FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
June 19, 2024

I. The June 19, 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 6:04 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, John Rutledge. Absent: James McKendree, Stephen Thompson, Patricia Wilson.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, Administrators; Amy Schmidt, FAEA/Resident; 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 May 22, 2024 at 6:28 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 6:45 p.m.

The Board held an Executive Session on June 12, 2024 at 6:52 p.m. for a Mandated Act 44 Security Update. The Executive Session ended at 7:25 p.m.

1. Board

BD-58-06/24 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve the June 19, 2024 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-59-06/24 throughW-48-06/24).

BD-59-06/24 Approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2024 and June 12, 2024 Board Meetings, as presented.

IC-02-06/24 All students' breakfast and lunch meals are free for the 2024-2025 school year due to the Community Eligibility Program CEP Grant. Adult lunches are $4.75 and breakfast is $2.85.

E-42-06/24 Approve for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond that the Ferndale Area School District will not accept foreign exchange students due to the burden on resources and staff it will place on the District.

F-45-06/24 Approve the April and May Treasurer's Reports, as presented.

F-46-06/24 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

F-47-06/24 Approve the listed Depositories for the 2024-2025 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-48-06/24 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 2023-2024 fiscal year.

F-49-06/24 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-50-06/24 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-51-06/24 Exonerate the District's Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2023-2024 Delinquent Per Capita Taxes. The names submitted will be listed as Delinquent Taxpayers.

F-52-06/24 Submit the 2023-2024 Delinquent Per Capita Tax Lists to the Pennsylvania Municipal Services, 336 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA, 15139, for the purpose of collection.

IF-24-06/24 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

IF-25-06/24 Receipts and disbursements.

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-47-06/24 Andrea Kreinbrook, ELA Teacher; *English Language and Composition - APSI online West Virginia;* June 25-28, 2024. Cost: Registration: $600.00. (District)

W-48-06/24 Bernard Conway, JSHS Assistant Principal; *PA Summit 24 for Educational Leaders*; August 4-6, 2024, 2024; Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration: $463.75. Lodging: $466.20. Mileage: $76.69. Total Cost: $1,027.64. (District)

W-49-06/24 Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent; *2024 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference*; October 6-8, 2024; Kalahari. Cost discounted for PASA members.

W-50-06/24 Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent; *SAS Institute 2024 Purposeful Leadership Conference*; December 8-11, 2024; Hershey. Cost to be determined by PDE.

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

The following were discussed at the June 12, 2024 Board Workshop:

IBG-07-06/24 Discussion of Bus Runs (Craig Mlaker)

IBG-08-06/24 Discussion of sidewalks by ballfield (Owen Hofecker)

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, to approve E-43-06/24 through E-51-06/24.

E-43-06/24 Review and approve the School Health and Safety Plan.

E-44-06/24 Approve an agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for School-Age Education Programs and Services.

E-45-06/24 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Ferndale Area School District and Community Action Partnership of Cambria County (CAPCC) Early Childhood Programs to provide effective services for children and families served.

E-46-06/24 Approve a Referral, Communication and Transfer Agreement between Ferndale Area School District and Impact Counseling Services, LLC. The agency will provide drug and alcohol services to students.

E-47-06/24 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Ferndale Area School District and Appalachian Youth Service for Day Treatment Services for all students for the 2024-2025 school year.

E-48-06/24 Approve an Agreement with Pyramid Healthcare, Inc., , t/d/b/a Soaring Heights School, Altoona, to provide special education and related services to Ferndale Area students.

E-49-06/24 Approve an American Sign Language (ASL) Pilot Program to be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year as presented June 12, 2024.

E-50-06/24 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, PA, for long term, contracted and substitute staff for 2024-2025 school year, including the Extended School Year.

E-51-06/24 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, PA, for aides for 2024-2025 school year:

-- Pre-K Counts Instructional Aide, Kendra Favor
-- Pre-K Counts Instructional Aide, Stephanie Caputa
-- Paraprofessional, Carol Pavlosky
-- Special Education Aide, Haylee Chernicky
-- Special Education Aide, Katrina Hale
-- Special Education Aide, TBD
-- Special Education Aide, TBD

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

IE-40-06/24 The District will continue to use Seneca Valley to offer various foreign language courses to our students with the exception of Spanish.

IE-41-06/24 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

IE-42-06/24 District-wide Highlights were discussed at the June 12, 2024 Board Workshop. (William Brotz, Travis Robison, Amy Mykut, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

3. Finance

Mr. Rutledge made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve F-53-06/24 and F-54-06/24

F-53-06/24 Approve Commercial Insurances policies for 2024-2025, as presented.

F-54-06/24 Remove Travis Robison as signatory for all bank accounts and name William Brotz as signatory for all bank accounts.

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

4. Personnel

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-94-06/24 through P-102-06/24.

P-94-06/24 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2024-2025 school year:

Advisor-Junior Class –
Advisor-Senior Class – Madison Crum
All School Play –
Assistant Band Director -
Audio/Video Director, Secondary –
Board Room Art Coordinator – Michelle Sendek
Color Guard Advisor –
Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Language Arts – Jennifer Gorzelsky
Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Math – Stephanie Mino
Curriculum Support Chairperson-Elementary Science – Rachelle Hrabosky
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
Detention Monitor-3 hour session-Secondary –
Detention Monitor-1 hour session-Secondary – Madison Crum, Andrea Kreinbrook
Detention Monitor-1 hour session-Elementary – Rachelle Hrabosky, Marlen Lorditch
Elementary LEGO League –
Elementary STEAM –
Forensics Advisor-Senior High –
Pre-K Counts Orientation – Megan Carbaugh, Denise Grove, Judith Virgin
Kindergarten Orientation – Jennifer Gorzelsky, Judith Virgin
Math Counts Advisor –
National Honor Society/Post Prom –
PBIS Advisor-Elementary – Lorrin Sell
PBIS Advisor-Elementary – Denise Grove
PBIS Advisor-Secondary – Molly Pilcher
PBIS Advisor-Secondary – Madison Crum
Reading Team Advisor-Elementary – Lorrin Sell
Reading Team Advisor-Junior High – Molly Pilcher
Reading Team Advisor-Senior High – Molly Pilcher
Stage, Lights, & Sound Manager - Secondary – Dustin Rainey
Student Council Advisor – Christina Fosbrink
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Advisor – Michael Kasuba
Yearbook Advisor-Elementary – Lorrin Sell
Yearbook Advisor-Secondary – Andrea Kreinbrook
Yearbook Advisor-Secondary Assistant – Gwen Gaviola

P-95-06/24 Approve the resignation of Alexander Hogue, English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

P-96-06/24 Employ Rebecaa Walker as an ELA Teacher with full benefits and transfer all confirmed sick days, effective the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork. Step placement to be determined from the outcome of the Teachers' Contract.

P-97-06/24 Employ Erika Stern as a Mathematics Teacher with full benefits, effective the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork. Step placement to be determined from the outcome of the Teachers' Contract.

P-98-06/24 Eliminate the positions of:

- PreK-12 Principal
- PreK-12 Assistant Principal
- 210 Day Elementary Assistant Principal

P-99-06/24 Approve the transfer of Amy Mykut from the position of 210 Day Elementary Assistant Principal to the full-time Elementary Principal position beginning the 2024-2025 school year (July 1, 2024) at an annual salary of $92,500 with full benefits.

P-100-06/24 Remove Travis Robison as the District Safe Schools and Security Coordinator and name William Brotz as District Safe Schools and Security Coordinator.

P-101-06/24 Remove Travis Robison as Teacher Induction Program Coordinator and name Amy Mykut as Teacher Induction Program Coordinator.

P-102-06/24 Employ Marlen Lorditch, Johnstown, as a Title I Aide, at a stipend of $14.00 per hour with limited benefits, effective beginning the 2024-2025 school year (August 19, 2024).

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve ST-127-06/24 through ST-136-06/24

Approve the following Coaches for the 2024-2025 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

ST-127-06/24 Jason Ozog, Head Varsity Golf Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-128-06/24 Asiaonna Cassick, Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach.
Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-129-06/24 Heidi McGuire, Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-130-06/24 Alexander Hogue, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-131-06/24 Gwen Gaviola, Assistant Varsity Cross Country Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-132-06/24 Mark Hrivnak, Head Varsity Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-133-06/24 Tyler Cenko, Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-134-06/24 Lester Gaunt, Head Varsity Softball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-135-06/24 Harry Barnes, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-136-06/24 Post and/or advertise the following coaching positions:

- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
- Head Junior High Baseball Coach
- Head Junior High Softball Coach
- Assistant Junior High Softball Coach

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

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

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. All were in favor