been selected as candidates in the 2026 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Approximately 5,000 students from about 3.5 million high school seniors graduating this year from across the U.S. have been named candidates in this year's program, and 168 are from Pennsylvania.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, begun in 1964, is one of the nation's highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Students are first selected for the program based on their superior academic achievements. They are then further evaluated on their academic achievements, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of a submitted essay.

Approximately 650 students will be selected as Semifinalists in the program, and then students chosen as U.S. Presidential Scholars (up to 161) will be notified later this spring.

•**Students Qualify as Alternates for National Catholic Forensic League Tournament**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the national-qualifying tournament and will serve as alternates for the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament. The team of juniors **Aiden Drucker** and **Noelle Fouron** won seventh place in Public Forum Debate, and are first alternates to the national tournament. The competition will be held in Washington, D.C., Memorial Day weekend.

The Pittsburgh Diocesan qualifying speech and debate tournament was held March 7, 2026, at Fox Chapel Area High School. A total of 168 students from 13 public and private high schools from the Pittsburgh area participated in the competition.

•**High School Students Qualify as Alternates to the State Championship Speech & Debate Tournament**

Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) District 16 state championship qualifying tournament and qualified to serve as alternates for the state competition. Senior **Sabina Mantella** won third place in Student Congress, the Public Forum Debate team of juniors **Elaine Huang** and **David Zakrocki** won third place, the Parliamentary Debate team of seniors **Steven Li** and **Ryan Wang** won fourth place, freshman **Thomas Pohl** won fourth place in Lincoln Douglas Debate, freshman **Zebo Sarkarov** won fourth place in Commentary, and freshman **Leah Sparks** won fifth place in Poetry. The PHSSL State Championship Tournament was held March 20 and 21, 2026, at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Bloomsburg.

The state qualifying tournament hosted 247 students representing 24 high schools from across Western Pennsylvania. Students then competed against others from their own district. The tournament was held at Moon Area High School February 28.

•**Students Win Awards at State Speech & Debate Championships**

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students ranked among the best at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Tournament. The team of seniors **Maya Agarwal** and **Prachi Behal** placed in the top four Parliamentary Debate teams in the state. Additionally, the Public Forum Debate team of juniors **Aiden Drucker** and **Noelle Fouron** finished in the top eight in the state.

The state championship speech and debate tournament was held March 20 and 21, 2026, at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg. More than 675 students representing 72 public, private, and charter high schools from across Pennsylvania participated in the competition.

•**Students Place at Westminster Model UN Conference**

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed at the annual Westminster College Model United Nations (UN) Conference. Senior **Ori Goldin** received an honorable mention (equivalent to second place), and sophomore **Amelia Tedesco** also won an honorable mention (equivalent to second place).

A total of 325 students from 25 public and private high schools from Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio participated in the Westminster College Model UN Conference. The competition was held April 14, 2026, at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa.

The purpose of the Model UN conference is to enable students to role-play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conference, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.

•Students Win Regional 2026 Scholastic Art Awards

Twenty Fox Chapel Area School District students won awards for their entries in the Pittsburgh Region of the 2026 Scholastic Art Awards.

The Fox Chapel Area Silver Key winners were seniors **Raina Guzman**, **Riley Hemingray**, **Nora Kelley** (4 Silver Keys), **Emma Kuhns** (2 Silver Keys), **Akshay Lath**, and **Joshua Murphy**; juniors **Brynn Gamblin** and **Nathan Ko** (3 Silver Keys); sophomore **America Sakoian** (3 Silver Keys); and Dorseyville Middle School eighth-grader **Samuel Ettinger** (4 Silver Keys).

The Fox Chapel Area Honorable Mention winners were seniors **Claire Conti**, **Adele Grady**, **Auden Jacobson**, **Nora Kelley** (3 Honorable Mentions), **Emma Kuhns** (3 Honorable Mentions), **Akshay Lath** (4 Honorable Mentions), **Elyse Ritchie** (2 Honorable Mentions), and **Morgan Van Kirk**; juniors **Emily Kiro** and **Sadie Stephenson**; sophomores **Paulomi Goel** (2 Honorable Mentions) and **Ottillie Happold**; freshman **Nathan Ko** (2 Honorable Mentions); and eighth-graders **Margaret Davis** (2 Honorable Mentions) and **Samuel Ettinger** (9 Honorable Mentions).

Students from 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 25-March 7. The Fox Chapel Area students were honored, along with the other winners, at a special ceremony March 7 at Carnegie Mellon University's Kresge Theater.

•High School Students Place in Poetry Competition

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students placed in the Western Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English (WPCTE) Poetry Slam contest. Junior **Norah Kovach** won second place, and senior **Fayth Johnson** received an honorable mention. Each student wrote an original poem and performed their work in front of a panel of judges.

The contest was held April 9, 2026, at Beaver Area High School. Students in grades 7-12 from 10 school districts from across the greater Pittsburgh area participated.

•2026 Valley News Dispatch All-Star Girls Basketball Teams

Three Fox Chapel Area High School girls varsity basketball players were named to 2026 Valley News Dispatch all-star teams. Senior **Lyla Jablon** was named to the first team, sophomore **Nina Kulikowski** was named to the second team, and junior **Emily McKee** received an honorable mention to the team.

•Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Girls All-Section Basketball Team

A Fox Chapel Area High School girls varsity basketball player was named to an all-section team. Senior **Lyla Jablon** was named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette WPIAL Class 5A Section 1 team.

•Players Name to 2026 Valley News Dispatch All-Star Boys Basketball Team

Two members of the Fox Chapel Area High School boys varsity basketball team were named to a 2026 Valley News Dispatch all-star team. Senior **John Rehak** and junior **Joseph McGivney** were named to the second team.

•Fox Chapel Area High School Seniors Named to Boys Wrestling All-Star Teams

Three Fox Chapel Area High School senior wrestlers were named to Valley News Dispatch boys wrestling all-star teams. **Adam Haines** was named to the first team, and **Joey Geller** and **Calyx Kimbrough** were named to the second team.

Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

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 & Regular Business Mtg. – High School LGI Room

September 14, 2026 – 7 p.m. – Combined Agenda Study Session & Reg. Business Mtg. – 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 Mtg. & Comb. Agenda Study Sess. & Reg. Bus. Mtg. – HS LGI Rm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated April 7, 2026.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Committee Report — Mrs. Cooper gave the academic committee report.

Governance Committee Report — Mr. Frank gave the governance committee report.

Projects and Planning Committee Report — Ms. Zych gave the projects and planning committee report.

NEW BUSINESS — The superintendent recommended that action be taken on the following items of business:

Facilities/Transportation

Additional School Bus Drivers – 2025-2026 School Year — Ratified hiring the additional ABC Transit, Inc., drivers 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.

Finance

Disbursements (Fund 10) – March 2026 — The general fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$12,677,996.45 from March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, were approved.

Disbursements (Fund 31) – March 2026 — The capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$8,057.50 from March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, were approved.

Disbursements (Fund 10) – April 2026 — The general fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$8,247,613.02 from April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026, were approved.

Disbursements (Fund 31) – April 2026 — The capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$48,713.98 from April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026, were approved.

Finance Report – March 2026 — The finance report for March 2026 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

Budget Transfers — Several budget transfers for 2025-2026 were approved.

Student Activity Financial Reports — The third quarter 2025-2026 middle school and high school student activity financial reports were acknowledged and filed for audit.

CSM Consulting, Inc. – Contract for E-Rate Compliance Services — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and CSM Consulting, Inc. for E-Rate consulting services, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, 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.**

2026-2027 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget — After discussion, the Board resolved, to adopt the 2026-2027 Proposed Final General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$125,489,654 with a real estate tax increase of 3.1% (0.6822 mills) and a continuation of all other taxes without change.

Instruction

Textbooks — Approved the following new textbooks:

Elementary Schools – English Language Arts

- “Into Reading” by Dr. Alma Flor Ada, Dr. Kyleene Beers, Isabel Campoy, Dr. Joyce Armstrong Carroll, Dr. Nathan Clemens, Dr. Anne Cunningham, Dr. Tyrone Howard, Dr. Elena Izquierdo, Carol Jago, Dr. Robert Probst, Dr. Shane Templeton, and Dr. Julie Washington; Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Copyright 2025; for English Language Arts, Kindergarten-Grade 5.

June 2026 Candidates for Graduation — Approved the list of candidates for June 7, 2026, graduation submitted by the Fox Chapel Area High School administration. Candidates must meet all graduation requirements by June 6, 2026, in order to graduate and receive their diplomas.

Flexible Instructional Day (FID) Program — Approved the Fox Chapel Area School District Flexible Instructional Day Program, as presented, for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years, and authorized the administration to submit the application for approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Act 64 of 2019, Section 1506.

Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) – Local Education Agency (LEA) Agreement to Participate – School Age — Approved the agreement 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 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and authorized the superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services.**

Allegheny Adult & Pediatric Therapy, LLC – Service Agreement — Approved the service agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Allegheny Adult & Pediatric Therapy, LLC for staff professional development, classroom planning, observation, and direct consultation services effective August 25, 2026, through July 31, 2027. **This is a renewal of services.**

The Bradley Center – Agreement for Educational Services — Approved the agreement for educational services between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Bradley Center for educational services for students for the 2026-2027 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

Glade Run Lutheran Services – Day Student Education Agreement — Approved the day student education agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Glade Run Lutheran Services for services to students for the 2026-2027 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

MHY Family Services – Longmore Academy – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and MHY Family Services for services to students at Longmore Academy for the 2026-2027 school year. **This is a renewal of services.**

River School Therapies – Contract — Approved the contract between the Fox Chapel Area School District and River School Therapies for special education therapy services to students effective August 2026 through July 31, 2028. **This is a renewal of services.**

Challenge Success – Letter of Agreement — Approved the letter of agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and Challenge Success to administer four elementary school student surveys, one middle school student survey, one high school student survey, and one parent/caregiver survey within the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$28,600. **This is a new letter of agreement.**

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds — Approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds for the program year 2026-2027.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement — Approved the subgrant agreement for Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – Part B between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

PA Mental Health Education Learning Program in Schools (PA HELPS) Participation Agreement — Approved the participation agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and PA HELPS to be eligible for disbursements for the 2026-2027 school year to support school psychologist interns and school counselor interns, and authorized the administration to execute the agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services.**

Stipulated Adjudications — Approved the stipulated adjudications as presented.

Instruction Information Item:

A.W. Beattie Career Center 2026-2027 School Calendar — The A.W. Beattie Career Center 2026-2027 school calendar was shared with the Board.

Legislation/Policy

Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) PSBA Policy Services Member Agreement — Approved the PSBA policy services member agreement and end user agreement for use of the Engagifii platform by PSBA and PSBA-authorized users between the Fox Chapel Area School District and PSBA for the PSBA Policy Service and PSBA Administrative Regulations Service for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of \$2,930.25. **This is a renewal of services and PSBA is using a new platform.**

Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) 2027 Legislative Platform Proposal — Approved the following proposed amendment to the PSBA 2027 Legislative Platform and authorized the Board secretary to verify and submit the proposal through the online submission form:

4.4.1 Taxing Authority

School boards call on the state to:

(c) Establish and require counties to: 1) maintain a uniform statewide ratio of assessed value to market value; 2) require uniform assessment and appeal practices; and 3) **regularly reassess real estate at no cost to school districts. develop and implement a five-year cycle for reassessment of real estate at no cost to school districts.**

***Rationale** – A predictable cycle of reassessment allows for fairness and equity across the Commonwealth. This is the only way to ensure that all property owners are paying their fair share, no matter where they live. The consistency in property tax revenue will also allow school districts to budget more effectively.*

Personnel

Candidates for employment under this section were approved subject to verification of the results of physical and drug screening examinations, required clearances, and all other essential employment requirements under Policy and Administrative Regulations 304-AR and 304-AR-4.

Resignations

Food Services — Accepted the following food services resignations:

- **Amber L. Eddy**, food services employee at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective April 8, 2026.
- **Michele L. Kondas**, food services employee at Fox Chapel Area High School, due to personal reasons, effective April 7, 2026.

Appointments

Professional — Approved the following professional Appointments:

- **Lucas W. Brinling** as a business education teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 1.5, B+24, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Jill Tabis**.
- **Joseph E. Bubonics** as a physics teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 5, M+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Thomas Moul**.
- **Elizabeth A. Hartman** as a science teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 5, M+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to an open position.
- **Suzanne M. Hegarty** as an English teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 1, M+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Daniel Kirk**.
- **Emily N. Janosko** as an English teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 2, B+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Mary Loeffler**.

- **Molly R. Stallard** as a math teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 2, B+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Noelle Noel**.
- **Leah C. Stock** as a science teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 5, B+15, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to an open position.
- **Gabrielle N. Yost** as a science teacher at Dorseyville Middle School effective August 17, 2026. Salary was set based on Step 3, B+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to an open position.

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic – Summer, Fall, and Winter Seasons of the 2026-2027 School Year — The following athletic supplemental contracts for the summer, fall, and winter seasons of the 2026-2027 school year were ratified/ approved: **Zachary Skrinjar** – Boys Basketball Head Coach (HS); **Joshua Randall** – Boys Basketball 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Thomas Reighard** – Boys Basketball Junior Varsity Head Coach (HS); **Jeremy Bennett** – Boys Basketball Freshman Head Coach (HS); **Christopher Bandurski** – Boys Basketball Freshman Assistant Coach (HS); **Matthew Senkoski** – Boys Basketball Head Coach (DMS); **Brendon Urso** – Boys Basketball Assistant Coach (DMS); **Zachary Skrinjar** – Boys Basketball Program Development Assistant Coach (HS); **Martin Matvey** – Girls Basketball Head Coach (HS); **Kelly Elaine Gibson** – Girls Basketball 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Domenica Delaney** – Girls Basketball Junior Varsity Head Coach (50%) (HS); **Angela Tassari** – Girls Basketball Junior Varsity Head Coach (50%) (HS); **Melissa Zoschg** – Girls Basketball Head Coach (DMS); **Jason Jablon** – Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (DMS); **Jason Jablon** – Girls Basketball Program Development Assistant Coach (DMS); **Aleta McBriar** – Fall Cheerleading Head Coach (HS); **Aleta McBriar** – Winter Cheerleading Head Coach (HS); **Shelley Zottola** – Fall Cheerleading Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); **Krista Zottola** – Fall Cheerleading Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); **Shelley Zottola** – Winter Cheerleading Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); **Krista Zottola** – Winter Cheerleading Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); **Jill Leonard** – Fall Cheerleading Head Coach (DMS); **Jill Leonard** – Winter Cheerleading Head Coach (DMS); **Taylor Trasatti** – Fall Cheerleading Assistant Coach (DMS); **Taylor Trasatti** – Winter Cheerleading Assistant Coach (DMS); **Justin Patterson** – Boys/Girls Cross Country Head Coach (HS); **Sean Mawhinney** – Boys/Girls Cross Country 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Alaina Tabb** – Boys/Girls Cross Country 2nd Assistant Coach (HS); **Andrew Zentgraf** – Boys/Girls Cross Country Head Coach (DMS); **Cassandre Conti** – Boys/Girls Cross Country Assistant Coach (50%) (DMS); **Anthony DeNunzio** – Boys/Girls Cross Country Assistant Coach (50%) (DMS); **Joseph Gass** – Equipment Manager (HS); **Joseph Eisel** – Equipment Manager (DMS); **David Leasure** – Equipment/Video Football Manager (HS); **Open** – Faculty Manager (39%) (HS); **David Prevost** – Faculty Manager (18.7%) (HS); **Ronald Urso** – Faculty Manager (42.3%) (HS); **Joseph Eisel** – Faculty Manager (DMS); **Kellee Cribby** – Field Hockey Head Coach (HS); **Eleni McGrath** – Field Hockey 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Open** – Field Hockey Head Coach (DMS); **Open** – Field Hockey Assistant Coach (DMS); **John Baxter** – Fitness Center Supervisor (50%) (HS); **Mark Shemanski** – Fitness Center Supervisor (50%) (HS); **David Leasure** – Football Head Coach (HS); **Michael Leasure** – Football 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **James Hastings** – Football 2nd Assistant Coach (HS); **Michael Appollonia** – Football 3rd Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); **Dave Horvat** – Football 3rd Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); **Jordan Thompson** – Football 4th Assistant Coach (HS); **Michael Lemon** – Football 5th Assistant Coach (HS); **Christopher Bandurski** – Football 6th Assistant Coach (HS); **Anthony Griggs** – Football 7th Assistant Coach (HS); **Brandon Rios** – Football 8th Assistant Coach (52%) (HS); **Josh Duso** – Football Head Coach (DMS); **Kevin Grecek** – Football Assistant Coach (DMS); **Brendon Urso** – Football Assistant Coach (DMS); **Joseph Farrell** – Boys Golf Head Coach (HS); **Keith Persing** – Boys Golf Junior Varsity Head Coach (HS); **Lawrence Jon Koteski** – Girls Golf Head Coach (HS); **Open** – Girls Golf Junior Varsity Head Coach (HS); **Nadine DeLeo** – Gymnastics Head Coach (HS); **Brandon Peifer** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning Head Coach (Summer, Fall, Winter & Spring) (HS); **Shana McKeever** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Dr. Lesley Cowles** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning 2nd Assistant Coach (12.5%) (HS); **Scott Karavlan** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning 2nd Assistant Coach (12.5%) (HS); **Anthony Griggs** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning 2nd Assistant Coach (75%) (HS); **David Leasure** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning 2nd Assistant Coach (HS); **David Leasure** – Interscholastic Strength & Conditioning 2nd Assistant Coach (48%) (HS); **Zachary Skrinjar** – Boys Fall Intramurals (HS); **Martin Matvey** – Girls Fall Intramurals (HS); **Ethan Wagner** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 1, Grade Recovery Program (DMS); **Open** – Intramurals Back on Track (BOT) Sponsor 2 (DMS); **Kevin Grecek** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 3, Bigger Faster Stronger (DMS); **Evan Hertrick** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 4, Honors Band (DMS); **Ethan Wagner** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 5, Grade Recovery Program (DMS); **Open** – Intramurals Back on Track (BOT) Sponsor 6 (DMS); **Jane Hudok** – Intramurals Back on Track (BOT) Sponsor 8 (DMS); **Gretchen Gyrich** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 9, Musical Sound Director (50%) (DMS); **Luke Barkley** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 9, Musical Sound Director (50%) (DMS); **Gretchen Gyrich** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 10, Musical Assistant Director (50%) (DMS);

Stephanie Kurlej – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 10, Musical Assistant Director (50%) (DMS); **Josh Duso** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 11, Bigger Faster Stronger (DMS); **Emily Grychowski** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 12, Ski Club (DMS); **Craig Farrell** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 14, Musical Set Design (50%) (DMS); **Jennifer Reynolds** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 14, Musical Set Design (50%) (DMS); **Angela Wilhelm** – Intramurals Back on Track (BOT) Sponsor 15 (DMS); **Pamela Fiano** – Intramurals Activity Sponsor 16, Musical Director (DMS); **John Anderson** – Intramurals Flag Football (Fairview); **Lynne DePellegrini** – Intramurals Flag Football (50%) (Hartwood); **Katherine Frederick** – Intramurals Flag Football (50%) (Hartwood); **Sean Baldis** – Intramurals Flag Football (Kerr); **Adam Danielson** – Intramurals Flag Football (O'Hara); **Sean Baldis** – Intramurals Boys Basketball (Fairview); **John McKechnie** – Intramurals Boys Basketball (Hartwood); **Kati Altieri** – Intramurals Boys Basketball (Kerr); **Adam Danielson** – Intramurals Boys Basketball (O'Hara); **Kerri Bacco** – Intramurals Girls Basketball (Fairview); **Kati Altieri** – Intramurals Girls Basketball (Hartwood); **Kati Altieri** – Intramurals Girls Basketball (Kerr); **Maureen Johnson** – Intramurals Girls Basketball (O'Hara); **Gabriella Bonelli** – Spring Girls Intramurals (50%) (Fairview); **Julia Puntil** – Spring Girls Intramurals (50%) (Fairview); **Lynne DePellegrini** – Spring Girls Intramurals (50%) (Hartwood); **Katherine Frederick** – Spring Girls Intramurals (50%) (Hartwood); **Sean Baldis** – Spring Girls Intramurals (Kerr); **Maureen Johnson** – Spring Girls Intramurals (O'Hara); **Open** – Spring Girls Intramurals (O'Hara); **Erik Ingram** – Boys Soccer Head Coach (HS); **Kevin Carney** – Boys Soccer Assistant Coach (HS); **Dr. Christopher Tsai** – Boys Part-Time Soccer Coach (HS); **Douglas Kitay** – Boys Soccer Head Coach (DMS); **Rory Marsico** – Boys Soccer Assistant Coach (DMS); **Peter Torres** – Girls Soccer Head Coach (HS); **Emily Grychowski** – Girls Soccer Assistant Coach (HS); **Deborah Welty** – Girls Part-Time Soccer Coach (HS); **Matthew Brockway** – Girls Soccer Head Coach (DMS); **Domenic Mantella** – Girls Soccer Assistant Coach (DMS); **Bailey Bonnett** – Boys/Girls Swimming Head Coach (HS); **Matthew Harris** – Boys/Girls Swimming 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Wynne Kirchner** – Boys/Girls Swimming 2nd Assistant Coach (HS); **Vernon Yenick** – Boys/Girls Diving Head Coach (HS); **Alexander Slezak** – Girls Tennis Head Coach (HS); **Dr. Laura Ward** – Girls Tennis Assistant Coach (HS); **Justin Patterson** – Boys/Girls Indoor Track Head Coach (HS); **Open** – Boys/Girls Indoor Track Assistant Coach (HS); **Dr. Stacie Dojonovic** – Unified Bocce (HS); **Deborah Welty** – Unified Bocce (HS); **Diana Andreyko** – Girls Volleyball Head Coach (HS); **Nikki Oakes** – Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach (HS); **Melissa Zosch** – Girls Volleyball Head Coach (DMS); **Caitlin Paul** – Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach (DMS); **Michael Frank** – Wrestling Head Coach (HS); **Trevor Hartless** – Wrestling 1st Assistant Coach (HS); **Edward Farrell** – Wrestling 2nd Assistant Coach (HS); **Ian Abplanalp** – Wrestling Head Coach (DMS); **Open** – Wrestling Assistant Coach (DMS); **Dr. Laura Ward** – Girls Wrestling Head Coach (HS); **Jason Rivera** – Girls Wrestling 1st Assistant Coach (50%) (HS); and **Deborah Welty** – Girls Wrestling 1st Assistant Coach (50%) (HS).

School Police Officers

Summer Hours — The following school police officers were approved for additional summer hours as needed at the officer's hourly rate with a maximum of 80 hours per officer: **Scott E. Bailey**, **Stanley M. Bradish**, **Joshua A. Dietz**, **Dennis J. Lynch**, **Timothy G. Rush**, **Shannon Santucci**, **Scott K. Slagel**, and **Eric R. Valentine**.

Advanced Placement Exam

Proctor — **Martha Freese** was approved as an Advanced Placement (AP) exam proctor at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective May 18, 2026, through May 22, 2026, for a flat stipend.

Middle School Summer Programs – 2026

Summer Learning Academy Program Facilitator — **Todd Ashbaugh** was approved as the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy program facilitator at an hourly rate with a maximum of 135 hours for preparation and program facilitation.

Summer Learning Academy Instructors — The following individuals were approved as instructors for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 95 hours for preparation and instruction: **Richard DeMedio**, **Kevin Grecek**, **Emily Janosko**, **Joshua Mariana**, and **Taylor Trasatti**.

Summer Learning Academy Instructor — **Ethan Wagner** was approved as an instructor for the Dorseyville Middle School Summer Learning Academy at an hourly rate with a maximum of 15 hours for preparation and instruction.

Extended School Year (ESY) Program – 2026

Program Facilitator — **Kerri L. Bacco** was approved as the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY program facilitator at an hourly rate with a maximum of 260 hours for preparation and program facilitation.

Full-Day Instructors — The following individuals were approved as full-day instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 170 hours for preparation and instruction: **Clara Barnes, Marie Chir, Olivia Thompson, and Abigail Wentling.**

Half-Day Instructors — The following individuals were approved as half-day instructors for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 110 hours for preparation and instruction: **Frank Bacco, William Baine, Jill Bennett, Gabriella Bonelli, St Clair Oliver, and Maria Swartzbaugh.**

Full-Day Paraprofessionals — The following individuals were approved as full-day paraprofessionals for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 140 hours for preparation and instruction: **Rebecca Apter, Britney Ciorra, Kara Cutrara, Cynthia Fondrk, Sophia Gass, Olivia Keibler, Jill Lawson, Rosanne Libengood, Aileen Miller, Premalatha Mylarappa, Tammi Pietropaolo, Amy Trozzo, Karen Whitehead, Ethan Wygant, and Leanne Zottola.**

Half-Day Paraprofessionals — The following individuals were approved as half-day paraprofessionals for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at an hourly rate with a maximum of 80 hours for preparation and instruction: **Amy Funk, Teresa Kieffer, Sophia Liberto, Lori Tavella, Angela Wilhelm, Emily Wilhelm, and Autumn Williams.**

Substitute Paraprofessional — **Melissa Zoschg** was approved as substitute paraprofessional for the Fox Chapel Area School District ESY Program at an hourly rate.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Athletic Summer Camps/Activities — The following teams were approved to hold summer camps/activities in 2026 for athletes in the Fox Chapel Area School District: Fox Chapel Area Baseball, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Basketball, Fox Chapel Area Cheerleading, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Cross Country, Fox Chapel Area Field Hockey, Fox Chapel Area Flag Football, Fox Chapel Area Football, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Golf, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Soccer, Fox Chapel Area Softball, Fox Chapel Area Strength and Conditioning, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving, Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Volleyball, and Fox Chapel Area Boys/Girls Wrestling.

School Board Treasurer – Appointment — Approved the appointment of **Eric G. Hamilton** as School Board Treasurer effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

PSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly – Appointment of Voting Delegates — Approved the appointment of **Adam Goode** and **Marybeth Dadd** as voting delegates to the PSBA 2026 Delegate Assembly to be held November 7, 2026.

Donation to Purchase Books for Elementary Libraries — Accepted the donation of \$100 from Cathy Wagner to purchase books for each elementary library in memory of Millie Ruben.

KCE Champions LLC – Child Care Services Agreement — Approved the child care services agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and KCE Champions LLC for before and/or after school child care services at Fairview Elementary School, effective May 4, 2026, with a projected program start date of August 25, 2026, and continuing for five years. **This is a new agreement, and there is no cost to the district.**

A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget – 2026-2027 School Year — Approved Fox Chapel Area School District's share of the 2026-2027 A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget as set forth below. The A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2026-2027 is \$12,473,936.

	<u>Total Members Share</u>	<u>Fox Chapel Area SD Share</u>
Operating Budget	\$7,055,836	\$404,411
Debt Service Budget	<u>\$1,387,450</u>	<u>\$215,887</u>
	\$8,443,286	\$620,298

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.

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

The Fox Chapel Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and/or any other basis prohibited by law, and prohibits discrimination, including harassment, in any employment practice, education program, or activity that it operates. Retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, makes a report of harassment or discrimination, files a complaint of harassment or discrimination, serves as a witness, or participates in an investigation or grievance process is also a violation of the Fox Chapel Area School District's nondiscrimination policy and is prohibited.

To report information about conduct that may constitute discrimination under Title IX, Section 504, or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please refer to the district's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures at www.fcasd.edu/about-us/need-to-know-disclosures/compliance-statement.

The Fox Chapel Area School District has designated individuals to coordinate efforts to comply with and carry out its nondiscrimination responsibilities. Questions regarding the Fox Chapel Area School District's commitment to nondiscrimination, as well as related laws, regulations, and district policies, may be referred to the following employees:

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