FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
February 26, 2025

I. The February 26, 2025 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area School District, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Boyle at 6:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Moment of Contemplation

Notice is given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board to be conducted in this room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes consent to the taping of any individual who comments.

Please note Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings is posted on the bulletin board in the Board Room.

IV. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Barry Himes, Kimberly Kinsey, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, David Gates, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Stephanie Mino, FAEA/Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

IBD-13-02/25 Student Board Representatives Report.

IBD-14-02/25 Reviewed the following policies. (Jeffrey Boyer)

-- Policy No. 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
-- Revised Policy No. 816 Social Media

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve BD-40-02/25 through BD-43-02/25.

BD-40-02/25 Waive the First Reading of the following policies:

-- Policy No. 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
-- Revised Policy No. 816 Social Media

BD-41-02/25 Approve as read the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:

-- Policy No. 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
-- Revised Policy No. 816 Social Media

BD-42-02/25 Approve the resignation of John Rutledge, School Board Director, Region 3, Brownstown, Lorain, Middle Taylor, effective at the end of the February 12, 2025 Board Workshop.

BD-43-02/25 Approve the February 26, 2025 Board Meeting Consent Agenda (BD-44-02/25 through W-62-02/25).

BD-44-02/25 Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2025 and February 5, 2025 Board Meetings, as presented.

BG-20-02/25 Approve the request of the Westmont Hilltop School District, Responsible Officer David Roman, Jr., to use the Elementary Gymnasium for basketball practice, January 26, 2025, 1:30 pm to 3:0 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-21-02/25 Approve the request of Ferndale Area PTO, Responsible Officer Katrina Vivis, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, table and chairs for a Someone Special Girls' Dance on March 1, 2025 from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs, pending receipt of certificate of liability insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.

BG-22-02/25 Approve the request of Ferndale Area PTO, Responsible Officer Katrina Vivis, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, table and chairs for a Someone Special Boys' Dance on March 8, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs, pending receipt of certificate of liability insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.

BG-23-02/25 Approve the request of Ferndale Area PTO, Responsible Officer Katrina Vivis, to use the Elementary Gymnasium for an Easter Egg Hunt for grades PreK-3 on April 12, 2025 from 10:00 am. – 11:00 am., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs, pending receipt of certificate of liability insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.

BG-24-02/25 Approve the following van driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year:

-- Nicholas Getson

IE-24-02/25 The following has been assigned as student teachers (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School, February - March.

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Alicia Fyock	Megan Carbaugh	PreK4
Briar Sheets	Sarah Riffle	Kindergarten

IE-25-02/25 The following has been assigned as student teacher (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area High School, January - April.

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Benjamin Cotchen	Michael Harrison	Social Studies

IE-26-02/25 The following has been assigned as a student teacher (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School, March - April.

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Baylee Mickey	Scott Beckner	Second Grade

F-26-02/25 Approve the January Treasurer's Report.

F-27-02/25 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-19-02/25 Receipts and disbursements.

IF-20-02/25 The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance (October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024) is 4,236.66. Ferndale Class of 1961 made a $540.00 donation.

ST-64-02/25 Approve four students participation in the Forensics Competition at Richland High School on February 15, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $345.00. (District)

ST-65-02/25 Approve the Interact Club (15 students) field trip to the Cambria County Backpack Project in Johnstown on April 25, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $145.00. Substitute for two: $200.00. Total Cost: $345.00. (District)

ST-66-02/25 Approve the Interact Club (15 students) field trip to the Cambria County Backpack Project in Johnstown on May 2, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $145.00. Substitute for two: $200.00. Total Cost: $345.00. (District)

ST-67-02/25 Approve the PK3 - 4 students field trip to Heritage Discovery Center Children's Museum on May 8, 2025. Cost: Admission: $141.50. Transportation: $195.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Nurse: $150.00. (District)

ST-68-02/25 Approve the Kindergarten students field trip to Vale Wood Farms in Loretto on May 1, 2025. Cost: Admission: $376.00. Transportation: $390.00. Total Cost: $766.00. (District)

ST-69-02/25 Approve the First Grade students field trip to Living Treasures on May 2, 2025. Cost: Admission: $500.00. Transportation: $515.00. Total Cost: $1015.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)

ST-70-02/25 Approve the Third Grade students field trip to Somerset Historical Society/Shaffers Ice Cream on May 5, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $350.00. Substitute Nurse: $150.00. Total Cost: $500.00. (District) Somerset Trust will pay for admission.

ST-71-02/25 Approve Fourth Grade students field trip to Old Bedford Village on May 14, 2025. Cost: Admission: $783.00. Transportation: $930.00. Substitute Nurse: $150.00. Total Cost: $1,863.00. (District)

ST-72-02/25 Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Camp Harmony on May 13, 2025. Cost: Admission: $540.00. Transportation: $300.00. Total Cost: $840.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute Nurse: $150.00. (District)

ST-73-02/25 Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Penn Highland Community College – One Book Event on May 19, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $290.00. Substitute Nurse: $150.00. Total Cost: $340.00. (District)

ST-74-02/25 Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to 1st Summit Area to learn about area/hockey on February 20, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $220.00. Substitute Nurse: $150.00. Total Cost: $370.00. (District)

ST-75-02/25 Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Acrisure Stadium on May 13, 2025. Cost: Tour: $900.00. Transportation: $1,050.00. Substitute Nurse: $120.00. Total Cost: $2,100.00. (District)

ST-76-02/25 Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Penn Highlands Community College – One Book Event on May 21, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $290.00. Substitute Nurse: $150.00. Total Cost: $340.00. (District)

ST-77-02/25 Approve three students participation in the Forensics Competition at Saint Francis University on March 3-4, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $1,015.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $1,215.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-53-02/25 Sarah Riffle, Kindergarten Teacher; *ECRI – Comprehension and Vocabulary Workshop*, January 29, 2025, IU8 Duncansville. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $37.50. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $152.50. (District)

W-54-02/25 Kimberly Karcher, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher; *From Bean to Bar: Exploring Food Systems Through the Lens of Chocolate Workshop*, February 17, 2025, Chatham University, Gibsonia. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $107.66. Total Cost: $122.66. (District)

W-55-02/25 Tyler Sarlouis, Third Grade Teacher; *CRA Math – Multiplication and Division Workshop,* February 21, 2025, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Mileage: $77.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $177.00. (District)

W-56-02/25 Lori McGough, Food Service Director; *Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Conference 2025*, March 11-14, 2025, Hershey. Cost: Registration: $389.00. (Food Service Account)

W-57-02/25 Lori McGough, Food Service Director; *School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania Director Workshop*, March 17-18, 2025, Seven Springs. Registration: $199.00. Lodging: $149.95. Mileage: $104.00. Total Cost: $452.95.

W-58-02/25 Leigh Ann Dunn, Madison Leitenberger, Mallory Peters, Special Education Teachers; *Simplifying IEP Paperwork Webinar*, March 25, 2025. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-59-02/25 Mackenzie Sarka, ELA Teacher; *Keystones Technology Innovator Summit*, July 21-25, 2025, Shippensburg University. Cost: Registration: $150.00. Mileage: $149.50. Total Cost: $299.00. (District)

W-60-02/25 Madison Crum, Special Education Teacher; *IU8 Secondary Transition Network,* March 4, 2025, GJCTC. No cost to the District.

W-61-02/25 Madison Crum, Special Education Teacher; *Increase Your Success in Working with Students with High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders Webinar,* March 10, 2025, GJCTC. Registration: $295.00. (District)

W-62-02/25 William Brotz, Assistant Superintendent/JSHS Principal; *PA Association Federal Programs Coordinators Annual Conference*, May 11-13, 2025, Hershey. Cost: Registration: $550.00. Lodging: $419.00. Meals: $150.00. Mileage and Tolls: $204.42. Total Cost: $1,323.42. (District)

W-63-02/25 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education and Student Services; *CASE Discipline Boot Camp Webinar*, March 7, 2025. Cost: Registration: $350.00. (District)

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Personnel

P-41-02/25 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to extend the term of the Superintendent for a period of five years commencing January 1, 2026 and to run for a period up through December 31, 2030, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the employment agreement between the parties. The Superintendent shall sign and execute a formal agreement in compliance with the provision of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and Act 141 of 2012. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve P-42-02/25 and P-43-02/25.

P-42-02/25 Approve Madison Crum as a Homebound Instructor for a High School Student up to 5 hours per week starting February 24, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

P-43-02/25 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:

-- Detention Monitor-1 hour session-Secondary – Christina Fosbrink, Kimberly Karcher, Mallory Peters

-- Detention Monitor-3 hour session-Secondary – Christina Fosbrink, Kimberly Karcher, Mallory Peters

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

5. Education

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve E-37-02/25 through E-42-02/25.

E-37-02/25 Approve to modify the student cyber educational enhancement program for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

E-38-02/25 Approve an Agreement with The Meadows for educational services for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and/or 2027-2028 school years.

E-39-02/25 Approve an Agreement with Interim HealthCare for health care staffing services from February 11, 2025 through February 28, 2025.

E-40-02/25 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services to be provided to nonpublic school - Cambria County Christian School for the 2024-2025 school year. (Title I)

E-41-02/25 Approve an Agreement with Seneca Valley School District for cyber services for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2008-2029, 2029-2030 school years.

E-42-02/25 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for a Special Education Aide for 2024-2025 school year:

-- Special Education Aide, Stanley Pisarski

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

IE-27-02/25 The book "*And Then There Were None"* by Agatha Christie was discussed at the February 12, 2025 Board Workshop.

E-43-02/25 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel for use in English 12 - *And Then There Were None.* Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

E-44-02/25 Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to remove from the table Item E-35-01/25 (January 22, 2025 Board Meeting)

Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novels, as presented, for use in English 10 at an estimated cost of $400.

- *This is Where it Ends*
- *The Hate U Give*
- *Cracked*
- *All the Bright Places*
- *Wintergirls*
- *Where I Live*
- *Violent Ends*
- *Dear Evan Hansen*
- *Eleanor and Park*

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve E-45-02/25 through E-53-02/25.

E-45-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *This is Where it Ends*

E-46-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *The Hate U Give*

E-47-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *Cracked*

E-48-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *All the Bright Places*

E-49-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *Wintergirls*

E-50-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *Where I Live*

E-51-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *Violent Ends*

E-52-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *Dear Evan Hansen*

E-53-02/25 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following novel, as presented, for use in English 10 - *Eleanor and Park*

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: McKendree – ST-45-02/25 only. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
Mr. Moschgat left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

E-54-02/25 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve as presented changes to the 2025-2026 Junior-Senior High School Courses. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

The following were discussed at the February 12, 2025 Board Workshop:

IE-28-02/25 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe

IE-29-02/25 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Richard Pavic)

6. Finance

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve F-28-02/25 through F-29-02/25.

F-28-02/25 Approve the tentatively adopted 2025-2026 Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Joint Operating Committee Projected Secondary Budget.

Projected Secondary Budget: $7,826,912.00

F-29-02/25 Approve the tentatively adopted 2025-2026 Joint Operating Committee Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Adult/Workforce Development and Grants and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets, as follows:

Adult/Workforce Development Budget	$2,016,390.98
Grants and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets	$403,000.00

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-78-02/25 through ST-82-02/25.

ST-78-02/25 Post and/or advertise the following coaching positions for the 2025-2026 season:

-- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Head Varsity Cheerleading Advisor
-- Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Advisor
-- Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor

Approve the following coaches for the 2024-2025 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

ST-79-02/25 *Arthur McClucas, Hollsopple, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-80-02/25 *James Allison, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Junior High Baseball Coach.

Approve the following coaches for the 2025-2026 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

ST-81-02/25 Rebecca Tallari, Johnstown, Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-82-02/25 Erin Gray, Johnstown, Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The March Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The March Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. All were in favor.