FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Agenda
Board Room
March 26, 2025

I. The March 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, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, Kimberly Washington, Patricia Wilson. Absent: James McKendree, Jason Moschgat.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, David Gates, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Stephanie Mino, FAEA/Resident; Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Josh Byers, Tribune Democrat; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

IBD-15-03/25 Student Board Representatives Report.

1. Board

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve BD-46-03/25 and BD-47-03/25.

BD-46-03/25 Approve $200.00 for an Ad for two students for 2025 Cambria & Somerset Outstanding Young Women Scholarship Program.

BD-47-03/25 Approve the March 26, 2025 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-48-03/25 through W-67-03/25).

BD-48-03/25 Approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2025 and March 11, 2025 Board Meetings, as presented.

BG-25-03/25 Approve the request of Bases Loaded, Responsible Officer Shawn Furfari, to use the baseball field for practices, March 28, 2025 - May 31, 2025, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, 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.

IE-30-03/25 The following has been assigned as a student teacher (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area High School, March 12, 2025 – April 15, 2025

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Jade Williams	Erika Stern	Math

IE-31-03/25 Emilee Mottle resigned as an Ignite Classroom Aide.

F-30-03/25 Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-31-03/25 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-21-03/25 Receipts and disbursements.

ST-83-03/25 Approve 11th & 12th Grade (12 students) field trip to Penn Highlands Community College, March 21, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $175.00. (District)

ST-84-03/25 Approve the Elementary Reading Team (7 students) participation in a reading competition at Forest Hills High School on April 1, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $330.00. Substitutes: $200.00. Total Cost: $530.00. (District)

ST-85-03/25 Approve the Senior High Reading Team (8 students) participation in a reading competition at Forest Hills High School on April 2, 2025. Cost: Registration: $100.00. Transportation: $250.00. Total Cost: $350.00. (District)

ST-86-03/25 Approve two students participation in a Forensics competition at Bloomsburg University on May 21, 2025. Transportation: School Car.

ST-87-03/25 Approve the STEAM (16 students) field trip to Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh on May 12, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $590.00. (Grant pays $500.00) Substitutes for three: $300.00. (District)

ST-88-03/25 Approve a student attendance at the NCFL National Forensics Tournament, May 23-26, 2025, Chicago, Illinois. Cost: Registration: $50.00. Lodging for two: $916.00. Transportation: $500.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $1,566.00. (District)

ST-89-03/25 Approve Juniors/Seniors (4 students) interested in the health fields field trip to Conemaugh Memorial on March 27, 2025. No cost to District.

ST-90-03/25 Approve the Esports Team (12 students) field trip to Saint Francis University JFK Student Center on April 15, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $385.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $$485.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-62-03/25 Jennifer Gorzelsky, Reading Specialist; *ELA Resource Fair*, March 18, 2025, Altoona. Cost: Mileage: $53.20. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $153.20. (District)

W-63-03/25 Kimberly Karcher, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher; *FCS Peer Mentor Program – Peer Mentor Observation*, March 11, 2025, Greensburg-Salem High School. Cost: Mileage: $54.60. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $154.670. (District)

W-64-03/25 Brenda Hart, Payroll Clerk, *PA School ERP Pro User Group – Payroll and Human Resources Session*, March 25, 2025, Duncansville. Cost: Mileage: $20.00. (District)

W-65-03/25 Lori Pauley, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable, *PA School ERP Pro User Meeting*, March 26, 2025, Altoona. Cost: Mileage: $25.90. (District)

W-66-03/25 Brenda Hart, Payroll Clerk, *PSERS 2025 Employer Spring Workshop*, April 23, 2025, Altoona. Cost: Mileage: $20.00. (District)

W-67-03/25 Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent, *2025 Superintendent Retreat*, September 17-19, 2025, Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration, Hotel, Meals: $1,100.00. (District)

IBD-16-03/25 Election of Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors.

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-02-03/25 Frank J. DiLoreto, PE with EADS Group for high school ballfield easement discussion and sidewalk project near the high school. (David Gates)

IBG-03-03/25 Buildings and Grounds Discussion (David Gates)

BG-26-03/25 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Washington, to approve the Transit Shelter Agreement between Borough of Ferndale and Ferndale Area School District. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, Pavic, Thompson, Washington, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: McKendree, Moschgat. The motion carried.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve E-55-03/25 through E-60-03/25.

E-55-03/25 Approve the 2025-2026 PreK-12 Academic Calendar.

E-56-03/25 Approve an Agreement between Alternative Community Resource Program and Ferndale Area School District to provide extended school year services.

E-57-03/25 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to participate in the Elementary Behavior Intervention Classroom for the 2025-2026 school year, housed at Forest Hills Elementary School, at a cost of $12,887.71.

E-58-03/25 Renew an Agreement between Ignite Education Solutions and Ferndale Area School District for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth educational services for the 2025-2026 school year.

E-59-03/25 Renew a Cooperative Agreement between Mount Aloysius College and Ferndale Area School District for participation in the College In High School Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

E-60-03/25 Approve the following Dual Enrollment class to be offered in the 2025-2026 school year:

Mount Aloysius:
-- Calculus (TBD)
Math 112, College Algebra (3 credits)

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

The following were discussed at the March 19, 2025 Board Workshop:

IE-31-03/25 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-32-03/25 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Washington, to approve F-32-03/25 through F-33-03/25.

F-32-03/25 Approve a five-year contract (2025-2030) with CJAWS, as presented.

F-33-03/25 Approve the 2025-2026 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget.

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

IF-22-03/25 Finance/Budget Discussion (David Gates)

IF-23-03/25 The Business Manager signed an agreement to renew the District's Voluntary Benefit Policy through Sun Life/CM Regent Solutions with no increase in rates through June 30, 2028.

6. Personnel

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-43-03/25 and P-44-03/25.

P-43-03/25 Employ Destiny Sheriff as a Special Education Aide at the Junior-Senior High School, at a stipend of $15.00 per hour with limited benefits, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

IP-04-03/25 Discussion on "Employee Stipends" for recruiting students to Ferndale Area who were enrolled in "Outside Cyber Schools" as of December 1, 2024.

P-44-03/25 Approve an Employee Stipend for recruiting students to Ferndale Area who were enrolled in "Outside Cyber Schools" as of December 1, 2024, as presented.

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

7. Student Activities

IST-06-03/25 Winter sports wrap-up and Spring sports preview (Stephen Clawson)

IST-07-03/25 Discussion on financial assistance for Senior class trip to Hershey Park.

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve ST-91-03/25 and ST-92-03/25.

ST-91-03/25 Approve the Senior Class field trip to Hershey Park on May 16, 2025. Cost: $1,800. Transportation paid by the District. Substitutes for two: $200.00.

ST-92-03/25 Approve Beth Barnes as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The April Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025. The April Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 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.