FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
September 24, 2025

I. The September 24, 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.

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

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Stephanie Mino, FAEA/Resident; Joyce Leberknight, Wes Watson, Residents; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Josh Byer, Tribune Democrat, Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

Wes Watson, Resident, addressed the Board regarding the international Art field trip to Italy and France.

VI. Committees Agenda

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve BD-07-09/25 through BD-09-09/25.

BD-07-09/25 Approve the September 24, 2025 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-08-09/25 through W-23-09/25.

BD-08-09/25 Approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2025 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-03-09/25 Approve the request of the "Ferndale Recreation," Responsible Officer Owen Hofecker, to use the Senior High Gymnasium/Elementary Gymnasium, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Restrooms for FAES sports (boys and girls basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball) September 2025 through September 2026, times will vary, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

(Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-04-09/25 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Kauert, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, tables and chairs for Trunk or Treat, October 25, 2025, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-05-09/25 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Kauert, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, tables and chairs for a Veterans' Day Breakfast on November 13, 2025, 9:00 am. - 10:30 am, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-06-09/25 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Kauert, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, Classroom, tables and chairs for a Christmas Event, December 13, 2025, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-07-09/25 Authorize Marisa Hyland, Ferndale Borough Recreation, to have fob access to the Elementary and Junior High gymnasiums for elementary basketball practices, drills and skills.

BG-08-09/25 Approve the following bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year:

-- Shameka Campbell
-- Steven Fassnacht
-- Charles LaPorta

F-04-09/25 Approve the August Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-05-09/25 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-04-09/25 Receipts and disbursements.

ST-07-09/25 Approve 10 students field trip to the Elementary School for Homecoming Court on September 16, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $135.95. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $235.95.00. (District)

ST-08-09/25 Approve 40 Junior/Senior students field trip Penn Highlands Community College on September 16, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $135.95. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $235.95.00. (District)

ST-09-09/25 Approve 5 students participation in the PMEA District Chorus Auditions at Shanksville-Stonycreek High School on October 19, 2025. Transportation: $340.00. (District)

ST-10-09/25 Approve 20 students participation in the Cambria County Band Auditions at Forest Hills High School on October 29, 2025. Transportation: $215.00. (District)

ST-11-09/25 Approve 8 students participation in the PMEA District Band Auditions at Conemaugh Township High School on November 16, 2025. Transportation: $205.00. (District)

ST-12-09/25 Approve 17 Chemistry II and Anatomy & Physiology students field trip to Saint Francis University – STEAM Day on November 25, 2025. Cost: Registration: Registration: $255.00. Transportation: $445.00. Substitutes: $200.00. Total Cost: $625.00. (District)

ST-13-09/25 Approve 4 Chief Science Officers students field trip to Intermediate Unit 8 in Altoona on September 18, 2025 and April 8, 2026. Cost: Transportation: School Car. Substitute for two days: $200.00. (Paid by IU8)

ST-14-09/25 Approve 8 students field trip to Juniata College for PBIS Summit on October 20, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $675.00. Substitute for two: $200.00. Total Cost: $875.00. (District)

ST-15-09/25 Approve 7 students' participation in a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 19, 2025. Cost: Registration: $125.00. Transportation: $500.00. Total Cost: $625.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-05-09/25 Lori McGough, Food Service Director; *Pittsburgh Regional Food Service Directors Meeting*, September 19, 2025, Cranberry. No cost to the District.

W-06-09/25 William Brotz, Assistant Superintendent/Jr-Sr HS Principal; *Foundations AI for School Leaders*, September 29, 2025 through October 31, 2025, Asynchronous Course. Registration: $400.00. (District)

W-07-09/25 Brenda Hart, Payroll Clerk; *Tyler-School ERP Pro User Group Meeting*, September 29, 2025, IU8 Ebensburg. Cost: Mileage: $26.80. (District)

W-08-09/25 Theresa Wolf, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable; *Tyler-School ERP Pro PA On-Site User Group Meeting: Finance & Purchasing/Payables Session*, September 30, 2025, IU8 Ebensburg. Cost: Mileage: $18.20. (District)

W-09-09/25 Michelle Sendek; *2025 Pennsylvania Art Education Association Conference*, October 9-11, 2025, Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration: $340.00. Lodging: $450.00. Meals: $134.00. Mileage: $98.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $1,122.00. (District)

W-10-09/25 Justin Ogline, Technology Education; *Industry 4.0 Teacher Academy*, October 28, 2025, Johnstown. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-11-09/25 Nicole Babik, Arthur McClucas, Health & Physical Education Teachers; *Shape PA State Conference*, November 13-14, 2025, Blair County Convention Center. Cost: Registration per person: $150.00. Meals per person: $36.00. Mileage: $108.08. Substitutes: $400.00. Total Cost: $880.08. (District)

W-12-09/25 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education and Student Services; *PFP Cohort 12/15 Exclusive Virtual Sessions*, October 7, 2025 and April 16, 2026. No cost to District

W-13-09/25 Ralph Stewart, Art Teacher; *IU8 Art Network; 1 hour Zoom Sessions* - September 18,2025, December 10, 2025, April 16, 2026; *One full day* – February 12, 2026. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-14-09/25 Jessica Cunningham, Stephanie Mino, Carlee Riegel, Math Teachers:

-- *Proportional Reasoning for 6-8 Teachers*; September 9, 2025, September 11, 2025, November 3, 2025, November 4, 2025, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Meals each: $60.00. Mileage: $513.80. Substitute: $800.00. Total Cost: $1493.80. (District)

W-15-09/25 Madison Crum, Special Education Teacher:

-- *Strengthening the Executive Function Skills of Students with Special Needs Webinar*; October 24, 2025. Cost: Registration: $295.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $395.00. (District)

-- *Employment Symposium and Job Fair*; October 29, 2025. Blair County Convention Center. Cost: Registration: $295.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $395.00. (District)

-- *AS/ES Cohort*; October 22, 2025, December 17, 2025, January 28, 2026, March 18, 2026, GJCTC. Cost: Substitute: $400.00. (District)

W-16-09/25 Maeve Hrabosky, MTSS Coordinator:

-- *PVAAS in Action*; November 6, 2025, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $64.40. Total Cost: $79.40. (Title I)

-- *Fraction Sense and Operations*; September 19, 2025, September 11, 2025, November 4, 2025, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $193.20. Total Cost: $238.20. (District)

-- *Math Network*; September 20, 2025, November 25, 2025, February 26, 2026, April 30, 2026, IU8 Richland. Cost: Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $44.80. Total Cost: $104.80. (Title I)

-- *Coaching Network*; September 25, 2025, October 23, 2025, November 19, 2025, December 18, 2025, January 15, 2026, February 19, 2026, March 26, 2026, April 23, 2026, May 14, 2026, IU8 Duncansville. Cost: Meals: $135.00. Mileage: $529.20. Total Cost: $664.20. (Title I)

W-17-09/25 Jennifer Gorzelsky, Reading Specialist: *IU8 Coaching Network*; September 25, 2025, October 23, 2025, November 19, 2025, December 18, 2025, January 15, 2026, February 19, 2025, March 26, 2026, April 23, 2026, May 14, 2026, Duncansville. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $415.80. Total Cost: $550.80. (District)

W-18-09/25 Damian Buksa, Maintenance Supervisor; Lori McGough, Food Service Director; Theresa Wolf, Business Office Secretary; *PASBO Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, March 24-27, 2026. Approximate Cost: Registration each: $349.00. Lodging for three days for each: $400.00. Mileage/Incidentals for each: $200.00. Total Cost: $2,847.00 (District)

W-19-09/25 Mackenzie Sarka, Yearbook Advisor; *New Advisor Workshop – Jostens Yearbook*; September 22, 2025, Cannonsburg. Cost: Mileage: $154.28. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $254.28. (District)

W-20-09/25 Justin Ogline, Technology Education Teacher; *Tupelo Manuscript Virtual Conference*; September 26-29, 2025. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-21-09/25 Lynn Bennett, Speech Teacher; *Childhood Apraxia of Speech: Practical Treatment Strategies Online Seminar*; December 2, 2025,. Cost: Registration: $295.00. (District)

W-22-09/25 Alexandra Shugars, Guidance Counselor; *Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training*; December 3-4, 2025, IU8 Duncansville. Cost: Meals: $30.00. Mileage: $56.28. Total Cost: $86.28. (District)

W-23-09/25 Leigh Ann Dunn, Special Education Teacher; *Collaborative Practices in Gifted Ed Virtual Seminar*; February 18, 2026, March 11, 2026, March 25, 2026. No Cost to the District.

BD-09-09/25 Approve as read the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:

- Revised Policy No. 005 Organization
- Revised Policy No. 103 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students and Attachments
- Revised Policy No. 103.1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities and Attachments
- Revised Policy No. 104 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff and Attachments
- Revised Policy No. 317 Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures and Attachments
- Revised Policy No. 317.1 Educator Misconduct

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

IBD-03-09/25 Voting of PSBA candidates for the Offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Insurance Trustees, School Board Secretaries. (Barry Himes)

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-03-09/25 Discussion of sewage project at the ballfields (David Gates)

BG-09-09/25 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Washington, to approve an Agreement with Westmont Borough Council regarding the use of the Elementary Gymnasium/Auditorium. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Washington. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: McKendree, Wilson. The motion carried.

3. Cafeteria

C-01-09/25 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve selling used cafeteria tables at $25.00 per table "as is" on a first-come, first-served basis. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Washington. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: McKendree, Wilson. The motion carried.

4. Education

E-12-09/25 Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve a Field Placement Affiliation Agreement between Grand Canyon University and Ferndale Area School District from September 8, 2025 through September 8, 2028. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Washington. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: McKendree, Wilson. The motion carried.

The following were presented at the September 16, 2025 Board Workshop:

IE-09-09/25 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-10-09/25 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

IE-11-09/25 Safe Touches, Smarter Parents, Safer Kids Presentation (Amy Mykut, Alexandra Shugars)

5. Finance

None

6. Personnel

None.

7. Student Activities

IST-01-09/25 Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports. (William Brotz)

Mrs. Washington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-16-09/25 through ST-18-09/25.

ST-16-09/25 Approve the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports.

ST-17-09/25 Approve Jordana Mack, South Fork, as Head Junior High Girls' Softball Coach for the 2025-2026 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-18-09/25 Approve the Junior High Volleyball Team attend the Middle School Championship at Lock Haven University, December 5-7, 2025. No cost to the District.

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

IST-02-09/25 Discussion on the International Art field trip to Italy and France for students in grades 7-12 for 2027 at a cost not to exceed the School District $5,000 for substitutes. (Previously approved at the June 18, 2025 Board Meeting at no cost to the District)

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The October Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025. The September Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. All were in favor.