



FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Board Room

February 20, 2008

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	I.	The February 20, 2008 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. Banks 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.		
	III.	Roll Call: Present: Ridley Banks, Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Edward Jones, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth. Richard Lucas and Barbara Penna - late. Student Board Representatives: Absent: Bradley Brosig and Alyse Callihan. Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Karen Soohy, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Kathleen Popchak, Food Service Director; Michael Stohon, In-Shore Technologies; Amanda Fitz, Jesse Gary, Heather Koehler, Dennis McClafferty, Students; James Popchak, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.		
	IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association		
	V.	Committees Agenda		
	IBD-50-02/08	Board Pictures were taken at the February 20, 2008 Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.		
	IBD-51-02/08	Student Board Representatives' Report. Mr. Lucas arrived at 6:07 p.m. Mrs. Penna arrived at 6:08 p.m.		
	IBD-52-02/08	Safe and Drug Free Schools - Judith Virgin.		
	IBD-53-02/08	The 10,000 Step Challenge: Staff Wellness - Stephanie Mino.		
	IBD-54-02/08	Technology Update - Michael Stohon and Karen Soohy.		

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IBD-55-02/08

PDE - Coordinated Review Effort/School Meals Initiative Review Audit -
 Kathy Popchak

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Board

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the February 20, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

BD-68-02/08

Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2008 Board Meeting and the February 7, 2008 Special Board Meeting, as presented.

BD-69-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 323 Tobacco Use or Possession, and adopt said policy.

BD-70-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 423 Tobacco Use or Possession, and adopt said policy.

BD-71-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 523 Tobacco Use or Possession, and adopt said policy.

BD-72-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 328 Administrator/ Supervisor Compensation Package, and adopt said policy.

BD-73-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 333 Professional Development, and adopt said policy.

BD-74-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 334 Sick Leave, and adopt said policy.

BD-75-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 337 Vacation, and adopt said policy.

BD-76-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 338 Sabbatical Leave, and adopt said policy.

BD-77-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 338.1 Compensated Professional Leaves, and adopt said policy.

BD-78-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 339 Uncompensated Leave, and said policy.

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BD-79-02/08

Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 536 Personal Necessity Leave, and said policy.

BG-14-02/08

Approve the request of the Cambria County Board of Elections Office to use the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough No. 2 General Primary Election on April 22, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BG-15-02/08

Approve the request of the National Honor Society to use the Ferndale Area High School Cafeteria, Kitchen, and Restrooms for a Spaghetti Dinner on March 9, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BG-16-02/08

Approve the request of Junior Olympic Volleyball to use the Ferndale Area High School Gymnasium and Restrooms for a Volleyball Clinic for Grades 4, 5, & 6 on March 1, 2008 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form, receipt of clearances, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

BG-17-02/08

Approve the request of Ferndale Girls' Volleyball to use the Ferndale Area High School and Middle School Gymnasiums, Locker Rooms and Restrooms for a Volleyball Tournament on April 26, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

F-25-02/08

Approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-26-02/08

Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

P-43-02/08

Approve Jessica Buday, Brad King, Thomas Menna, Randy Rokita, William Stuart, Becky Bickford, and Carol McKool to the substitute teachers' list.

P-44-02/08

Approve the following mentors:

- Daniel Burket for Lauren Birch, Science Teacher
- Kathleen Wojnarowski for Susan Leftwich, English Teacher
- Ronald Wilson for Janice Antal, Chemistry Teacher

P-45-02/08

Approve Ronald Wilson as Curriculum Science Chairperson (Grades 7-12) beginning the second semester of the 2007-08 school year.

P-46-02/08

Approve the resignation of Melissa Rzasa, Elementary Teacher, effective April 11, 2008.

1	ST-67-02/08	Approve the resignation of Joseph Arcurio as the Assistant Varsity	1
2		Baseball Coach, effective February 14, 2008.	2
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4	ST-68-02/08	Approve Ronald Wilson as the Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach for the	4
5		2007-08 season, at a salary of \$1,372, based on a 10-week season.	5
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7	ST-69-02/08	Approve the Foods II & Foods III students' field trip to IUP Culinary	7
8		School on February 22, 2008. Cost: Transportation: \$290.00. (District)	8
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10	ST-70-02/08	Approve the Senior Class' field trip to Bottleworks/Senior Life Center in	10
11		Johnstown on February 22, 2008. Cost: Transportation: \$160.00.	11
12		(District)	12
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14	W-46-02/08	Steven Brown, <i>Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines</i>	14
15		<i>Workshop</i> on March 12, 2008 in Johnstown. Cost: Registration: \$199.00.	15
16		Travel: \$10.00. Total Cost: \$209.00. (District)	16
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18	W-47-02/08	Belinda Penrod, Elementary Aide (1), <i>The Heights of Delight: Fostering a</i>	18
19		<i>Lover of Reading Conference</i> on April 4, 2008 at St. Francis College.	19
20		Registration: \$70.00. Travel: \$16.00. Total Cost: \$86.00. (District)	20
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22	W-48-02/08	Jessica Dobson (4); Kathleen Wojnarowski (1); <i>Helping the Child or</i>	22
23		<i>Adolescent with Mental Health Issues Succeed at School</i> on March 14,	23
24		2008 in Monroeville. Cost: Registration for each: \$149.00. Meals for	24
25		each: \$25.00. Substitute for one: \$80.00. Shared Travel: \$60.00. Total	25
26		Cost: \$488.00. (District)	26
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28	W-49-02/08	John Kowal, <i>PASBO Commonwealth Budget Seminar</i> on February 21,	28
29		2008 in Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration: \$75.00. Meal: \$20.00. Travel:	29
30		\$100.00. Total Cost: \$195.00. (District)	30
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32	IBD-56-02/08	District Highlights - Christine Oldham.	32
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34	IBD-57-02/08	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Talking Points Regarding	34
35		GJCTC Future Costs - Barbara Penna.	35
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37	IBD-58-02/08	A letter along with a check for reimbursement for cleaning and the	37
38		replacement of two folding tables was sent to Ferndale United Methodist	38
39		Church following the January evacuation.	39
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41	IBD-59-02/08	High School monitors were discussed.	41
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1	IBD-60-02/08	Ferndale Bridge Rehabilitation was discussed.	1
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3	2.	Buildings and Grounds	3
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5	IBG-07-02/08	Pedestrian crossing signs for Clay Street have been received by Ferndale	5
6		Borough.	6
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8	3.	Cafeteria	8
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14	E-13-02/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the	14
15		following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District for the	15
16		2008-09 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.	16
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18		-- Technology Education, Introduction to Technology (Grade 7)	18
19		-- Technology Education, Exploring Technology (Grade 8)	19
20		-- Technology Education, Expanding Technology (Grades 9-12)	20
21		-- Technology Education, Advanced Technology (Grades 10-12)	21
22		-- Technology Education, Manufacturing Enterprise (Grades 11-12)	22
23		-- Technology Education, 3D Solids and Parametric Modeling	23
24		(Grades 11-12)	24
25		-- Technology Education, Architectural Drafting and Design	25
26		(Grades 11-12)	26
27		-- Technology Education, Engineering Design and Development	27
28		(Grade 12)	28
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30	IE-19-02/08	Congratulations to the Junior/Senior High students for receiving a bronze	30
31		medal designation by U.S. News and World Report for the 2005-06 school	31
32		year.	32
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34	IE-20-02/08	The following seniors and juniors have accepted the invitation to join the	34
35		Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society:	35
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37		Jessica Tighe	37
38		Katrina Vivis	38
39		Catherine Bennett	39
40		Bradley Brosig	40
41		Rachel Dorchak	41
42		Kayla Kohler	42
43		Kaitlyn McMullen	43
44		Alexandra Ratliff	44
45		Leah Weingartner	45
		Taylor Wyar	
		Cayla Zahoran	
		Inductions will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the Ferndale Area	
		High School Auditorium.	

1	IE-21-02/08	Discipline Committee - Edward Moran.	1
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3	IE-22-02/08	The Dual Enrollment Grant was submitted on February 14, 2008.	3
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7	F-27-02/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the	7
8		purchase and adoption of the following textbooks for the 2008-09 school	8
9		year, at a cost of \$3400.50. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue,	9
10		Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion:	10
11		None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.	11
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13		-- <i>Technology: Shaping Our World, 6th Ed.</i> Goodheart-Willcox	13
14		Company, 2008, Grades 7-8, at a cost of \$1,650.00 (Project 720)	14
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16		-- <i>Expanding Technology: Engineering and Design,</i> Glencoe/McGraw	16
17		Hill, 2008, Grades 9-12; at a cost of \$1,086.75 (Project 720)	17
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19		-- <i>Advanced Technology: Technology,</i> Goodheart-Willcox Company,	19
20		2008, Grades 9-12; at a cost of 663.75 (Project 720)	20
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22	IF-24-02/08	Received a letter from Connie Derr, PDE, approving Ferndale Area	22
23		School District's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2006	23
24		as being substantially in compliance with Office of Management and	24
25		Budget Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth	25
26		policy.	26
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28	IF-25-02/08	Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.	28
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30	6.	Personnel	30
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32	P-47-02/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to provide the	32
33		Superintendent with the required notice of intent to renew and extend	33
34		her contract for an additional five (5) years from July 1, 2008 through	34
35		June 20, 2013, and terms of renewal. Record vote for the motion:	35
36		Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against	36
37		the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion	37
38		carried.	38
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40	IP-04-02/08	Received a letter from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 thanking	40
41		B. Wayne Lohr for presenting at the Improving School Performance	41
42		Conference.	42
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7. Student Activities

IST-07-02/08

Greater Johnstown School District did not approve the Ferndale Area School District's request for a cooperative sponsorship of Boys'/Girls' Soccer and Tennis.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for personnel, a student matter, and a contractual matter. The Executive Session ended at 9:55 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.