FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2026

A projects and planning committee meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District was held at 6 p.m. on October 27, 2026, in the staff development room at the administrative offices.

The following Board committee members were present:

Ms. Ariel Zych, chairperson
Mr. Adam Goode (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Mrs. Vanessa Lynch
Ms. Marybeth Dadd, ex-officio member
Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac, ex-officio member

The following Board committee members were absent:

None

Also present were Dr. David McCommons, Mr. Daniel Breitkreutz, Mr. Ryan Manzer and Mrs. Sydney Gabster.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The following items of business were presented and discussed:

OLD BUSINESS

Follow up on Lead testing regulations and action plan

JML Landscape Management contract

Hartwood Elementary Energy Usage

Mr. Breitkreutz gave an update on the lead testing regulations and action plan, extending our current agreement with JML Landscape Management, and energy electric usage at Hartwood Elementary.

NEW BUSINESS

Preliminary 25-26 Financial Results

Mr. Manzer reported that the 2025-2026 fiscal year closed with a net surplus.

Federal Scholarship Tax Credit

Mr. Manzer introduced the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit, noting that they are evaluating whether program participation is a strategic move for the District.

Kerr Elementary School Building Update

Mr. Breitkreutz informed the committee that the District is going to engage a contractor to assist with a water infiltration issue. Furthermore, the District is assessing settlement concerns at the building.

High School Project Schedule

Mr. Breitkreutz provided the committee with a timeline of the High School mechanical renovation project..

Tennis and Lighting Project Update

Mr. Breitkreutz gave an update.

Resiliency Planning Discussion

The committee discussed resiliency planning, emphasizing that the ultimate goal is to reduce the impact of school closures caused by increasingly extreme weather by focusing on prevention and accelerating time to resolution through an improved, streamlined process.

The meeting ended at 8:04 p.m.