FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 10, 2024

I. The January 10, 2024 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.

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, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, John Rutledge, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Kimberly Kinsey - late.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Amy Mykut, Administrators; Attorney Carl Beard, Jr., Solicitor; Dawn Wolfe, CJAWS; Lynn Bennett, Amy Schmidt, FAEA/Residents; Josh Byer, Tribune Democrat; David Gates, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for legal and personnel.

Mrs. Kinsey entered the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 6:49 p.m.

IBD-12-01/24 Student Board Representative Report.

IBD-13-01/24 January is School Director Recognition Month. (Jeffrey Boyer)

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve BD-35-01/24 through BD-38-01/24.

BD-35-01/24 Approve the January 10, 2024 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-36-01/24 through W-28-01/24).

BD-36-01/24 Approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-13-01/24 Approve the request of the Band Boosters, Responsible Officer Amanda Usrey, to use the Senior High Cafeteria and tables for sorting and delivery of Marianna's Fundraiser on January 25, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

IP-06-01/24 Employee #22236198 will be on an intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence from January 18, 2024 through January 17, 2025.

ST-48-01/24 Approve two students' participation in the District Band Festival at Greater Johnstown High School, January 10-12, 2024. Cost: Registration per student: $70.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Mileage: $60.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $480.00. (District)

ST-49-01/24 Approve two students' participation in the District Chorus Festival at Westmont Hilltop High School on January 24-26, 2024. Cost: Registration per student: $67.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Mileage: $65.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost $479.00. (District)

ST-50-01/24 Approve four students' participation in a Forensics competition at Richland High School on January 10, 2024. Transportation: District Car.

ST-51-01/24 Approve four students' participation in a Forensics competition at Bishop Carroll High School on January 23, 2024. Transportation: District Car.

ST-52-01/24 Approve four students' participation in a Forensics competition at Richland High School on February 16, 2024. Transportation: District Car.

ST-53-01/24 Approve four students' participation in a Forensics competition at St. Francis University on March 4, 5, 2024. Transportation: District Car.

ST-54-01/24 Approve two students participation in the PMEA District Jazz Festival at Tussey Mountain High School on January 18-19, 2024. Cost: Registration: $50.00 per student. Lodging: $40.00 per student. Director's Lodging: $150.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Transportation: $100.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $710.00. (District)

ST-55-01/24 Approve *Ian Bennett, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Coach for Bowling, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-22-01/24 Janine McClelland, Teacher; *PASA DLM Training*; December 13, 2023. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-23-01/24 Michelle Koposko, Teacher; *PASA DLM Training*; December 14, 2023. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-24-01/24 Travis Robison, Administrator; Christine Eash, Rachelle Hrabosky, Chelsey Patterson, Alyssa Potasnik, Teachers; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference*; Hershey, February 4-7, 2024. Registration for four: $339.00 per person. (One free registration) Lodging for three nights: $314.86 per person. Meals: $192.00 per person. Four substitutes for three days: $1,200.00. Shared Mileage: $97.60 per person (2 drivers) Total Cost: $5,225.50 (District)

W-25-01/24 Adam Barbe, School Psychologist; *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975: What Educators Need to Know*; Richland, March 4, 2024. No Cost.

W-26-01/24 Amy Mykut, Jennifer Gorzelsky, Maeve Koshute, MTSS; *ECRI DATA and Tier II Workshop*; Richland, March 19, 2024. Cost: Meals for each: $20.00. Mileage: $21.00. Total Cost: $81.00. (District)

W-27-01/24 Dustin Rainey, Music/Band Teacher; *Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association State Conference*; Erie, April 17 – 20, 2024. Cost: Registration: $175.00. Lodging: $500.00. Meals: $100.00. Mileage: $180.00. Substitute for three days: $300.00. Total Cost: $1,255.00. (District)

W-28-01/24 Judith Virgin, Nurse; *Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Conference*; Hershey, March 22 - 24, 2024. Cost: Registration: $450.00. Lodging: $348.00. Mileage and Tolls: $204.90. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $1,114.26. (District)

IBD-14-01/24 Reviewed the following policies (Jeffrey Boyer)

- Revised Policy No. 815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
- Revised Policy No. 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

BD-37-01/24 Approve as read, the First Reading of the following policies:

- Revised Policy No. 815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
- Revised Policy No. 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

BD-38-01/24 Reaffirm the Principles for Governance and Leadership.

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

IBD-15-01/24 Distribution of Statement of Financial Interest Forms - Board Members and Administrators - Due to Patti Craig as soon as possible.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-21-01/24 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the Junior Senior High School Grading change retroactively for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Rutledge, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Himes. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

The following were discussed at the January 3, 2024 Board Workshop:

IE-25-01/24 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Travis Robison, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-26-01/24 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moschgat, to approve F-16-01/24 through F-19-01/24.

F-16-01/24 Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2022-2023. (The MD&A is part of the 2022-2023 Independent Auditor Report. Complete 2022-2023 Single Audit Review is available upon request.)

F-17-01/24 Approve 2023-2024 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B, Section 619 Project #131-24-008 CDFA #84.173A for $927.00. The District allocation for IDEA funding.

F-18-01/24 Approve 2023-2024 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B Project #062-24-0008 CDFA #84.027 for $143,852.12. The District allocation for IDEA funding.

F-19-01/24 Approve a Resolution approving $1,200,000 loan with First National Bank for the financing of the Junior Senior High School improvements, as attached.

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

IF-14-01/24 Finance Update (David Gates)

6. Personnel

Dr. McKendree made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-50-01/24 and P-51-01/24.

P-50-01/24 Approve the resignation of Marra Balmer, Title I Aide, effective January 5, 2024.

P-51-01/24 Post/advertise for the following:

-- Title I Aide
-- Part-time summer employment for students

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

P-52-01/24 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Ferndale Area School District and Ferndale Area Education Association for Tuition Reimbursement. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Rutledge, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

P-53-01/24 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moschgat, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Ferndale Area School District and Ferndale Area Education Association regarding teacher schedules, postings, voluntary transfers, involuntary transfers, and staff reductions as presented. Record vote for the motion: None. Against the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Rutledge, Thompson, and Wilson. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion did not pass.

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The February Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024. The February Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. All were in favor.