



FERNDALÉ AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
April 16, 2014

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I. The April 16, 2014 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Chobany at 6:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Notice was given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board conducted in the Board Room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes consent to the taping of any individual who comments. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices and refrain from use during the meeting.

III. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Wayne Meekins.

Student Board Representatives: Devon Valinsky. Absent: Taylor Harrison.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal; Brian McDermott, William Brotz, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Amy Schmidt, Teachers; DeAnna Burkett, Mikayla Burnheimer, Levi Eisenhuth, Amanda Gaydos, Jakob Hollis, Madison Johnson, Ryan Mihalaki, Alexa Mills, Harry Morgart, Hannah Morris, Sam Moss, Bradon Shawley, Cayla Thomas, Students; Linda Johnson, Parent; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IE-44-04/14 Educational Spotlight - FAES Book Give-a-way Program - Nola Barton, Elementary Librarian.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

BD-49-04/14 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the April 16, 2014 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-50-04/14 through IST-14-04/14).

BD-50-04/14 Approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2014 Board Meeting, as presented.

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F-28-04/14

F-29-04/14

IF-22-04/14

IF-23-04/14

Received correspondence from Michelle Troutman, Bureau of Food Distribution, Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the District's Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2011. Ms. Troutman informed us that our program is approved and in compliance with programs funded by their office.

Easter holiday for all students and staff is Friday, April 19, 2014 to Monday, April 21, 2014. There will be a two-hour early dismissal on Thursday, April 18, 2014. Classes resume Tuesday, April 22, 2014

There will be no school for students, Friday, May 2, 2014 due to a full day Teacher In-Service Day.

Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

K4 registration will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The last day of school for students is Friday, June 6, 2014. The final In-Service day for teachers is Monday, June 9, 2014.

Graduation will be held on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center at 7:00 p.m.

Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.

Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

Approve Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures adoption under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300 and the 2014-2015 Funding Distribution IDEA-B, Section 611.

Ferndale Area School District will continue the existing Agreement with the Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP) to provide outpatient psychiatric services to patients who are students enrolled at the Ferndale Area Elementary School and Junior-Senior High School.

Receipts and disbursements.

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P-49-04/14	Approve Leigh Ann Dunn to the substitute teachers list.
ST-73-04/14	Four students attended the PMEA District 6 BandFest at Berlin-Brothersvalley High School on April 11, 2014. Cost: Registration: \$80.00. Transportation: \$56.25. Substitute: \$80.00. Total Cost: \$216.25. (Paid by District)
IST-08-04/14	The Ferndale Area Junior-Senior prom was held on Friday, May 9, 2014 at This is It, Frankstown Road, at 6:00 p.m.
IST-09-04/14	The Elementary Band Concert was held on Monday, May 12, 2013 in the Elementary Gymnasium at 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
IST-10-04/14	The Junior-Senior High School Band Concert will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
IST-11-04/14	The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
IST-12-04/14	The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
IST-13-04/14	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 24, 2014.
IST-14-04/14	Fernstock will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.
IBD-31-04/14	Review of PSBA New Board Member Workshop (April 8, 9, 2014 attended by Wayne Meekins, Melissa Garman, Jason Moschgat, John Kowal, Carole Kakabar).
IBD-32-04/14	Project 17/20 MCL Update - Carole Kakabar.
2.	Cafeteria
	None.

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3. Education

E-10-04/14 Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the 2014-2015 K-12 Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IE-49-04/14 The District Level Comprehensive Plan for Ferndale Area School District has been accepted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for implementation during the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 cycle.

IE-51-04/14 Pennsylvania Treasurer Robert McCord visited Ferndale Area School District on March 27, 2014 to discuss educational funding.

IE-52-04/14 Highlights

- Elementary - William Brotz
- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle

IE-53-04/14 Student Board Representatives Report.

IE-54-04/14 GJCTC JOC Highlights - Sandra Chobany/Stephen Thompson.

- GJCTC Board Appreciation Night was held April 10, 2014 and attended by Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Sandra Chobany, and Carole Kakabar.

An Executive Session was held at 6:58 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 7:24 p.m.

4. Personnel

P-50-04/14 Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to post an Elementary Cook position. (To be vacated by the retirement of Marlene Kessler) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

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P-51-04/14

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to post all applicable extra-duty positions in May:

- Advisor - Junior Class
- Advisor - Senior Class (2)
- All School Play
- Assistant Band Director
- Audio/Video Director - Elementary
- Audio/Video Director - Secondary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts - Elementary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts - Secondary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math - Elementary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math - Secondary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science - Elementary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science- Secondary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies - Elementary
- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies - Secondary
- Detention Monitor, 3 Hr Session (Wednesdays) (1)
- Detention Monitors, 1 Hr Session (Tuesdays, Thursdays) (2)
- Forensics - Senior High
- K4 Orientation
- Kindergarten Orientation
- Math Counts Advisor
- Mentor (As Needed)
- National Honor Society Advisor
- Newspaper Advisor - Secondary
- Reading Team Advisor - Elementary
- Reading Team Advisor - Junior High
- Reading Team Advisor - Senior High
- Stage, Lights & Sound Manager - Secondary
- Student Council Advisor
- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary
- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary Assistant
- Yearbook Editor - Elementary

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

P-52-04/14

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve Ferndale Area School District participation in the 2014-2015 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Substitute Teacher Program at a cost of \$500. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

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P-53-04/14

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve a 2013-2014 sick leave bank (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Ferndale Area Education Association. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

5.

Finance

F-30-04/14

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the following 2014-2015 Highmark Medical/Drug monthly rates. (Premiums reflect a 7.0% increase)

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	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
Employee Only	600.67	642.72
Employee and Child	1,343.30	1,437.33
Employee and Children	1,343.30	1,437.33
Employee and Spouse	1,578.89	1,689.42
Employee and Family	1,672.79	1,789.89

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

F-31-04/14

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2012-2013. (The MD&A is part of the 2012-13 Independent Auditor Report, pages 5-16) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

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IF-24-04/14

Received the 2012-13 Independent Auditor Report, as well as the Statement of Accounting Standards "SAS 114 - Communication with Those Charged with Governance" from Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C., Johnstown, PA which states "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ferndale Area School District as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

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F-32-04/14

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve continuation of the contract with Camco Physical and Occupational Therapy, LLC for physical therapy/occupational therapy for the 2014-2015 school year. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

IF-25-04/14

The Finance Committee will meet to review proposed 2014-15 budget considerations on _____. (Wayne Meekins, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison)

6.

Buildings and Grounds

IBG-04-04/14

Review of the School Safety discussion that was held in the Elementary Library on April 16, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The purpose was to discuss potential safety projects and activities for summer 2014 through summer 2015. (Susan Boyle, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, William Nemeth, Chief Arthur Boring of Ferndale PD, Chief Andy Havas and Corporal Lose of West Hills PD)

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BG-18-04/14

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve a floor replacement project at the Junior High School to include the following:

1. Floor tile removal and disposal by an asbestos abatement company at a cost not to exceed \$19,000.
2. Tile installation by a flooring company at a cost not to exceed \$19,000.

Areas to be replaced are to be determined.

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops/Conferences

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-17-04/14

Robert Boyle, *A Renewed Focus on Professional Dialogue Online Course*. Cost: Registration: \$300.00. (Paid by Title II)

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

The May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor.