CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School March 14, 2011. President Charles R. Burke called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Robin F. Baum, Assistant Secretary Sherman M. Snyder, Treasurer Karen A. Mitesser, Sandra M. Garbisch, Joanne C. Gaus, Frederick C. Leech, Robert Mauro, and Joel R. Weinstein.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Information

• Students Named 2011 National Merit Finalists
Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been designated as National Merit Finalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The Finalists from Fox Chapel Area High School are Matthew Brady, Miranda Chang, Sequoia Leuba, Sofia Manfredi, Maureen McGill, Vikram Mookerjee, Pavan Rajgopal, Katharine Reineman, Tadhg Schempf, Alimpon Sinha, and Trevor Weis.

These Fox Chapel Area High School students were named Semifinalists in September 2010 and have met all the requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards which will be announced this spring. The students are selected as Finalists based on their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores and other factors, including SAT scores, a student essay, a school recommendation, and having an outstanding academic record throughout high school.

Each year college-bound 11th grade students complete the PSAT/NMSQT. All the students who take this test are automatically enrolled in the National Merit Scholarship Program and approximately 15,000 advance to become Finalists. The Finalists represent less than one percent of the nation’s high school seniors and compete for about 8,400 Merit Scholarship awards worth more than $36 million to be offered in the spring of 2011. The NMSC is a privately financed, not-for-profit corporation.

• Student Magazine Wins First Place National Award
Fox Chapel Area High School's 2009-2010 literary magazine “Tapestry” has been named a first place winner in the American Scholastic Press Association’s annual national contest. “Tapestry” won first place in the magazine portion of the competition. The 2009-2010 senior staff of Tapestry were current seniors Ariane Beckman, Audrey Davis, and Daryna Kutuz and junior Claire Kintner. The students’ advisor is Fox Chapel Area High School language arts teacher Jessica Green.
According to a letter from the American Scholastic Press Association, “Your magazine shows the efforts of talented and creative editors, writers, artists, photographers, layout/graphics designers, staff members and advisor.”

The American Scholastic Press Association’s contest is open to students from middle schools, high schools, and colleges from across the United States. Entries include magazines, newspapers, and yearbooks and are judged on page design, story layout, graphics, headlining, cover design, and photography.

• **Students Place Third in Academic Competition**
A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently won third place at the Academic WorldQuest 2011 competition. The team members were seniors Albert Anderson, Jennifer Goetz, Pavan Rajgopal, and Daniel Tracht. The team won a plaque and other prizes for the third place finish. Academic WorldQuest is a knowledge-based competition with questions focusing on international affairs, current events, the global economy, geography, world history, and general world knowledge.

A total of 46 teams of students from across the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the competition which was held February 4 at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oakland. The Academic WorldQuest competition was sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh.

• **High School Students Place at Pine-Richland Forensic Tournament**
Two Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Pine-Richland Invitational Forensic Tournament. The team of juniors Johnny Lou and Jack Millard placed fifth in public forum debate. The team had three wins and no losses. Rankings were determined by total team points.

Students from several high schools from across the region participated in the tournament. The tournament was held at Pine-Richland High School January 22, 2011.

• **Meeting Dates**
  - April 4, 2011 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – High School – LGI Room
  - April 11, 2011 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School – LGI Room
  - May 2, 2011 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O’Hara Elementary School – Auditorium
  - May 9, 2011 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School – LGI Room

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Approved the minutes of the regular business meeting dated February 14, 2011.

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

Facilities/Transportation
Facilities
Feasibility Study Proposal — AXIS Architecture, P.C. (AXIS) was approved to conduct a feasibility study of the Fox Chapel Area School District facilities at a cost of $12,000. AXIS will credit back all fees for the feasibility study in the form of a direct reduction in architectural design fees resulting from future projects that may proceed based on the feasibility study.
**Fairview Elementary – New Sound System** — Accepted the donation of a new sound system for Fairview Elementary School from the Fairview PTO.

**Finance**
**Disbursements (A)** — General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of $6,493,015.69 from February 10, 2011, through March 9, 2011, were approved.

**Finance Report** — The finance report for January 2011 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

**Budget Transfers** — Several budget transfers for 2010-2011 were approved.

**Tax Collectors’ Depositories** — The following depositories were approved by the School Board as recommended by the appropriate elected tax collector: Aspinwall – Georgene Veltri – PNC Bank, Blawnox – Kathleen Ulanowicz – Allegheny Valley Bank, Indiana – Phyllis Will – PNC Bank, and Sharpsburg – Patricia Hyatt – PNC Bank. The Board of School Directors must approve the depositories for real estate elected tax collectors annually.

**Instruction**
**Watson Institute** — The agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and the Watson Institute for one unnamed student was approved.

**2011-2012 Calendar** — The 2011-2012 calendar was approved.

**Activities/Athletics/Personnel**
**Athletics** — See “Personnel.”

**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 policies P-09-02 and P-09-20.*

**Resignation**
**Education Support Personnel** — Accepted the following cafeteria/playground monitor resignation:
- **Kimberly A. Peterson**, cafeteria/playground monitor at Hartwood Elementary School, for personal reasons, effective February 10, 2011.

**Supplemental Contracts – Athletics** — Accepted the following athletic supplemental contract resignations:
- **Bryan Deal**, high school strength coach, for personal reasons, effective immediately.
- **Craig Farrell**, middle school second assistant track and field coach, for personal reasons, effective immediately.
- **James Hastings**, high school seventh assistant football coach, for personal reasons, effective immediately.
- **Leo Wilson**, middle school second assistant baseball coach, for personal reasons, effective immediately.
Leave
Professional — Approved the following professional leave:
• Emily E. Sperdute, science teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, for medical leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective May 29, 2011, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2011-2012 school term.

Appointments
Supplemental Contract – Non-Athletic — The following second semester leave replacement non-athletic supplemental contract was ratified, effective January 18, 2011, for the 2010-2011 school term: Erin K. Butkovic – Social Committee Sponsor.


Volunteer Coaches – Athletic — The following athletic volunteer coaches were approved effective for the 2010-2011 school year: Peter Timothy Goodwin – High School Volunteer Volleyball Coach and Keith Portugal – HS Volunteer Track & Field Coach.

Purchase of Service
Cafeteria/Playground Monitor — Ratified the following cafeteria/playground monitor:
• Renae S. Ulanowicz as a cafeteria/playground monitor in the elementary program for the 2010-2011 school term, effective February 22, 2011, at an hourly rate, two hours per day on days when lunch is served.

Temporary Position
Education Support Personnel — Ratified the following temporary instructional assistant:
• Jessica I. Albrecht, 202 11th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, as a temporary instructional assistant at O’Hara Elementary School, effective February 14, 2011. Yearly salary was set (prorated), based on Group I, Step 1, with benefits as per the Fox Chapel Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the resignation of Melissa Craighead.

Memorandum of Understanding
Fox Chapel Educators Association – Collective Bargaining Agreement — The memorandum of understanding to address instruction of students through Distance Learning was approved.

Employment Agreement
Assistant Superintendent — The employment agreement between the Fox Chapel Area School District and David P. McCommons, Ed.D., as assistant superintendent was approved, effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2016
Operations/Cooperative Services

Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2011-2012 Program of Services Budget — Upon the recommendation of the administration, the Board approved the proposed 2011-2012 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The budget totals $3,815,375. There is no increase in the total district allocation. The Fox Chapel Area School District’s expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is $101,247. (Please see pages three and four of the Program of Services document for a list of savings, services and programs provided to our district by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

• Title I (Reading Support)
• Title IIA (Improving Teacher Quality)

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT — The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.
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