FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
June 18, 2025

I. The June 18, 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 6:00 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, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, Patricia Wilson. Absent: Kimberly Kinsey, James McKendree, Kimberly Washington.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Stephanie Mino, Christy Sweeney, FAEA/Resident; Scott Beckner, Kathleen McCreery, Laura Miller, Amy Schmidt, FAEA; Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Michael Porembka, New Story Schools; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

The Board went into an Executive Session for personal and Mandated Act 44 Security Update at 6:04 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 6:22 p.m.

Lynn Bennett, FAEA, stated FAEA pass the MOU for Dean of Students, and addressed the Board regarding teachers driving vans and student integrated back in the classroom.

IBD-22-06/25 Adam Barbe – Painting Presentation.

IST-08-06/25 A discussion was held on inclusion of Westmont Hilltop School District to the Competitive Cheerleading Co-Op (Stephen Clawson)

VI. Committees Agenda

The Board held an Executive Session at the May 28, 2025 Board Meeting at 6:55 p.m. for legal matters. The Executive Session ended at 7:20 p.m.

The Board held an Executive Session at the June 11, 2025 Board Workshop at 6:44 p.m. for legal matters. The Executive Session ended at 6:54 p.m.

1. Board

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve BD-64-06/25 and BD-65-06/25.

BD-64-06/25 Notify the Greater Johnstown Schools' Healthcare Consortium and its participating School Districts of Ferndale Area School District's intent to withdraw from the Consortium effective July 1, 2026. Be it further resolved the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager shall undertake the necessary steps to give nine (9) months' notice of this Intent to Withdraw from the Consortium effective July 1, 2026, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.03 of the Second Amended Agreement and By-Laws of the Greater Johnstown School's Healthcare Consortium.

BD-65-06/25 Approve the June 18, 2025 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-66-06/25 through W-76-06/25).

BD-66-06/25 Approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-35-06/25 Approve the request of Brian Hale, Inc., Responsible Officer Brian Hale, to use the baseball field for softball and baseball practices, June through August, various days and times, 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.

IC-01-06/25 All students' breakfast and lunch meals are free for the 2025-2029 school years due to the Community Eligibility Program CEP Grant. Adult lunches are $4.85 and breakfast is $3.00.

IE-39-06/25 The District will add the "Current Events" course to the 2025-2026 Course Catalog. This is not a new course and has been offered in the past.

F-50-06/25 Approve the Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

F-51-06/25 Approve the listed Depositories for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- First Commonwealth Bank;
- Northwest Savings Bank;
- First National Bank;
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust;
- C-B-W Schools Federal Credit Union;
- Pennsylvania Treasurer's Invest Program for Local Governments.

F-52-06/25 Approve the Business Manager to make the necessary Budgetary Transfers, as required by the School Code, to close the books at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

F-53-06/25 Add a list of names of Taxpayers to the District's Tax Rolls. The lists will be forwarded to the Tax collectors with instructions to collect the necessary property taxes.

F-54-06/25 Instruct the District Assessors to place the above list of names on the assessment lists and in assessment, if not presently on the assessment lists, and to retain such names on the assessment lists until they are properly removed.

F-55-06/25 Exonerate the District's Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2024-2025 Delinquent Per Capita Taxes. The names submitted will be listed as Delinquent Taxpayers.

F-56-06/25 Submit the 2024-2025 Delinquent Per Capita Tax Lists to the Pennsylvania Municipal Services, 336 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA, 15139, for the purpose of collection.

IF-29-06/25 Bonding of Employees Insurance Coverage of the school district:

Bond	Coverage	Deduct
Blanket Bond/Crime	$500,000	$2,500
Board Treasurer Bond	50,000	NONE
Board Secretary	50,000	500
Activity/Principal - Elementary	25,000	250
Activity/Assistant Principal - Secondary	25,000	250
Berkheimer County-Wide	1,000,000	NONE

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-75-06/25 Kimberly Karcher, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher; *2025 Family & Consumer Sciences Summer Workshop;* June 16, 2025. Cost: Mileage: $40.60. (District)

W-76-06/25 Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent; *PDE SAS Institute Conference*; Hershey; December 8-10, 2025. PDE assigned discounted rates. (District) .

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve BG-36-06/25 through BG-40-06/25.

BG-36-06/25 Approve advertising a bid for 14 Cafeteria tables.

BG-37-06/25 Approve the Business Manager to select the purchase of 14 Cafeteria tables once the bids have been received.

BG-38-06/25 Approve the purchase of a 10 Passenger Van at an approximate price $70,000, as presented.

BG-39-06/25 Approve the purchase of a 7 Passenger Van at a price not to exceed $40,000, as presented.

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

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve E-79-06/25 through E-90-06/25.

E-79-06/25 Review and approve the School Health and Safety Plan.

E-80-06/25 Extend the American Sign Language (ASL) Pilot Program for another school year (2025-2026).

E-81-06/25 Approve a Contract with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for Curriculum Development Services for the 2025-2026 school year.

E-82-06/25 Approve an Addendum, effective June 1, 2025, that modifies the existing Contractual Agreement between Pressley Ridge and Ferndale Area School District to provide special education services for the 2025-2026 school year regarding semester rate for tuition ($18,900) and extended school year rate ($1,500 or $150 per day).

E-83-06/25 Renew the continuation of an Agreement between Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc. and Ferndale Area School District for ACRP Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

E-84-06/25 Renew the continuation of an Agreement with Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc. to provide services for the 2025-2026 school year for Ferndale Area School District special education students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

E-85-06/25 Renew the continuation of an Agreement with Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc. to provide an on-site Mental Health Therapist for students referred by the District for the 2025-2026 school year.

E-86-06/25 Approve the Agreement with River Rock Academy for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. pending Solicitor review.

E-87-06/25 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, for long term, contracted and substitute staff for 2025-2026 school year, including the Extended School Year.

E-88-06/25 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, for aides for 2025-2026 school year:

-- Pre-K Counts, ES – Kimberly Connors
-- Pre-K Counts, ES – Stephanie Caputa
-- Special Education Aide, ES – Angela Cominsky
-- Special Education Aide, ES – Samantha Long
-- Special Education Aide, ES – Carol Pavlosky
-- Special Education Aide, HS – Tyler Casses
-- Special Education Aide, HS – Haylee Chernicky
-- Special Education Aide, HS – Stanley Pisarski
-- Special Education Aide, HS – TBD

E-89-06/25 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, to employ an Instrumental Instructor at a rate of $140.00 per day for the 2025-2026 school year.

E-90-06/25 Approve an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, to employ Marsha Baumbaugh as a Mathematics Teacher to teach Precalculus and Calculus, two - three hours per day, at a rate of $45.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

IE-40-06/25 The District will continue to use Seneca Valley to offer various foreign language courses to our students with the exception of Spanish.

IE-41-06/25 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

IE-42-06/25 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Bernard Conway)

5. Finance

None.

6. Personnel

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-65-06/25 through P-71-06/25.

P-65-06/25 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2025-2026 school year:

-- Advisor - Junior Class – Erika Stern
-- Assistant Band Director – Mackenzie Sarka
-- Color Guard Director - JSHS
-- Interact Club Advisor – Elementary – Lorrin Sell
-- National Honor Society/Post Prom – Jessica Mullen
-- National Junior Honor Society – Carlee Riegel
-- Science Olympiad Advisor - JSHS –
-- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Advisor – JSHS –
-- Yearbook Advisor – JSHS – Gwen Gaviola

P-66-06/25 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants on an as needed basis for the 2025-2026 school year at the curriculum rate at the discretion of Administrative approval:

-- Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Language Arts – Jennifer Gorzelsky
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Math – Stephanie Mino
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Science –
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Social Studies – Stephanie Mino
-- Department Chair-Secondary Language Arts – Andrea Kreinbrook
-- Department Chair-Secondary Math – Stephen Clawson
-- Department Chair-Secondary Science – Rebecca Segar
-- Department Chair-Secondary Social Studies – Ronald Lasko
-- Department Chair-Special Education & Student Services –

P-67-06/25 Approve the resignation of Lori Pauley, Business Office Secretary/Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable, effective June 13, 2025.

P-68-06/25 Post and/or advertise the Business Office Secretary/Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable position.

P-69-06/25 Employ *Theresa Wolf, Johnstown, as Business Office Secretary/ Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable at an hourly rate of $18.00 with full benefits, effective June 30, 2025, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

P-70-06/25 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Ferndale Area School District and the Ferndale Area Education Association for a Dean of Students as revised.

P-71-06/25 Approve the Act 93 Agreement as presented, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-117-06/25 through ST-126-06/25.

ST-117-06/25 Approve the Marching Band's field trip to Walt Disney World in Florida, March 24 - 29, 2026. No cost to the District except for a substitute. All expenses will be paid by students and Band Boosters through fundraisers (estimated cost is $1,200 per student).

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

ST-118-06/25 *Stanley Pisarski, Johnstown, Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-119-06/25 *Mark Hrivnak, Johnstown, Head Varsity Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-120-06/25 *Arthur McClucas, Hollsopple, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-121-06/25 *Jason Ozog, Johnstown, Head Junior High Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-122-06/25 *Tyler Cenko, Johnstown, Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-123-06/25 *Giuseppe Tallari, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Varsity Volleyball Coach.

ST-124-06/25 Post and/or advertise for the following coaching positions for the 2025-2026 season:

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

ST-126-06/25 Approve an International Art field trip to Italy and France for students in grades 7-12 for 2027 at no cost to the District as presented at the May 21, 2025 Board Workshop.

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

ST-125-06/25 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to table the inclusion of Westmont Hilltop School District to the Competitive Cheerleading Co-Op with Greater Johnstown School District and Ferndale Area School District. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The August Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The August Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. All were in favor.