

1	I.	The April 18, 2007 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 6:02 p.m.	1
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5	II.	Pledge of Allegiance	5
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7		Notice was given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board conducted in the Board Room is tape recorded and entry constitutes consent to the taping of any individual who comments.	7
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11	III.	Roll Call: Present: Ridley Banks, Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, Gary Eisenhuth, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Richard Lucas. Jeffrey Stewart - late.	11
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15		Student Board Representatives Present: Richard Henry, and Kristina Strosico. Absent: Alyse Callihan.	15
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18		Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Teacher; Sarah Priest; Jason Dunbar, Stephanie Makin, Samantha Mikulsky, Matt Meyers, Mindy Niessner, Leah Weingartner, Students; Mae Altman; Linda Berkebile, Robin Berkebile, Laurie Blasko, Christie Chandler, Ebin Chandler, Gage Coval, Michelle Deffenbaugh, Jason Dunbar, Chasity Ribblett-Cummings, John Cummings; John Daily, Paula Daily, Matt Meyers, Lisa Mied, Desiree Sirko, Paula Speicher, Diane Weingartner, Parents; Scott Miles, Elementary Wrestling; Michelle Hershberger, Recording Secretary.	18
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31	IBD-56-04/07	Board Pictures were taken at the April 18, 2007 Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	31
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33	IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association	33
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35	V.	Committees Agenda	35
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38	IBD-57-04/07	Eileen Zanke and Robert Knipple, UPJ, - Project Click Save	38
39		Jeffrey Stewart arrived at 6:47 p.m.	39
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41	IBD-58-04/07	Diane Weingartner addressed the Board regarding a student matter.	41
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43	IBD-59-04/07	Elementary Wrestlers addressed the Board.	43
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45	IBD-60-04/07	Glenn Wagner discussed pay increases for officials and game help.	45

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Board

IBD-61-04/07

Student Board Representatives' Report.

BD-47-04/07

Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve BD-48-04/07 and BD-49-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-48-04/07

Approve, as read, the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:

300 ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

322 Gifts

600 FINANCES

601 Fiscal Objectives

602 Budget Planning

603 Budget Preparation

604 Budget Adoption

605 Tax Levy

606 Tax Collection

607 Tuition Income

608 Bank Accounts

609 Investment of District Funds

611 Purchases Budgeted

612 Purchases Not Budgeted

613 Cooperative Purchasing

614 Payroll Authorization

615 Payroll Deductions

616 Payment of Bills

617 Petty Cash

619 District Audit

622 GASB Statement 34

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BD-49-04/07

Approve, as read, the Second Reading of the following revised policies and adopt said policies:

600 FINANCES

621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve BD-50-04/07 and BD-51-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-50-04/07

Approve, as modified, the First Reading of the following policies:

400 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

401 Creating a Position

406 Employment of Summer School Staff

407 Student Teachers/Interns

409 Assignment and Transfer

410 Abolishing a Position

411 Suspensions and Furloughs

414.1 HIV Infection

419 Outside Activities

420 Freedom of Speech in Noninstructional Settings

421 Political Activities

422 Gifts

425 Dress and Grooming

431 Job Related Expenses

432 Working Periods

434 Sick Leave

436 Personal Necessity Leave

451 Drug and Substance Abuse

200 PUPILS

200 Enrollment

203.1 HIV Infection

204 Attendance

205 Postgraduate Students

207 Confidential Communications of Students

208 Withdrawal from School

211 Student Accident Insurance

215 Promotion and Retention

218.2 Terroristic Threats/Acts

220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

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BD-51-04/07

- 221 Dress and Grooming
- 224 Care of School Property
- 225 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 228 Student Government
- 229 Student Fundraising
- 230 Public Performances by Students
- 231 Social Events and Class Trips
- 234 Pregnant/Married Students
- 236 Student Assistance Program

Approve, as modified, the First Reading of the following revised policies:

400 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

- 404 Employment of Professional Employees
- 405 Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
- 413 Evaluation of Temporary Professional Employees
- 414 Physical Examination
- 424 Personnel Files
- 433 Professional Development
- 448 Unlawful Harassment

200 PUPILS

- 201 Admission of Students
- 201.1 Student Obtaining Age of Majority
- 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 203 Communicable Diseases and Immunization
- 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- 209.1 Head Lice
- 210 Use of Medication
- 210.1 Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers
- 212 Reporting Student Progress
- 213 Assessment of Student Progress
- 214 Class Rank
- 217 Graduation Requirements
- 218 Student Discipline
- 218.1 Weapons
- 219 Student Complaint Process
- 222 Tobacco Use/Possession
- 226 Locker Searches
- 226.1 Student Searches
- 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion

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- 235 Student Rights/Surveys
- 237 Electronic Devices
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- 246 Student Wellness
- 247 Hazing
- 248 Unlawful Harassment
- 250 Student Recruitment
- 251 Homeless Students

IBD-62-04/07 Distribute policies:

100 PROGRAMS

BD-52-04/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to adopt the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR 300.124 through 300.382 and Use of Funds by School District. The Policies and Procedures are implemented to fulfill the requirements of 22 Pa. Code, Chapter 14 and the regulatory requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part B. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-63-04/07 High School Highlights - Steven Brown

District Highlights - Christine Oldham

IBD-64-04/07 Highlights of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee.

IBD-65-04/07 Teacher Appreciation Day was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. in the Elementary Library for the Elementary School Staff and Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 2:45 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria for the High School Staff. All Board Members are invited to attend.

IBD-66-04/07 Received a bereavement thank you from the family of Dorothy Leberknight.

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2. Buildings and Grounds

BG-23-04/07

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the request of Johnstown Recreation to use the baseball/softball field for Colt Baseball Mondays through Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May 29, 2007 through July 13, 2007. 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. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-04-04/07

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the purchase and adoption of the following textbook/supporting resources for the 2007-08 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

-- *Magruder's American Government*, Prentice Hall, 2007, Grades 9-12, at an approximate cost of \$5,800 (Project 720)

-- *Advanced Chemistry*, Thomson Learning, 2006, Grades 11-12, at an approximate cost of \$2,937 (Project 720 - \$1,500 & District - \$1,437)

E-05-04/07

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following courses. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

-- Changing 12th Grade Psychology from a full year 1 credit course to a semester .5 credit course.

-- New Course - Sociology Semester
 12th Grade .5 credit

-- New Course - Introductory Crafts Semester
 9-12th Grade .5 credit

-- New Course - Art Appreciation Semester
 10-12th Grade .5 credit

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- Technology Cycle Class
7th Grade
- Word Processing Cycle Class
8th Grade
- Word Processing Semester
9th Grade .5 Credit
- Spreadsheet Semester
10th Grade .5 Credit

E-06-04/07

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve changes to the graduation requirements. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The following are required for graduation:

- * 4 credits in English
- 7 credits in Math and Science with no more than 4 credits in either area (GJCTC students - 3 credits in Math and 3 credits in Science)
- * 4 credits in Social Studies
- 2 credits in Foreign Language
- 2.5 credits in Health and Physical Education (GJCTC students - 1 credit)
- 1 credit in Computer Science
- .5 credit for the Graduation Project
- 4 credits in Electives (student selects additional courses from among those approved for credit toward graduation by the school district, including approved vocational education courses)
- Completion of 75 points in Independent Reading (Accelerated Reader)
- Demonstration of proficiency of PA Academic Standards through either the PSSA or the FASD Local Assessment

*= Courses required for students attending the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (GJCTC)

Total number of credits for graduation: 25

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5. Finance

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve F-34-04/07 and F-35-04/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

F-34-04/07 Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-35-04/07 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-36-04/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the following 2007-2008 Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Major Medical rates. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

	TRADITIONAL		PPO BLUE	
	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
Employee Only	371.92	371.92	364.33	364.33
Employee and Child	804.61	804.61	816.92	816.92
Employee and Children	862.99	862.99	816.92	816.92
Employee and Spouse	980.29	980.29	958.28	958.28
Employee and Family	1,038.67	1,038.67	1,014.61	1,014.61
Family Major Medical	287.77	287.77		
Individual Major Medical	106.96	106.96		

F-37-04/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IF-23-04/07 Ferndale Area High School applied for a Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Grant of up to \$500. The Grant will be used toward Post Prom activities.

IF-24-04/07 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

The Board took a short recess at 8:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

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Personnel

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve P-74-04/07 and P-75-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-74-04/07

Approve Charles Baldauf to the substitute support staff list.

P-75-04/07

Approve Allison Arcurio, Heather Becker, Amy Ergas, David Finney, Lisa Freidhoff, Cathy Garlesky, Kelly Miller, Geraldine Patterson, and Darla Trent to the substitute teachers list.

P-76-04/07

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve permission to post and advertise the Family & Consumer Science Teaching position. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-77-04/07 and P-78-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-77-04/07

Approve a Weight Room Supervisor job description.

P-78-04/07

Approve permission to post the position of a Weight Room Supervisor.

P-79-04/07

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve Dr. Rocco Mantini as the Ferndale Area School District dentist at a stipend of \$4.25 per student. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-80-04/07

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve J.D. Jones as the Driver Education Teacher, pending clearances, at a stipend of \$21.00 per hour. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

IP-04-04/07

Received a letter of appreciation from UPJ thanking Edward Moran for participating in the "Student Teacher Seminar."

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Student Activities

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve ST-35-04/07, ST-36-04/07, ST-37-04/07, and ST-38-04/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

ST-35-04/07

The second grade field trip to the 21st Pittsburgh International Children's Festival on May 16, 2007. Cost: Transportation: \$850.00 Admission: \$360.00 Total Cost of \$1,210.00 (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)

ST-36-04/07

The fourth grade field trip to Lincoln Caverns on June 1, 2007. Cost: Transportation: \$700.00. Admission: \$634.50. Total Cost of \$1,334.50. (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)

ST-37-04/07

The sixth grade field trip to Carnegie Museum, Carnegie Science Center, and UPMC Sportsworks on May 10, 2007. Cost: Transportation: \$1,050.00 Admission: \$1,029.00 Total Cost of \$2,079.00 (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)

ST-38-04/07

The first grade field trip to Cresson Lake Theatre/Chuck-e-Cheese on May 10, 2007. Cost: Transportation: \$380.00 Admission: \$304.00 Meals: \$509.15 Total Cost: \$1,193.15. (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)

ST-39-04/07

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve permission to issue a letter of support to the PIHL for a cooperative agreement between Ferndale Area and Conemaugh Township hockey. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IST-06-04/07

The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior Prom will be held at Green Gables on Friday, May 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

IST-07-04/07

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

IST-08-04/07

The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on May 26, 2007.

IST-09-04/07

Fernstock will be held on June 5, 2007 in the Ferndale Area Elementary Gymnasium.

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8. Workshops

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following conferences/workshops. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Banks. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

W-39-04/07 Ridley Banks, *PSBA Regional 5 Annual Meeting* in Altoona on April 30, 2007. Cost: Registration: \$18.00.

W-40-04/07 Jessica Dobson (3), *TEACCH for Autism* in Harrisburg on May 1, 2, 2007. Cost: Registration: \$225.00. Lodging: \$200.00. Meals: \$50.00. Travel: \$150.00. Substitute: \$200.00. Total Cost: \$825.00. (Title IIA)

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. for personnel and student matters. The Executive Session ended at 10:03 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. All were in favor.