



FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
October 10, 2012

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2		I.	The October 10, 2012 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board	2
3			was held in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth	3
4			Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by	4
5			Mr. Meekins at 6:00 p.m.	5
6		II.	Pledge of Allegiance	6
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8			Notice was given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board	8
9			conducted in the Board Room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes	9
10			consent to the taping of any individual who comments.	10
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12		III.	Roll Call: Present: Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins,	12
13			Richard Pavic, Barbara Penna, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson.	13
14			Absent: Susan Bailey and Sandra Chobany.	14
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16			Student Board Representatives: Present: Elizabeth Chobany and Taylor	16
17			Harrison.	17
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19			Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal,	19
20			Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Attorney David Novak,	20
21			Solicitor; Rachelle Hrabosky, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Michelle	21
22			Sendek, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Mary Storer-Clawson,	22
23			Food Service Director; Joseph Chobany, Chad Eisenhuth, Samantha	23
24			Grow, Carlos Mason, Tanner Murphy, Stephen Thompson, Tyler	24
25			Thompson, Tyler Smith, Students; Debra Samuel, Other; Patricia Craig,	25
26			Recording Secretary.	26
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28		IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association	28
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30		IBD-05-10/12A	Susan Layton, FAEA, commented that all of the officers from FAEA	30
31			were in attendance.	31
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35		BD-16-10/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the	35
36			October 10, 2012 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-17-10/12	36
37			through W-05-10/12).	37
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39		BD-17-10/12	Approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2012 Board Meeting, as	39
40			presented.	40
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42		IBD-05-10/12	Received a bereavement thank you from the family of Leona Mitory	42
43			(Patricia Craig's mother).	43
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IBD-06-10/12

PSBA Executive Director, Thomas J. Gentzel, is leaving his post effective December 1, 2012. (Executive Director last 11 years; with PSBA for 21 years)

BG-03-10/12

Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer - Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Elementary Gymnasium for Ferndale Recreation Basketball (Grades 3 through 6) from November 13, 2012 through March 2, 2013, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. Basketball sign up will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-04-10/12

Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer - Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Elementary Gymnasium for wrestling practices for Ferndale Area elementary students (grades 2-6) from November 5, 2012 through March 29, 2013, Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 6:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-05-10/12

Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer - Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Senior High School Gymnasium for Adult Basketball from December 2, 2012 through March 17, 2013, Sundays, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for women's basketball and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for men's basketball. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-06-10/12

Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2012-13 school year:

-- Pamela Bowen-Mardis

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IE-09-10/12

The following have been assigned as student teachers (UPJ) in the Ferndale Area Elementary School for one day per week from September 24, 2012 through November 16, 2012:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Heather Wagner	Laura Miller	K4
Evenly Howley	Kathleen Rigby	Kindergarten
Bethany Shirley	Janet Russell	Grade 2
Danielle Swartz	Jennifer Shaffer	Grade 3
Laura Zubal	Christine Eash	Grade 4
Kathleen Bango	Rachelle Hrabosky	Grade 4

IE-10-10/12

Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School received a bronze medal award for being a US News and World Report Best US Public High School in 2012. (21,776 US Public High Schools were considered)

IE-11-10/12

As the result of a state audit, Ferndale Area School District was notified by PDE that our LEA is in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for fiscal year 2010.

IE-12-10/12

The end of the first nine-week marking period is October 31, 2012.

F-03-10/12

Approve the August and September Treasurer's Reports, as presented.

F-04-10/12

Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-02-10/12

Receipts and disbursements.

IF-03-10/12

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Donor Fund statement ending June 30, 2012 for the Ferndale Area School District Endowment Fund balance is \$1,636.42.

P-16-10/12

Approve Jayme Brooks, Janine Cipollina, Nancy Coleman, Danielle Rodgers, Kathleen Roman, Zachary Shourds, and Faith Wagner to the substitute teachers list.

P-17-10/12

Approve Cynthia Mauro and Amy Shaulis to the substitute support staff list.

P-18-10/12

Approve a leave of absence for Lauren Bell, Junior High Science teacher, from approximately November 1, 2012 to January 11, 2013.

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ST-07-10/12 Approve one senior, four juniors, and four sophomores attendance at the Youth Leadership Seminar at the Johnstown Area Heritage Association Discovery Center on October 10, 2012. Cost: Transportation: \$90.00. (Paid by District)

IST-02-10/12 Received a donation from the National Drug Intelligence Center:

- (10) Roge's Thesaurus II
- (5) Oxford's New Spanish Dictionary
- (2) Webster's Dictionary for Secretaries
- (40) Webster's II New Riverside University Edition Dictionary

IST-03-10/12 Received a donation of \$175 from Kotzan CPA & Associates to be used for expenses for educational trips for students.

W-04-10/12 Matthew Claar (1), Business, Computer, Information Technology Teacher; *Teacher Induction* in Altoona

- October 23, 2012 - Planning & Classroom Management
- November 14, 2012 - Reading in the Secondary Content
- January 24, 2013 - Teaching Strategies for Motivating/Engaging Students
- March 14, 2013 - Professional Development/Code of Ethics & Teacher Evaluation (evening session)
- March 25, 2013 - DI to Improve Achievement of Diverse Learners in an Inclusive Setting
- April 29, 2013 - Induction Banquet

Cost: Registration: \$170.00. Substitute for four days: \$320.00. Total cost: \$490.00. (District)

W-05-10/12 Robert Boyle, Assistant Junior-Senior High School Principal; Loraine Dodson (1), Secondary Guidance Counselor; *OPC, Blended School* in McKeystown on October 3-4, 2012, Cost: Meals: \$40.00. Travel: \$278.72. Total Cost: \$318.72. (Paid by Title II)

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

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3. Cafeteria

IC-01-10/12 Presentation: 2012-13 New Nutrition Standards for school breakfast and lunch programs - Mary Storer-Clawson.

4. Education

IE-13-10/12 2012-2013 statistical enrollment report (October 1 count) - Carole Kakabar.

E-02-10/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to authorize a service agreement with the Learning Lamp to provide online courses for Ferndale Area High School students at a cost of:

- 8 courses at \$275.00 each equals \$2,200 per student
- Technology Service Contract \$2,757 per student in Year 1 and \$1,550 per same student for subsequent years

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

IE-14-10/12 Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna/Stephen Thompson.

IE-15-10/12 Highlights
 -- District - Carole Kakabar
 -- Elementary - William Brotz
 -- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle

IE-16-10/12 Student Board Representatives Report.

5. Finance

F-05-04/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to authorize a new Bank Depository signature for the newly-elected officer. Record vote for the motion: Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey and Chobany. The motion carried.

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IF-04-10/12

Received notification from the Department of Education that the 2013-2014 Act 1 base index for allowable property tax increases is 1.7%. The adjusted index for Ferndale Area School District is 2.7%. Ferndale Area School District current tax millage is 69.05 which allows a maximum tax increase of 1.86 mills for 2013-2014 to comply with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006.

6.

Personnel

Mr Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-19-10/12 and P-20-10/12.

P-19-10/12

Approve the following mentor:

-- Ronald Jones for Matthew Claar, Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher

P-20-10/12

Authorize an AmeriCorps worker for the Junior-Senior High School starting as soon as possible and working through August 16, 2013, at a cost to the District of \$10,400. The District will appoint a Secondary certificated teacher to the position.

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

7.

Student Activities

ST-08-10/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Report, as submitted by Brian McDermott, High School Principal. Record vote for the motion: Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey and Chobany. The motion carried.

ST-09-10/12

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve Carly Priest as a Volunteer Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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2		ST-10-10/12 through ST-18-10/12.	2
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4	ST-10-10/12	Approve the K4 students field trip to West Hills Regional Fire	4
5		Department on October 18, 2012. No cost to District.	5
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7	ST-11-10/12	Approve approximately 25 students (Grades 10-12) attendance at Mount	7
8		Aloysius College's "Health Quest" on October 26, 2012. Cost:	8
9		Transportation: \$260.00. Substitute: \$80.00. Total Cost: \$340.00.	9
10		(Paid by District)	10
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12	ST-12-10/12	Approve approximately 20 students (Grades 10-12) attendance at the	12
13		First-Ever Youth Professional Development Conference on October 31,	13
14		2012, at Frank Pasquerilla Conference Center in Johnstown. Cost:	14
15		Transportation: \$90.00. (Paid by District)	15
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17	ST-13-10/12	Approve approximately 20 students (Grades 10-12) attendance at UPJ	17
18		"STEM Professionals Day" on November 7, 2012. Cost: Transportation:	18
19		\$90.00. Substitute: \$80.00. Total Cost: \$170.00. (Paid by District)	19
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21	ST-14-10/12	Approve approximately 20-25 students attendance at Penn State in	21
22		Altoona on November 9, 2012 for Accounting Career Day. Cost:	22
23		Transportation: \$375.00 (Paid by PICPA and Kotzan CPA &	23
24		Associates) Substitute: \$80.00. (Substitute paid by District)	24
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26	ST-15-10/12	Approve the Junior/Senior field trip to IUP on November 13, 2012 for a	26
27		campus tour and a presentation on admissions requirements, campus life	27
28		and support services. Cost: Transportation: \$194.00 (Paid by IUP)	28
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30	ST-16-10/12	Approve the French 1 & 2 students field trip to Quebec, Canada, on	30
31		January 24 - 28, 2013. Cost per student: \$675.00. (Paid by each	31
32		individual student, using fund-raising monies and/or personal funds.)	32
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34	ST-17-10/12	Approve approximately 10 Band students attendance at the County Band	34
35		Festival at Northern Cambria High School on November 29, 30, 2012.	35
36		Cost: Registration: \$200.00 (\$20.00 per student). Transportation:	36
37		\$500.00. Substitute: \$160.00. Total Cost: \$860.00. (Paid by District)	37
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39	ST-18-10/12	Approve approximately 50 Band students attendance at a Band exhibition	39
40		at Greater Johnstown High School on October 13, 2012. Cost:	40
41		Transportation: \$269.31. (Paid by Band Boosters)	41
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43		Record vote for the motion: Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna,	43
44		Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None.	44
45		Absent: Bailey and Chobany. The motion carried.	45

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8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-06-10/12 Lynn Bennett (1), Michelle Kuposko (1), Irene Olson (1), Eileen Zanke (1); *Foundation of Non-violent Crisis Intervention* in Duncansville on October 15, 2012. Cost: Registration for each: \$16.00. Substitute for one: \$80.00. Shared travel: \$45.00. Total Cost: \$189.00. (Paid by Access and District)

W-07-10/12 Stephen Thompson, Board Member; *PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference* in Hershey on October 17, 2012. Cost: Registration: \$249.00. Lodging: \$175.00. Travel: \$163.00. Total Cost: \$587.00. (Paid by District)

W-08-10/12 Rhonda Augustine (1), Lori Beck (1), Reading Specialists; *Coaching Clinic and PLNI Course* at Bellwood-Antis Myers Elementary School and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 in Altoona on September 14, 24, 2012, October 24, 2012, November 27, 2012, January 15, 2013, February 12, 2013. Cost: Shared Travel: \$344.00. Substitutes for two for six days: \$960.00. Total Cost: \$1,304.00. (Paid by Title I and Title II)

W-09-10/12 B. Wayne Lohr, State and Federal Programs Coordinator; *PDE/PAFPC Conference, Improving School Performance*, in Pittsburgh on January 27-30, 2013 Cost: Registration: \$335.00. Lodging: \$350.00. Meals: \$100.00. Transportation: \$94.35 Total Cost: \$879.35. (Paid by Title I)

W-10-10/12 B. Wayne Lohr, State and Federal Programs Coordinator; *PDE/PAFPC Annual Conference*, in Pittsburgh on April 14-17, 2013 Cost: Registration: \$350.00. Lodging: \$350.00. Meals: \$100.00. Transportation: \$94.35 Total Cost: \$894.35. (Paid by Title I)

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

VI.

Adjournment

The November Monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2012.

Discussed meeting to be held at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center.

- CTC overview and tour at 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. All were in favor.

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