



FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Board Room  
October 27, 2021

- I. The October 27, 2021 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area School District, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Boyle at 7:14 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Moment of Contemplation  

Notice is given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board to be conducted in this room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes consent to the taping of any individual who comments.

Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings is posted on the bulletin board in the Board Room.

\*Suspend the provision of Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings pertaining to public participant(s) statements which will be limited to three minutes at this meeting.
- IV. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Barry Himes, Joshua Hyland, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson.  
Absent: Mark Lux and James McKendree.  

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Attorney Carl Beard, Sr. Solicitor; Jill Vuckovich, FAEA; Susan Sheesley, PSEA-R; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
- V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
- VI. Committees Agenda  

An Executive Session was held at the October 20, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting at 7:15 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

An Executive Session was held before the October 27, 2021 Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 7:10 p.m.

1.	Board
IBD-04-10/21	Student Board Representatives for the 2021-2022 school year: Lyric Mason, Grade 12 and Alexis McKendree, Grade 11.
IBD-05-10/21	Student Board Representatives Report.
IBD-06-10/21	<p>Presentation of certificates for years of service on the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Jason Moschgat - 8 years</li> <li>-- Stephen Thompson - 12 years</li> </ul>
	<p>Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve BD-10-10/21 through BD-13-10/21.</p>
BD-10-10/21	Approve the October 27, 2021 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-11-10/21 through ST-14-10/21).
BD-11-10/21	Approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-05-10/21	<p>Approve the “Bishop McCort Catholic High School,” Responsible Officers Tom Smith/Ralph DeMarco, to use the Football Field/Football Stadium for Varsity and Junior High football practices, October 11, 2021 through October 29, 2021, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received certificate of liability insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)</p>
BG-06-10/21	Approve a letter of agreement for Divine Mercy Catholic Academy to use the Elementary School as an emergency evacuation site.
BG-07-10/21	<p>Approve the request of “Ferndale Borough Recreation,” Responsible Officer Scott Miles, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, Senior High Gymnasium, or Junior High Gymnasium for wrestling practices, whenever available, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., November 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, pending certificate of liability insurance and pending that no conflicts occur with District programs.</p>
IE-12-10/21	<p>Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Monday, October 11, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School and the Junior-Senior High School.</p>

IE-13-10/21 No school for students and staff on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans' Day.

IE-14-10/21 Megan Karazsia has been assigned as a student observer (Gannon University) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School.

IE-15-10/21 Marie Duell has been assigned as a student observer (Penn Highlands) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School.

IE-16-10/21 The following has been assigned as pre-student teachers (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School from October 6, 2021 through December 10, 2021:

<u>Pre-Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Megan Anderson	Scott Beckner	Grade 1
Hayley Ashley	Michael Harrison	Grade 2
Madison Leitenberger	Lori Robertson	Grade 3
Elizabeth Robertson	Sarah Riffle	Grade 4

IE-17-10/21 The following has been assigned as tutors (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School (6 hours):

Hayden Czerwinski  
 Angel Theys

IE-18-10/21 The following has been assigned as a student teacher (IUP) at the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School the Fall 2021 (95 hours) and Spring, January - May 2022.

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Courtney Harbaugh	Lisa Rivard	English

IE-19-10/21 The following has been assigned as a student observer (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School.

<u>Student Observer</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Kyra English	Erin Siverd	Chemistry & Science

F-12-10/21	Approve the September Treasurer’s Report, as presented.
F-13-10/21	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-06-10/21	Receipts and disbursements.
ST-12-10/21	Approve 13 students (Juniors and Seniors) attendance at the <i>Success is Intentional: Youth Professional Leadership Conference</i> at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on October 28, 2021 Cost: Transportation: \$165.00. (District)
ST-13-10/21	Approve 30 students attendance at St. Vincent College for “Teach the Future” on November 4, 2021. Cost: Transportation: \$260.00. Substitute: \$80.00. Total Cost: \$340.00. (District)
ST-14-10/21	Approve the 11 Elementary students participation in the Reading Competition at Bellwood Antis High School on November 2, 2021. Cost: Transportation: \$390.00. (District)
IBD-07-10/21	Review the following Policies (Jeffrey Boyer)  -- Revised Policy No. 006 Meetings -- Revised Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings.
BD-12-10/21	Approve, as read, the First Reading of the following policies:  -- Revised Policy No. 006 Meetings -- Revised Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings.
BD-13-10/21	Abolish Policy No. 201.1 Student Obtaining Age of Majority.  Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland. Abstained: None. Absent: Lux and McKendree. The motion carried.

2. Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve BG-08-10/21 and BG-09-10/21.

BG-08-10/21 Authorize the following, Ferndale Borough Recreation, to have fob access to the Senior High School Gymnasium for elementary basketball practices, drills and skills, October 6, 2021 through May 31, 2022:

- Marisa Hyland
- Arthur McClucas
- Stephanie Wagner

BG-09-10/21 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Vernon Mock

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland. Abstained: None. Absent: Lux and McKendree. The motion carried.

IBG-03-10/21 Sewage Project - Special Education House (David Gates)

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-20-10/21 Elementary and High School Highlights Report. (Rachelle Hrabosky, Travis Robison)

5. Finance

IF-07-10/21 Received notification from the Department of Education that the 2022-2023 Act 1 base index for allowable property tax increases is 3.4%. The adjusted index for Ferndale Area School District is 5.4%. Ferndale Area School District current tax millage is 94.33 which allows a maximum tax increase of 4.83 mills for 2022-2023 to comply with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006.

6. Personnel

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-15-10/21 through P-22-10/21.

P-15-10/21 Approve the resignation of Maria Burkett, Elementary Teacher (Kindergarten), effective December 31, 2021.

P-16-10/21 Approve the retirement resignation of Jill Vuckovich, Music Teacher, effective the last day of 2021-2022 school year.

P-17-10/21 Approve the resignation of Lynn Bennett, Junior High Reading Team Advisor and Senior High Reading Team Advisor, for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

P-18-10/21 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicant for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year:

- Junior High Reading Team Advisor - Mikayla Hagerty
- Senior High Reading Team Advisor - Mikayla Hagerty

P-19-10/21 Approve the Superintendent Evaluation/Goals for the 2021-2022 school year and 2022-2023 school year and post the goals to District website.

P-20-10/21 Approve Jessica Moonan's resignation as a Sign Language Interpreter, effective November 15, 2021.

P-21-10/21 Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ferndale Area Education Association retroactive September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024.

P-22-10/21 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between FASD and FAEA to waive the Special Service Increment deadline (Article VII I) which requires the retirement to be within 5 days after the beginning of the school year, pending approval of FAEA and District Solicitor.

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland. Abstained: None. Absent: Lux and McKendree. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-15-10/21 and ST-16-10/21.

ST-15-10/21 Approve Jason Moschgat as a Volunteer Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 season.

ST-16-10/21 Approve the Marching Band to attend a Disney Campus Workshop at Disney World in Florida, March 30, 2022 - April 5, 2022. No cost to the District. All expenses will be paid by students and Band Boosters through fundraisers (estimated cost is \$950 per student). The Marching Band was previously approved at the June 23, 2021 Board Meeting to participate in a multi-school marching band performance. Since there were no performing groups at Disney World in 2020 and 2021, there was an usually high number of groups applying for very few performances in 2022. Ferndale Area was not selected, but was able to enroll in a Disney Campus Workshop.

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland. Abstained: None. Absent: Lux and McKendree. The motion carried.

IST-03-10/21 Discuss the upcoming vote by the WestPAC Sports Committee to which Ferndale Area School District belongs. The meeting in January will ask the members of the Conference to vote to allow schools to join for individual sports rather than an all-inclusive conference. This would be a by-law change which requires the member principals to cast a vote. (Travis Robison)

8. Workshops/Conferences

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve the following workshops/ conferences:

W-06-10/21 David Gates, Business Manager, *Steel Eagle Leadership Institute*, Omni Bedford Springs Resort, November 11, 12, 2021. No cost to the District. Cost is paid for by PASBO and its sponsors for Regional Chapter Leaders.

W-07-10/21

Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent, *2021 PDE SAS Institute*, Hershey Lodge, December 5-8, 2021. Registration: \$150.00. Lodging: \$479.52. Meals: \$100.00. Total Cost: \$729.52. (District)

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland. Abstained: None. Absent: Lux and McKendree. The motion carried.

The November Board Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The November Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. All were in favor.