FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Voting Meeting Agenda
Board Room
November 19, 2025

I. The November 19, 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 6:01 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, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, Kimberly Washington, Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, David Gates, Administrators; Stephanie Mino, FAEA/Resident; Kaitlyn Maddy, Superintendent's Secretary; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

IE-15-11/25 MTSS Update (Amy Mykut, Maeve Hrabosky, Jenn Gorzelsky)

1. Board

IBD-03-11/25 Student Board Representatives for the 2025-2026 school year: Caitlyn McKendree, Senior; Lexi Blough, Junior.

BD-13-11/25 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the November 19, 2025 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-14-11/25 through W-36-11/25).

BD-14-11/25 Approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2025 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-11-11/25 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Jaime Diaz
- Beth Slingluff

IE-14-11/25 Students and staff will be dismissed two hours early on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

F-08-11/25 Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-09-11/25 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-09-11/25 Section 341(b) of SS Act 1 requires school boards to notify, by first class mail, the owner of each parcel of residential property within the district by December 31, 2025, of the existence of the homestead and farmstead exclusion program, the need to file an application in order to qualify for the program, and the application deadline of March 1, 2026. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.

IF-10-11/25 Receipts and disbursements.

ST-20-11/25 Approve 14 students participation in an Elementary Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis School on November 18, 2025. Registration: $125.00. Transportation: $500.00. Substitute for 1/2 day: $50.00. Total Cost: $675.00. (District)

ST-21-11/25 Approve 30-35 Spanish students field trip to Washington D.C. Machu Picchu VR Tour on December 19, 2025. Cost: Tickets: $18.00 per person. Transportation: $2,000. Substitutes for three: $300.00. (Charter partially paid by Spanish Club)

ST-22-11/25 Approve 12 students participation in the Cambria County Chorus Festival at Westmont Hilltop High School on November 24, 25, 2025. Registration per student: $25.00. Transportation: $406.00. Director's Food: $20.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $926.00. (District)

ST-23-11/25 Approve 7 students participation in Cambria County Band Festival at Central Cambria High School on December 3-4, 2025. Registration per student: $25.00. Transportation: $380.00. Director's Food: $20.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $775.00. (District)

ST-24-11/25 Approve a student's participation in the PMEA District 6 Orchestra Festival at Bellefonte High School on January 22-24, 2026. Registration: $65.00. Shared Transportation: $40.00. Lodging for student: $60.00. Director's Lodging: $250.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Mileage: $60.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $755.00. (District)

ST-25-11/25 Approve 10-12 Art students (Ceramics & Art Club) participation in holiday window painting at the Suppes Ford in Johnstown on November 13, 2025. Substitute: $100.00. Transportation: $250.00. Total Cost: $350.00. (District)

ST-26-11/25 Approve 10-12 Art students (Ceramics & Art Club) participation in holiday window painting at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown on December 3, 2025. Substitute: $100.00. Transportation: $250.00. Total Cost: $350.00. (District)

ST-27-11/25 Approve 6 students (Forensics Team) field trip to Somerset Area High School on December 15, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $390.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-34-11/25 Lynn Bennett, EL Coordinator, *2025 PDE ELD Professional Learning Virtual Conference*, November 19, 2025. No cost to the District.

W-35-11/25 Erika Stern, Math Teacher, *Math Network*, GJCTC, November 25, 2025. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-36-11/25 Maeve Hrabosky, MTSS Coordinator, *Winning with Your MTSS Framework*, IU8 Duncansville or Ebensburg, January 7, 2026, February 5, 2026, March 24, 2026, March 26, 2026. Cost: Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $152.60. Total Cost: $197.60. (Title I)

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-16-11/25 2025-2026 District Wellness Plan Goals (Judith Virgin)

E-17-11/25 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve the 2025-2026 District Wellness Plan Goals. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Washington, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

IE-17-11/25 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-18-11/25 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

F-10-11/25 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTING TO NOT INCREASE ITS TAX RATE ABOVE THE INDEX

Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 requires school districts to adopt a preliminary budget proposal no later than 90 days prior to the date of which the election immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the preliminary budget will take effect.

And Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 further provides that a board of school directors may elect to adopt a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the following fiscal year by more than the index.

And Whereas, the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District desires to keep all proposed tax increases for the 2025-2026 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2025-2026 school year;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that pursuant to Act 1 of Special Session 2006, the Ferndale Area School District hereby certifies that it shall not increase any tax used for the support of the school district by a rate greater than the base index of 3.5% and an adjusted index of 5.6%

And Be It Further Resolved, that the board of school directors, hereby certifies that it:

i. Shall not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

ii. Shall comply with the budgeting procedures set forth in 24 P.S. §6-687 for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets; and

Shall by limiting its tax rate to no greater than the index have sufficient funds to balance its final budget, unless permitted by applicable law and done in accordance with applicable said law. If said clause is not permitted by PDE, then said clause is eliminated.

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

IF-11-11/25 Discussion on State Budget (David Gates)

IF-12-11/25 Discussion on TRAN financing (David Gates)

6. Personnel

P-20-11/25 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Washington, to approve Homebound Instructors for a High School Student up to 5 hours per week starting November 17, 2025 for approximately 4 weeks. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Washington, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

IST-02-11/25 Fall Sports Wrap Up/Winter Sports Preview (Stephen Clawson)

Mrs. Washington made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve ST-27-11/25 through ST-31-11/25.

ST-28-11/25 Durell Hutzell-Ellis as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-29-11/25 *Arthur McClucas, Hollsopple, as a Volunteer Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 season.

ST-30-11/25 Post and/or advertise for an Assistant Junior High Girls' Softball Coach for the 2025-2026 season.

ST-31-11/25 Post and/or advertise for the following Coaches for the 2026-2027 season:

- Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Head Cross Country Coach
- Assistant Cross Country Coach
- Head Varsity Golf Coach

ST-32-11/25 *Jessica Rager, Johnstown, Volunteer Swim Coach.

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The December Reorganization Workshop/Voting Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. All in favor.