FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 20, 2024

I. The March 20, 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 6:00 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, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, John Rutledge, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, William Brotz, Bernard Conway, Amy Mykut, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, FAEA/Resident; Stephanie Clawson, , Christina Fosbrink, Rose Lam, Laura Miller, Stephanie Mino, Amy Schmidt, FAEA; Rose Watson, Wes Watson, Parents; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

The Board held an Executive Session on March 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m.

1. Board

IBD-20-03/24 Student Board Representatives Report.

BD-44-03/24 Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the March 20, 2024 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-45-03/24 through BD-46-03/24).

BD-45-03/24 Approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2024 and March 13, 2024 Board Meetings, as presented.

BG-15-03/24 Approve the request of the "Ferndale Borough Recreation," Responsible Officer Owen Hofecker, to use the Senior High Gymnasium, Baseball Field, Softball Field to teach softball and tball fundamentals in batting, fielding, and throwing for students in K4 through 6th grade, March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024, on Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-16-03/24 Approve the request of Ferndale PTO, Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, table and chairs for a Someone Special Girls' Dance on April 20, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received certificate of liability insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-17-03/24 Approve the request of Ferndale PTO, Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, table and chairs for a Someone Special Boys' Dance on April 27, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received certificate of liability insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-18-03/24 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork and clearances:

-- Emily Sarver

IE-32-03/24 The following has been assigned as student observers (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School (February 28, 2024 - March 31, 2024):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Grade Level
Jacklyn Bloom Best	Lauren Ozog	Grade 1
Michelle Parks	Scott Becker	Grade 2

F-26-03/24 Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-27-03/24 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-18-03/24 Receipts and disbursements.

IP-12-03/24 Employee #23248424 will be on a Family Medical Leave of Absence from March 8, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

ST-81-03/24 Approve Tyler Cenko, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2023-2024 season.

ST-82-03/24 Approve Kindergarten and First Grade (90 students) field trip to Valewood Farms, May 2, 2024. Cost: Admission & Ice Cream: $800.00. Transportation: $650.00. Total Cost: $1,450.00. (District)

ST-83-03/24 Approve Third Grade (52 students) field trip to Somerset Historical Center/Shaffer's Ice Cream. Cost: Transportation & Ice Cream: $700.00. (District)

ST-84-03/24 Approve Fifth and Sixth Grade (90 students) field trip to JA Biztown, Bridgeville, March 13, 2024. Cost: Substitutes for three: $300.00. Transportation: $2,250. Total Cost: $2,550.00. (District)

ST-85-03/24 Approve Fifth Grade (40 students) field trip to Stackhouse Park, May 3 or 17, 2024. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

ST-86-03/24 Approve Fifth Grade (40 students) field trip to Fort Ligonier, May 6, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $480.00. Admission: $160.00. Total Cost: $640.00. (District)

ST-87-03/24 Approve Spanish II, III, IV (35-40 students) field trip to Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, February 29, 2024. Cost per student: $34.00 - $40.00. Paid by Students. Substitutes: $200.00. (District)

ST-88-03/24 Approve Chemistry II (7 students) field trip to Ferndale Area Baseball Fields for a Chemistry Project, February 29, 2024. No Cost.

ST-89-03/24 Approve Child Development Class (20 students) field trip to Ferndale Area Elementary School, March 20, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $225.00. (District)

ST-90-03/24 Approve 30 students' field trip to Ferndale Area Elementary School for Read Across America Day, March 8, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $225.000. (District)

ST-91-03/24 Approve interested Junior and Senior students' field trip to Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center Career Day, March 13, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. (District)

ST-92-03/24 Approve interested Junior and Seniors students' field trip to Penn Highlands Career Fest (Health Sciences), March 15, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. (District)

ST-93-03/24 Approve interested Junior and Seniors students' field trip to Penn Highlands Career Fest (Human Services), April 5, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. (District)

ST-94-03/24 Approve interested Junior and Seniors students' field trip to Penn Highlands Career Fest (Business and Technology), April 19, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. (District)

ST-95-03/24 Approve the Elementary Reading Team (16 students) participation in a reading competition at Forest Hills High School on March 19, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $280.00. (District)

ST-96-03/24 Approve the National Honor Society/Senior Class (20-40 students) participation in Highway Clean Up on April 19, 2024. Cost: Substitute for two: $200.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-38-03/24 Leigh Ann Dunn, Special Education Teacher, *GIEP Goals Clinic*, Virtual, March 5, 2024. No Cost.

W-39-03/24 Leigh Ann Dunn, Special Education Teacher, *GIEP Education in PA Statewide Webinar*, March 21, 2024. No Cost.

W-40-03/24 Amy Mykut, Principal, *PreK Counts Mandatory Grantee Meeting*; Harrisburg, April 2-3, 2024. Cost: Lodging: $269.00. Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $208.00. Total Cost: $522.00. (District)

BD-46-03/24 Approve as read, the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:

- Revised Policy No. 200 Enrollment of Students
- Revised Policy No. 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- Revised Policy No. 217 Graduation
- Policy No. 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Revised Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meeting

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

IBD-21-03/24 Election of Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Dr. McKendree made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve E-25-03/24 through E-30-03/24.

E-25-03/24 Review and approve the following and submit to PDE:

-- Gifted Education Plan Assurances – Chapter 16 (2024-2027)
-- Professional Development Plan – Act 48 (2024-2027)

E-26-03/24 Approve an Agreement between Alternative Community Resource Program and Ferndale Area School District to provide extended school year services.

E-27-03/24 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to participate in the Elementary Behavior Intervention Classroom for the 2024-2025 school year, housed at Forest Hills Elementary School, at a cost of $12,409.06.

E-28-03/24 Renew an Agreement between Ignite Education Solutions and Ferndale Area School District for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth educational services for the 2024-2025 school year.

E-29-03/24 Approve an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for a Special Education Aide for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

– Special Education Aide, Katrina Hale

E-30-03/24 Approve a 2 hour late start for students on Friday, March 22, 2024 as presented.

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

IE-33-03/24 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Travis Robison, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-34-03/24 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve F-28-03/24 through F-31-03/24.

F-28-03/24 Approve the 2024-2025 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget.

F-29-03/24 Approve exonerating school district taxes from 2022 & 2023 on the property located at 617/619 Summit Avenue, Control Number 28 19906.

F-30-03/24 Approve an agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the 2024-2025 Funding Distribution IDEA-B, Section 611 and adoption of the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300.

F-31-03/24 Approve a 36 month contract from Breezeline for DIA (direct internet access) and WAN (wide area network) services in the amounts of $852 and $700 per month. These services are discounted by 90% through E-Rate funding and the District will receive discounted billing each month.

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

IF-19-03/24 Finance/Budget Discussion (David Gates)

6. Personnel

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve P-64-03/24 through P-66-03/24.

P-64-03/24 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2023-2024 school year:

– Detention Monitor-1 hour session-Elementary – Rachelle Hrabosky, Tiffany Duman, Marlen Lorditch

P-65-03/24 Waive the following requirements for Support Staff who submit their resignation by June 1, 2024:

– Special Service Increment to submit their written resignation within five (5) school days after the beginning of the School Year.
– Sick Leave Retirement Bonus to submit their written resignation within five (5) school days after the beginning of the School Year.

P-66-03/24 Approve the following job descriptions:
-- MTSS Coordinator
-- Math Specialist
-- Reading Specialist

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

7. Student Activities

ST-97-03/24 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to authorize the payment of $975.00 to cover the cost of the bus to Kennywood on May 17, 2024 for the annual Senior Trip. Student tickets: $33.99 each. Students will be responsible for their own ticket cost, but Santa's Workshop money would offset the cost of student tickets. Students would pay for tickets: $10.00 - $15.00 each. Total cost to the District is $975.00. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Rutledge, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. All were in favor.