



FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Board Room  
February 20, 2013

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I. The February 20, 2013 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 Mr. Meekins at 6:03 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 Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Student Board Representatives: Elizabeth Chobany and Taylor Harrison.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Stephen Clawson, Susan Layton, Joshua Mottillo, Stephanie Mino, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Ryan Albus, Ashley Clites, Tim Fitz, Jill Held, Tyler Hileman, Nate Hoffman, Ashley Murphy, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-24A-02/13 Mr. Meekins read a thank you letter from Marty Boyd, PAEA, thanking the Board for inviting her to the Board Retreat.

IBD-24-02/13 Susan Layton, FAEA, addressed the Board regarding:

1. Keystone Teachers' Association Correspondence
2. Review of the February 12, 2013 Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Meeting (Also, Wayne Meekins and John Kowal)

1	V.	Committees Agenda	1
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3	1.	Board	3
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5	IBD-25-02/13	The first day to circulate petitions for Board elections was Tuesday,	5
6		February 19, 2013. The last day to file petitions was Tuesday, March 12,	6
7		2013.	7
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9	IBD-26-02/13	January 23, 2013 Board Retreat post survey results and followup - Carole	9
10		Kakabar.	10
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12	BD-49-02/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the	12
13		February 20, 2013 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items	13
14		(BD-50-02/12 through ST-37-02/13).	14
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16	BD-50-02/13	Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2013 Board Meeting, as	16
17		presented.	17
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19	IBD-27-02/13	Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Endowment Fund Value	19
20		Statement as of December 2012 is \$1,769.83.	20
21			21
22	IBD-28-02/13	Received a bereavement thank you for a donation in honor of Margery	22
23		Kocher (Linda Stufft's mother).	23
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25	BG-08-02/13	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Basketball Boosters	25
26		(Responsible Officer Dale Harrison) to use the Senior High Gymnasium,	26
27		restrooms, chairs, and scoreboard/clock for an Elementary Basketball Day	27
28		on February 16, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, providing that no	28
29		conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and	29
30		completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance	30
31		requirements.)	31
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33	BG-09-02/13	Approve the request of the Ferndale Baseball League (Responsible	33
34		Officer Anthony Cenko) to use the Junior High Gymnasium for baseball	34
35		tryouts on March 9, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m, providing that no	35
36		conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and	36
37		completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance	37
38		requirements.)	38
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1	IE-36-02/13	The following have been assigned as student teachers (UPJ) in the	1
2		Ferndale Area Elementary School from February 7, 2013 through	2
3		April 12, 2013:	3
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5		<u>Student Teacher</u> <u>Cooperating Teacher</u> <u>Grade</u>	5
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7		Karl Hofmann                              Susan Pudliner                              2	7
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9		Kimberly Noll                              Lori Robertson                              3	9
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11	F-15-02/13	Approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented.	11
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13	F-16-02/13	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.	13
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15	IF-12-02/13	Real Estate sales are scheduled for March 27, 2013:	15
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17		<u>Owner</u> <u>Address</u> <u>Amount</u>	17
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19		William C Shawley                      903 Bedford Street                      \$200.00	19
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21		James & Shirley William              905 - 07 Bedford Street              \$200.00	21
22			22
23		Joshua M Punchak                      Arthur Street                              \$200.00	23
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26	IF-13-02/13	Receipts and disbursements.	26
27			27
28	P-33-02/13	Approve Julie Lehman to the substitute support staff list:	28
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30	P-34-02/13	Approve Jonathan Donate, Marlana Malcotti, Matthew Mancini, Megan	30
31		Milos, and Lorrie Christman to the substitute teachers' list.	31
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33	ST-37-02/13	Approve the Agreement between the Ferndale Area School District and	33
34		Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team and approve the following coaches for	34
35		the 2012-13 season (Agreement presented December 5, 2012 Board	35
36		Meeting):	36
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38		Michael Page, Timothy Olshewsky, Brian Riffle, Jack Murphy, Jason	38
39		Berkebile, Nicholas Mish, Michael Burgess, Robert Diamond	39
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41		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones,	41
42		Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	42
43		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	43
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1	2.	Buildings and Grounds	1
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5	3.	Cafeteria	5
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9	4.	Education	9
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11	IE-37-02/13	Opportunity Scholarship EITC2 Grant Program for 2013-14 - Carole Kakabar.	11
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14	IE-38-02/13	Educational Spotlight - Jessica Ambroe Classic - Joshua Mottillo.	14
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16	IE-39-02/13	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/Stephen Thompson	16
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19	IE-40-02/13	Highlights	19
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21		-- January 21, 2013 Act 80/In-service Day - Carole Kakabar	21
22		-- Elementary - William Brotz	22
23		-- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle	23
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25	IE-41-02/13	Student Board Representatives Report.	25
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27		An Executive Session was held at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and a student matter. The Executive Session ended at 8:49 p.m.	27
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30	E-04A-02/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to amend the agenda to accommodate the change to E-04-02/13. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.	30
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34	E-04-02/13	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Settlement Agreement for Student A, all terms as presented in the Executive Session by Attorney Walsh and to authorize Mrs. Kakabar to execute the Agreement when reduced to writing on behalf of the District.	34
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38		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	38
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40		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	40
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1	5.	Personnel	1
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3		Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve	3
4		P-35-02/13 and P-36-02/13.	4
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6	P-35-02/13	Approve the resignation of Jessica Szymusiak as All School Play	6
7		Director, effective January 16, 2013.	7
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9	P-36-02/13	Approve Susan Leftwich as All School Play Director, effective	9
10		January 21, 2013.	10
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12		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones,	12
13		Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	13
14		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	14
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16	P-37-02/13	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve a part-	16
17		time nurse to be available up to 4 hours per student day on an as-needed	17
18		basis for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year, at a stipend of \$10.67	18
19		per hour (Substitute rate). Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany,	19
20		Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson.	20
21		Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The	21
22		motion carried.	22
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24		Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve	24
25		P-38-02/13 and P-39-02/13.	25
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27	P-38-02/13	Approve the resignation of Chelsea Cover, Special Education Teacher,	27
28		effective not later than 60 days (letter dated February 18, 2013).	28
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30	P-39-02/13	Post and advertise for a Special Education Teacher with a core subject	30
31		area.	31
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33		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones,	33
34		Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	34
35		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	35
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37	6.	Student Activities	37
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39	IST-12-02/13	Athletic Director Report - Stephen Clawson.	39
40		-- Status Report from the Interim Athletic Director	40
41		-- Winter Sports Recap	41
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1		Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve	1
2		ST-38-02/13, ST-39-02/13, and ST-40-02/13.	2
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4	ST-38-02/13	Approve the resignation of James Rubal as an Assistant Varsity Baseball	4
5		Coach, effective February 18, 2013.	5
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7	ST-39-02/13	Post the position of Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach.	7
8			8
9	ST-40-02/13	Approve Julius Thomas II as a Volunteer Junior High Baseball Coach for	9
10		the 2012-13 school year.	10
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12		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones,	12
13		Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	13
14		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	14
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16	ST-40A-02/13	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to amend the	16
17		agenda to add Matthew Hauger as a Volunteer Junior High Girls'	17
18		Basketball Coach for the 2013-14 school year. The motion passed	18
19		unanimously by a roll call vote.	19
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21	ST-40B-02/13	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve	21
22		Matthew Hauger as a Volunteer Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach for	22
23		the 2013-14 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call	23
24		vote.	24
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26	ST-41-02/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve Charles	26
27		Ryan as Head Varsity Football Coach, for the 2013-2014 school year, at a	27
28		salary of \$2,948.00 for a 16-week season. Record vote for the motion:	28
29		Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson,	29
30		and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent:	30
31		None. The motion carried.	31
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33		Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve	33
34		ST-42-02/13 through ST-49-02/13.	34
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36	ST-42-02/13	Post and/or advertise for Assistant Varsity Football Coaches (4).	36
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38		Approve the following coaches for the 2013-14 fall sport season:	38
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40	ST-43-02/13	-- Michael Harrison as Head Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of	40
41		\$2,228, based on a 16- week season;	41
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43	ST-44-02/13	-- Arthur McClucas as Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a salary	43
44		of \$2,468, based on a 16-week season;	44
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1	ST-45-02/13	-- Sarah Riffle as Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a salary	1
2		of \$1,443.75 for an 11-week season	2
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4	ST-46-02/13	-- Susan Leftwich as Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a	4
5		salary of \$1,234.75 for an 11-week season	5
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7	ST-47-02/13	-- Kimberly Reighard as Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a	7
8		salary of \$4,836.00 for a 12-week season	8
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10	ST-48-02/13	-- Theresa Mitchell as Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a	10
11		salary of \$2,362.00 for a 12-week season	11
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13	ST-49-02/13	-- Daniel Endler as Head Varsity Golf Coach, at a salary of \$1,916.75	13
14		for an 11-week season.	14
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16		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones,	16
17		Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	17
18		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	18
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20		Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve	20
21		ST-50-02/13 and ST-51-02/13.	21
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23	ST-50-02/13	Approve one student and the Band Director attendance at the PMEA	23
24		Region 3 Band Festival at Hollidaysburg Area High School on March 6,	24
25		7, 8, 9, 2013. Cost: Student Registration and Lodging: \$130.00. Student	25
26		Transportation: \$75.00. Director Lodging: \$93.81 (shared with Chestnut	26
27		Ridge). Director Transportation: \$45.20. Substitute for 2 days: \$160.00.	27
28		Meals for both: \$100.00. Total Cost: \$604.01.	28
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30	ST-51-02/13	Approve 8 sixth grade band students attendance at the PMEA District 6	30
31		Band Fest at Chestnut Ridge School District on April 5, 2013. Cost:	31
32		Registration, Meals and Transportation: \$280.00. Substitute: \$80.00.	32
33		Total Cost: \$360.00. (Paid by Elementary Band Account)	33
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35		Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones,	35
36		Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None.	36
37		Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	37
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Finance

F-17-02/13

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the tentatively adopted 2013-2014 Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Joint Operating Committee General Fund Secondary Budget, as follows.

General Fund Secondary Budget: \$3,871,440

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

IF-14-02/13

First look at 2013-14 budget - review of Governor Corbett's February 5, 2013 Address - Carole Kakabar.

8.

Workshops/Conferences

None.

IB-29-02/13

Mr. Meekins read an article from The Star Report, The Challenge Program, Inc., naming Carole Kakabar the 2013 Educator of the Year.

The March Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All were in favor.