

September 14, 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 September 14, 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; and Jessica Haselkorn, Ph.D.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GUESTS

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

- A team of Dorseyville Middle School students won first place in the sixth- through eighth-grade division of the 2026 Allegheny County Envirothon. The first-place team members were 2025-2026 seventh-graders **Zoey Guinn, Hugo Gutowski, Ellie Huh, Prisha Jhanji, and Christina Randtke**. The team won a plaque for its first-place win. Additionally, Hugo and Ellie won the top score on the wildlife exam, and Prisha attained the highest score on the current environmental issues exam.

For the Allegheny County Envirothon, teams test their knowledge in five topic areas – aquatic ecology, forestry, soil and land use, wildlife, and current environmental issues. The event fosters leadership, problem-solving, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) principles.

The competition for middle schoolers was held May 27 at the South Park Fairgrounds.

- A Hartwood Elementary School student was named a winner in the 2026 WQED Writers Contest. Hartwood Elementary School 2025-2026 third-grader **Emmerson McCormick** was named a first-place winner for her story “The Mystery of the Midnight Gym.”

Nearly 3,000 entries were submitted and 26 students won awards in this year’s contest. The students competed against others in their own grade levels, and the contest was open to children in kindergarten-grade five from the greater Pittsburgh area. The winning students were honored at an award ceremony at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh on May 30 as part of Pgh Book Fest.

All the winners’ stories are available to see and listen to (read by the authors) through WQED’s Writers Contest page at <https://www.wqed.org/education/writers-contest/writers-contest-2026-winning-stories/>.

FOX LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S) — The Fox Leadership Council (FLC) president, senior **Ish Conklin**, shared some highlights of the year to come.

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, high school QUEST facilitator Lisa Gibson talked about the QUEST department, including outreach opportunities available to all students to help them excel during their time at Fox Chapel Area High School.

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Fox Chapel Area School District** – **Megan Collett**, Ed.D., Executive Director of Instructional and Innovative Leadership

Third-Day Enrollment — The Board received the third-day enrollment.

Information

•PSBA’s Honor Roll of School Board Service Program

Fox Chapel Area School Board members **Katie Findley** and **Ariel Zych** earned certificates of appreciation as part of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association’s (PSBA) Honor Roll of School Board Service program. The honor roll celebrates school board directors for their years of dedicated service to their districts, communities, and public education. Both Ms. Findley and Ms. Zych have served on the Board for five years.

•FCAHS Students Place in National FBLA Competition

Fox Chapel Area High School 2025-2026 juniors **Noelle Fourn** and **Ainsley Goode** placed at the 2026 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference. They won seventh place in the nation while competing as a team in the financial planning category.

The FBLA National Leadership Conference was held in San Antonio, Texas, June 29-July 2. More than 13,000 students from high schools across the United States and Canada participated in various business, technology, and presentation events at the competition.

Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

September 15, 2026 – 6 p.m. – Projects and Planning Committee Mtg. – Admin. Offices Staff Development Rm.

October 5, 2026 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – High School LGI Room

October 6, 2026 – 6 p.m. – Governance Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

October 12, 2026 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

October 12, 2026 – Following the Regular Business Meeting – Committee of the Whole – HS LGI Room

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

October 27, 2026 – 6 p.m. – Projects and Planning Committee Mtg. – Admin. Offices Staff Development 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

November 10, 2026 – 6 p.m. – Governance Committee Mtg. – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

November 17, 2026 – 6 p.m. – Academic Committee Mtg. – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

November 18, 2026 – 6 p.m. – Projects and Planning Committee Mtg. – Admin. Offices Staff Development Rm.

December 7, 2026 – 7 p.m. – Reorganization Mtg. & Comb. Agenda Study Sess. & Reg. Bus. Mtg. – HS LGI Rm.

January 5, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Governance Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

January 12, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Academic Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

January 19, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Projects and Planning Committee Mtg. – Admin. Offices Staff Development Room

February 2, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Governance Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

February 9, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Academic Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

February 16, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Projects and Planning Committee Mtg. – Admin. Offices Staff Development Room

March 2, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Governance Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

March 3, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Academic Committee Meeting – Administrative Offices Staff Development Room

March 30, 2027 – 6 p.m. – Projects and Planning Committee Mtg. – Admin. Offices Staff Development Room

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated August 10, 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 — Dr. Haselkorn gave the academic committee report.

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

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

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

Finance

Disbursements (Fund 10) – August 2026 — The general fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$7,206,658.66 from August 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026, were approved.

Disbursements (Fund 31) – August 2026 — The capital reserves fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$124,882.05 from August 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026, were approved.

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

Bond Refinance Appointment – Resolution 2026-8 — Approved Resolution 2026-8 appointing PNC Capital Markets as the district’s investment banker and Dinsmore & Shohl as the district’s bond counsel to explore the opportunity to refinance the Bond Series of 2017.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids – Industrial Laser Machine — Authorized the advertisement of bids for an industrial laser machine at the high school.

Instruction

Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Title I Services Addendum — Ratified the Title I services addendum, pursuant to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2026-2027 comprehensive services agreement, to provide Title I services to Christ the Divine Catholic Teacher Academy for eligible Title I students residing within the Fox Chapel Area School District effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. **This is a new addendum.**

The Watson Institute – The Education Center-Sewickley – Letter of Agreement — Ratified the letter of agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Watson Institute for one student enrolled in The Education Center-Sewickley for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual cost of \$69,148 (prorated) beginning August 26, 2026, and authorized the superintendent to execute the letter of agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services at a 3.36% cost increase.**

The Watson Institute – WISCA-Sharpsburg – Letter of Agreement — Ratified the letter of agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and The Watson Institute for one student enrolled in The Watson Institute Social Center for Academic Achievement (WISCA-Sharpsburg) for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$67,412 (prorated) beginning August 31, 2026, and authorized the superintendent to execute the letter of agreement on behalf of the district. **This is a renewal of services at a 3.36% cost increase.**

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania – Agreement – K-4 Environmental Program — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the kindergarten through grade four environmental educational program for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$35,908. **This is a renewal of services at a 3% cost increase.**

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania – Agreement – Fifth-Grade Environmental Program — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to provide the grade five environmental educational program for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$94,556. **This is a renewal of services at a 3% cost increase.**

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

Professional — Accepted the following professional resignations:

- **Heather R. Fontana**, elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School, due to retirement, effective August 14, 2026.
- **Jessica J. O’Shea**, mathematics teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, due to personal reasons, effective August 17, 2026.

Food Services — Accepted the following food services resignation:

- **Christine Weber**, food services employee at O’Hara Elementary School, due to personal reasons, effective August 25, 2026.

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — Accepted the following athletic supplemental contract resignations:

- **Reed Bursic**, baseball, MS head, due to personal reasons, effective August 11, 2026.
- **Emily Grychowski**, intramurals, MS activity sponsor 12, MS ski club, due to personal reasons, effective August 17, 2026.
- **Emily Grychowski**, track, MS head, due to personal reasons, effective August 12, 2026.
- **Michelle Stiller**, softball, HS JV head, due to personal reasons, effective August 12, 2026.

Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic — Accepted the following non-athletic supplemental contract resignations:

- **Joshua A. Bryan-Branker**, overnight camp counselor, due to personal reasons, effective August 20, 2026.
- **Chrystal J. Sircely**, band 2nd assistant director – marching (20%), due to personal reasons, effective August 20, 2026.

Appointments

Educational Support — Approved the following educational support appointments:

- **Denise M. Durkt** as the library /media clerk at Fairview Elementary School, effective September 28, 2026. Salary was set based on the salary scale for 10-month secretaries /clerks, Step 3, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Anita Kucharski**.
- **Dawn M. Jackson** as the library /media clerk at Dorseyville Middle School, effective September 15, 2026. Salary was set based on the salary scale for 10-month secretaries /clerks, Step 3, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the transfer of **Jennifer Rosenwald**.
- **Tammy M. Lynes** as the 10-month building secretary at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective September 15, 2026. Salary was set based on the salary scale for 10-month secretaries /clerks, Step 3, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Katharine Vavpetic**.
- **Sean M. Tuell** as the pupil services secretary for the Fox Chapel Area School District, effective September 15, 2026. Salary was set based on the salary scale for 12-month secretaries, Step 3, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of **Sydney Boss**.

Food Services — Approved the following food services appointment:

- **Cleve Cook** as a permanent, part-time (5.25 hours per day) food services employee in the O'Hara Elementary School cafeteria. Hourly wage was set based on the wage scale for food services employees, General Food Worker – 2, with no fringe benefits, effective September 28, 2026, pending the fulfillment of pre-employment requirements. This position is available due to the resignation of **L. Christine Pfeffer**.

Supplemental Contracts – Athletic — The following athletic contracts were approved for the 2026-2027 school year effective September 15, 2026: **Neena Pietropaolo** – Softball, HS JV Head and **Molly Stallard** – Intramurals, MS Activity Sponsor 12, MS Ski Club.

Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic – 2026-2027 School Year — The following non-athletic supplemental contracts were ratified / approved for the 2026-2027 school year: **William Barle** – Academic Coach-Math (HS); **Chad Morley** – Academic Coach-Math (HS); **David Wygonik** – Academic Coach-Math (DMS); **Dr. Michael Hower** – Academic Coach-Science (50%) (HS); **Suzanne Miller** – Academic Coach-Science (50%) (HS); **Justin Patterson** – Academic Coach-Science (50%) (HS); **Annette Sparrow** – Academic Coach-Science (50%) (HS); **Elizabeth Feldman** – Academic Coach-Science (DMS); **Christine Smith** – Art Department Head (HS); **Jennifer Reynolds** – Art Department Head (DMS); **Sarah Dixon** – Art Department Head (Elementary); **Roger Sullenberger** – Attendance Facilitator (HS); **Anne Englert** – Attire Coordinator (HS); **Melissa Weist** – Audiovisual Director (DMS); **Daryl Lesnik** – Auditorium Director (40%) (HS); **Benjamin Murray** – Auditorium Director (60%) (HS); **Daryl Lesnik** – Band Director-Concert (HS); **Evan Hertrick** – Band Director (DMS); **Joshua Bryan Branker** – Band Director (Fairview / Kerr); **Karli Umholtz** – Band Director (Hartwood / O'Hara); **Daryl Lesnik** – Band Director-Marching (HS); **Evan Hertrick** – 1st Assistant Band Director-Marching (HS); **Anne Englert** – 2nd Assistant Band Director-Marching (40%) (HS); **Kirstein Sharrow** – 2nd Assistant Band Director-Marching (60%) (HS); **Shayla Grady** – 2nd Assistant Band Director-Marching (80%) (HS); **Karli Umholtz** – 2nd Assistant Band Director-Marching (20%) (HS); **Clarissa Stewart** – Band Guard Sponsor-Marching (HS); **Max Jahnke** – Band Percussion Instrumental-Marching (40%) (HS); **Joshua Bryan-Branker** – Band Percussion Instrumental-Marching (60%) (HS); **Maya Rice** – Band Technician-Marching (65%) (HS); **Karli Umholtz** – Band Technician-Marching (35%) (HS); **Daryl Lesnik** – Band Director-Stage (HS); **Karen Meinert** – Band / Orchestra Trip Health Care (50%) (HS); **Kelly Gullo** – Band / Orchestra Trip Health Care (50%) (HS); **Caryn Campbell** – Best Buddies Coordinator (DMS); **Dr. Stacie Dojonovic-Schutzman** – Best Buddies Coordinator (50%) (HS); **Anna Hopper** – Best Buddies Coordinator (50%) (HS); **Jill Bennett** – Best Buddies Sponsor (DMS); **Jennifer Pro** – Best Buddies Sponsor (DMS); **Stephanie Kurlej** – Best Buddies Sponsor (Hartwood); **Tracey Planz** – Bus Monitor #1 (75%) (O'Hara); **Susan Johnson** – Bus Monitor #1 (25%) (O'Hara); **Jacqueline Garcia** – Bus Monitor #2 (O'Hara); **Adam Danielson** – Bus Monitor #3 (O'Hara); **Timothy Kapalo-Allen** – Bus Monitor #3 (O'Hara); **Hannah Tambellini** – Bus Monitor #4 (O'Hara);

Miranda Zarlino – Bus Monitor #5 (O'Hara); **Maureen Johnson** – Bus Monitor #6 (75%) (O'Hara); **Susan Johnson** – Bus Monitor #6 (25%) (O'Hara); **Brian Yanizeski** – Business Department Head (HS); **Catherine Gillner** – Calendar Facilitator (DMS); **John Baxter** – Career Exploration & Leadership Coordinator (HS); **Benjamin Murray** – Choral Director (HS); **Amy Beresik** – Choral Director (DMS); **Amy Beresik** – Honors Choral Director (DMS); **Candace Erb** – Choral Director (Fairview); **Rachel Pollard** – Choral Director (Hartwood); **Kirstein Sharrow** – Choral Director (50%) (Kerr); **Miranda Zarlino** – Choral Director (50%) (Kerr); **Julie Perrotte** – Choral Director (O'Hara); **Hannah Tambellini** – Choral Director (O'Hara); **Breane DeComo** – 6th-Grade Class Sponsor (50%) (DMS); **Craig Reinhard** – 6th-Grade Class Sponsor (50%) (DMS); **Craig Reinhard** – 7th-Grade Class Sponsor (DMS); **Breane DeComo** – 8th-Grade Class Sponsor (DMS); **Stanley Strzempek Jr.** – Computer Literacy Department Head; **Sarah Everest** – Computer Maintenance Specialist (Fairview); **Jessica Papcunik** – Computer Maintenance Specialist (Hartwood); **Alan Chen** – Computer Maintenance Specialist (Kerr); **Alan Chen** – Computer Maintenance Specialist (50%) (O'Hara); **Melissa Weist** – Computer Maintenance Specialist (50%) (O'Hara); **Tara DeComo** – Continuing Education Family Liaison (HS); **Dr. Lesley Cowles** – Dean of Students (HS); **Jessica Green** – Diversity and Unity Council Leader (HS); **Alison Francis** – Early Childhood Transition Coordinator; **Jennifer Cuda** – English Department Head (HS); **Timothy Derbish** – English/Language Arts Department Head (DMS); **Matthew Murslack** – eSports Club Facilitator (DMS); **Andrew Shaw** – eSports Club Facilitator (DMS); **Mary Elizabeth Dixon** – Fall Play Costume/Props Coordinator (HS); **Kristiann Josephs** – Fall Play Director/Producer (HS); **Joseph Gass** – Fall Play Technical Coordinator (HS); **Mark Matusiak** – Forensics Sponsor (HS); **Mark Matusiak** – Assistant Forensics Sponsor/Model United Nations (UN) Advisor (HS); **Terry Taylor** – 2nd Assistant Forensics Sponsor (HS); **Robert Wilson** – 2nd Assistant Forensics Sponsor/Model United Nations (UN) Advisor (HS); **Erin Butkovic** – Fox Leadership Council Activities Director (HS); **Dr. Lesley Cowles** – Fox Leadership Council Activities Treasurer (50%) (HS); **Kimberly Hollern** – Fox Leadership Council Activities Treasurer (50%) (HS); **Emily Spurdute** – Fox Leadership Council Class Caucus Sponsor - Grade 9 (HS); **Dr. Lesley Cowles** – Fox Leadership Council Class Caucus Sponsor - Grade 10 (HS); **Dr. Lesley Cowles** – Fox Leadership Council Class Caucus Sponsor - Grade 11 (HS); **Jennifer Klein** – Fox Leadership Council Class Caucus Sponsor - Grade 12 (HS); **Lisa Gibson** – Fox Leadership Council Community Outreach Sponsor (HS); **Suzanne Miller** – Fox Leadership Council Graduation Coordinator (HS); **Jessica Papariello** – Fox Leadership Council Social Committee Sponsor (HS); **Christina Congalton** – Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Sponsor (HS); **Lisa Gibson** – Gifted Department Head (HS); **Melissa Swift** – Gifted Department Head (DMS); **Sarah Everest** – Gifted Department Head (Elementary); **Corey Hess** – Grade Level K Chairperson (50%); **Audrey Marie Masci** – Grade Level K Chairperson (50%); **Jessica Marshall** – Grade Level 1 Chairperson (50%); **Stacey Reese** – Grade Level 1 Chairperson (50%); **Kristen Bost** – Grade Level 2 Chairperson; **Lynn DePellegrini** – Grade Level 3 Chairperson; **Wendy Donaldson** – Grade Level 4 Chairperson (50%); **Tiffany Hess** – Grade Level 4 Chairperson (50%); **John Anderson** – Grade Level 5 Chairperson; **Jennifer Klein** – Graduation Portfolio Coordinator (HS); **Tara DeComo** – Guidance Department Head (HS); **Kristin Pollick** – Guidance Department Head (DMS); **Stefanie Lipke** – Guidance Department Head (Elementary); **Jasmine Amato** – Library Department Head (Elementary); **Kristine Yacamelli** – Math Department Head (HS); **Geoff Dutelle** – Math Department Head (DMS); **Carrie Ferguson** – Math Department Head (50%) (Elementary); **James Jones** – Math Department Head (50%) (Elementary); **Jose Aires** – Mentor Teacher (50%); **Gabriella Bonelli** – Mentor Teacher; **Jennifer Cuda** – Mentor Teacher (50%); **Alyson DeLaTorre** – Mentor Teacher; **Wendy Donaldson** – Mentor Teacher (50%); **Geoff Dutelle** – Mentor Teacher; **Pamela Fiano** – Mentor Teacher; **Shannon Frick** – Mentor Teacher; **Catherine Gillner** – Mentor Teacher; **Audrey Gordon** – Mentor Teacher; **Kimberly Guerrieri** – Mentor Teacher (50%); **Lisa Pacheco** – Mentor Teacher; **Justin Patterson** – Mentor Teacher; **Kristie Pentrack** – Mentor Teacher (50%); **Zachary Price** – Mentor Teacher; **Johnna Regan** – Mentor Teacher; **Kelli Schneider** – Mentor Teacher (50%); **Kirstein Sharrow** – Mentor Teacher; **Andrew Shaw** – Mentor Teacher; **Annette Sparrow** – Mentor Teacher; **Ginger Wilson** – Mentor Teacher; **Benjamin Murray** – Music Department Head (HS); **Jeffrey Bryer** – Music Department Head (DMS); **Candace Erb** – Music Department Head (50%) (Elementary); **Julie Perrotte** – Music Department Head (50%) (Elementary); **Candace Erb** – Music General Director-Elementary (Fairview); **Rachel Pollard** – Music General Director-Elementary (Hartwood); **Christine Williams** – Music General Director-Elementary (Kerr); **Julie Perrotte** – Music General Director-Elementary (O'Hara); **Hannah Tambellini** – Music General Director-Elementary (O'Hara); **Lisa Gibson** – National Honor Society Sponsor (50%) (HS); **Suzanne Miller** – National Honor Society Sponsor (50%) (HS); **Lisa Gibson** – Newspaper Sponsor (HS); **David Wygonik** – Newspaper Sponsor (DMS); **Karen Meinert** – Nurse Department Head; **Mairi Cooper** – Orchestra Director (HS); **Jeffrey Bryer** – Orchestra Director (DMS); **Jeffrey Bryer** – Chambers Orchestra Director (DMS); **Alexander Sackandy** – Orchestra Director-Elementary; **Zachary Piper** – Orchestra Director-Elementary; **John Anderson** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Fairview); **Kerri Bacco** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Fairview); **Wendy Donaldson** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Fairview); **Michael Frank** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Fairview); **Melanie McIsaac** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Fairview); **Alexander Sackandy** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Fairview); **Jennifer Billings** – Overnight Camp Counselor

(Hartwood); **Kira Dadowski** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Hartwood); **James Jones** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Hartwood); **Stephanie Kurlej** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Hartwood); **John McKechnie III** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Hartwood); **Matthew Murslack** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Hartwood); **Maria Stewart** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Hartwood); **Heath Asbury** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Sean Baldis** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Brianne Claus** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Amy Jakubek** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Joshua Mariana** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Kirstein Sharrow** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Stanley Strzempek Jr.** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Olivia Thompson** – Overnight Camp Counselor (Kerr); **Jaime Condiotte** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Adam Danielson** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Lauren Gilberti** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Michael Ivanusic** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Richard Mathieu** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Kathryn Mueller** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Tracey Planz** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Jennifer Squeglia** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Caitlin Turk** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Miranda Zarlino** – Overnight Camp Counselor (O'Hara); **Jeremy Bennett** – Physical Education and Family & Consumer Science Department Head (HS); **Michelle Bailey** – Physical Education and Family & Consumer Science Department Head (DMS); **Alexander Slezak** – Physical Education Department Head (Elementary); **Open** – Planetarium Director (HS); **Jacqueline Koziatsek** – Reading Department Head (Elementary); **Ryan Siniawski** – Robotics Sponsor (HS); **John Anderson** – Safety Patrol Sponsor (Fairview); **Jessica Papcunik** – Safety Patrol Sponsor (50%) (Hartwood); **Rachel Pollard** – Safety Patrol Sponsor (50%) (Hartwood); **Lynne Orsega** – Safety Patrol Sponsor (Kerr); **Richard Mathieu** – Safety Patrol Sponsor (O'Hara); **Justin Patterson** – Science Department Head (HS); **Zachary Price** – Science Department Head (DMS); **Richard Palucis** – Ski Trip Sponsor (50%) (HS); **Christine Smith** – Ski Trip Sponsor (50%) (HS); **Shane Billings** – Social Studies Department Head (HS); **Matthew Senkoski** – Social Studies Department Head (DMS); **Dr. Stacie Dojonovic-Schutzman** – Special Education Department Head (HS); **Caryn Campbell** – Special Education Department Head (DMS); **Brianne Claus** – Special Education Department Head (Elementary); **Benjamin Murray** – Spring Musical Choral Director/Producer (HS); **Nathan Hart** – Spring Musical Choreographer (HS); **Anne Englert** – Spring Musical Costume & Props Designer (HS); **Eric Amsden** – Spring Musical Lighting Design Director (HS); **Dennis Emert** – Spring Musical Orchestra Director (HS); **Stephanie Reilly** – Spring Musical Production Assistant (HS); **Joseph Gass** – Spring Musical Set Construction Coordinator (HS); **Joan Marangoni** – Spring Musical Set Design (HS); **Benjamin Murray** – Spring Musical Stage Director (HS); **Catherine Gillner** – Student Activities Treasurer (DMS); **Sarah Everest** – Student Government Sponsor (Fairview); **Christine Buffone** – Student Government Sponsor (50%) (Hartwood); **Claire Walters** – Student Government Sponsor (50%) (Hartwood); **Amy Jakubek** – Student Government Sponsor (33.3%) (Kerr); **Stanley Strzempek Jr.** – Student Government Sponsor (33.3%) (Kerr); **Stacey Trpcic** – Student Government Sponsor (33.3%) (Kerr); **Adam Danielson** – Student Government Sponsor (50%) (O'Hara); **Tracey Planz** – Student Government Sponsor (50%) (O'Hara); **Emily Grychowski** – Student Recognition & Engagement Coordinator (50%) (DMS); **David Snyder** – Student Recognition & Engagement Coordinator (50%) (DMS); **Jessica Green** – Tapestry Sponsor (HS); **Richard Palucis** – Technology Education Department Head (HS); **Joseph Eisel** – Technology Education Department Head (DMS); **Joseph Gass** – Technology Student Association (TSA) Advisor #1 (HS); **Justin Papariello** – Technology Student Association (TSA) Advisor #2 (HS); **Richard Palucis** – Technology Student Association (TSA) Advisor #3 (HS); **Joan Marangoni** – Wellness Council Sponsor (50%) (HS); **Heather Skillen** – Wellness Council Sponsor (50%) (HS); **Justin Papariello** – Work Experience Sponsor (HS); **Kelly Barone** – World Language Department Head (HS); **Pamela Fiano** – World Language Department Head (Elementary/DMS); **Amy Wickman** – Yearbook Sponsor (HS); and **Open** – Yearbook Sponsor (DMS).

Leave

Professional — Approved the following professional leave:

- **Ashley L. Henny**, elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, for a second semester educational sabbatical, effective January 18, 2027, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2027-2028 school year.

Leave Replacement

Professional — Ratified the following professional leave replacement:

- **Alyssa L. Cuddy** as a leave replacement elementary teacher at Fairview Elementary School effective August 26, 2026, through the day after the last day for students for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary was set based on Step 4, M+0, with fringe benefits as per the collective bargaining agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Heather Fontana**.

Changes of Status

Professional — Approved the following professional change of status:

- **Sarah L. Giuffre**, a first-semester leave replacement elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, was additionally approved as a second-semester leave replacement elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, effective January 18, 2027, through the day after the last day of school for students for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is available due to the second semester educational sabbatical of **Ashley Henny**.

Educational Support — Approved the following library/media clerk change of status:

- **Jennifer L. Rosenwald**, library/media clerk at Dorseyville Middle School, as the 10-month school counseling secretary at Fox Chapel Area High School, effective date to be determined. There is no change in salary or benefits. This position is available due to the transfer of **Maria Helgert**.

Homebound Instruction

Teacher — Ratified the following homebound instructor:

- **Alison C. Francis** as a homebound instruction teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, effective September 1, 2026, at an hourly rate.

Volunteers

Athletic — The following athletic volunteers were approved, effective September 15, 2026: **Ellisyn Knapo** – Flag Football – HS and **Cassidy Starr** – Volleyball – MS.

Personnel Information Item

Salary Crossovers – Information

Professional — The following professional employees are eligible to cross over on the salary scale for the 2026-2027 school year based on verification of additional credits earned: **Lucas Brinling** from B+24 to M+0, **Hanna Clarke** from B+0 to B+15, **Mary Dirkmaat** from B+15 to M+0, **Audrey Gordon** from M+0 to M+15, **Monica Gralewski** from B+0 to B+15, **Matthew Murslack** from B+0 to B+24, **Alexander Poellnitz** from B+15 to B+24, **Julia Puntil** from B+24 to M+0, and **Sarah Stewart Vasquez** from M+0 to M+15. This change is effective as of September 1, 2026, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Donation – Elementary Band Program — Accepted the donation of a Bach TR300 Bb trumpet with a value of \$250 and a Conn 4D single French horn with a value of \$350 for the elementary band program from an anonymous donor.

Clinical Internship Affiliation Agreement — Approved the following clinical internship affiliation agreement: University of Pittsburgh – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education.

Safety Incentive Program — Approved the Fox Chapel Area School District safety incentive program for the period October 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, for district employees at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

Choral Program Accompanist – Agreement — Approved the agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and **Corinne Adkins** for choral program accompanist services at a total cost of \$3,000 effective September 15, 2026, through June 30, 2027. **This is a renewal of services.**

Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) 2027 Officer Elections

Slate of Candidates — Approved the following slate of candidates for the PSBA 2027 officer elections and authorized the board secretary to electronically cast the votes on behalf of the Board of School Directors –

PSBA Leadership Positions:

- 2027 President-Elect (one-year term) – Choose **one**
***Matt Vannoy**, Sharon City School District
- 2027 Vice President (one-year term) – Choose **one**
***Kristy Bolte**, Northwestern School District
- 2027-2029 Treasurer (three-year term) – Choose **one**
***David Hein**, Parkland School District

PSBA Insurance Trustees:

- Trustee (three-year term) – Choose **two**
Marianne L. Neel
Dr. Michael Faccinnetto

**Indicates a PSBA endorsed candidate.*

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 8:23 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:

<i>Title IX:</i>	<i>David P. McCommons, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent (412/967-2456) David_McCommons@fcasd.edu</i>
<i>Section 504 and ADA:</i>	<i>Timothy A. Mahoney, Ed.D., Director of Special Education and Pupil Services (412/967-2435) Timothy_Mahoney@fcasd.edu</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Fox Chapel Area School District, 611 Field Club Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238</i>