FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
September 25, 2024

The September 25, 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, Kimberly Kinsey, James McKendree, Richard Pavic, John Rutledge, Stephen Thompson, Patricia Wilson. Absent: Jason Moschgat.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, William Brotz, Administrators; Attorney Carl Beard Jr., Solicitor; Lynn Bennett, Amy Schmidt, FAEA/Resident; Kathleen McCreery, Laura Miller, Justin Ogline, FAEA; Christina Fosbrink, Teacher; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, to approve BD-09-09/24 through BD-11-09/24.

BD-09-09/24 Approve the September 25, 2024 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-10-09/24 through W-24-09/24).

BD-10-09/24 Approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2024 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-04-09/24 Approve the request of the "Ferndale Borough Recreation," Responsible Officer Owen Hofecker, to use the Senior High Gymnasium/ Elementary Gymnasium for elementary basketball for K-6 girls and boys travel teams, August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-05-09/24 Authorize the following, Ferndale Borough Recreation, to have fob access to the Elementary and Junior High gymnasiums for elementary basketball practices, drills and skills:

-- Marisa Hyland

BG-06-09/24 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, tables and chairs for Trunk or Treat, October 19, 2024, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-07-09/24 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, Classroom, tables and chairs for a Christmas Event, December 7, 2024, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

IE-07-09/24 The following has been assigned as a student teacher (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Jr-Sr High School for five weeks in September, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Alexandra Thompson	Rebecca Segar	Science

F-07-09/24 Approve the August Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-08-09/24 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-03-09/24 Receipts and disbursements.

ST-06-09/24 Approve the Fifth Grade (35 students) field trip to Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center for the JSO Young People's Concert on November 19, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $325.00. (Field Trip Account) Substitute Nurse: $150.00. (District)

ST-07-09/24 Approve 54 students (Senior Class) field trip to Penn Highlands College Fair on September 17, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $273.30. (District)

ST-08-09/24 Approve seven students field trip to Chief School Officer Program in Altoona on September 17, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $480.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $580.00. (District)

ST-09-09/24 Approve ten students (PBIS) field trip to Juniata College on October 8, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $937.96. Substitutes: $200.00. Total Cost: $1,137.96. (District)

ST-10-09/24 Approve the PreK3/PreK4 students field trip to West Hills Fire Station on October 9, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $344.00. (District)

ST-11-09/24 Approve seven students participation in the District Chorus Pre-Auditions at Northern Bedford High School on October 20, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $624.18. (District)

ST-12-09/24 Approve seven students participation in the District Band Pre-Auditions at Central Cambria High School on October 23, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $425.14. (District)

ST-13-09/24 Approve eight students participation in the District Band Pre-Auditions at Richland High School on November 17, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $415.02. (District)

ST-14-09/24 Approve 25 students (Chemistry I, II, Anatomy & Physiology) field trip to Saint Francis University for STEAM DAY on November 26, 2024. Cost: Registration: $405.00. Transportation: $398.00. Substitute for two: $200.00. Total Cost: $1,003.00. (District)

ST-15-09/24 Approve the Sixth Grade field trip to the Arts Center, Westmont, on October 17, 2024. Cost: Substitutes for four: $400.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-09-09/24 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education; Educational Law Symposium 2024 - Virtual; September 11, 2024. Cost: Registration: $189.00. (District)

W-10-09/24 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education; PASA DLM Mandatory Training; Ebensburg; October 2, 2024. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $30.00. Total Cost: $45.00. (District)

W-11-09/24 Brenda Hart, Payroll Clerk; School ERP Pro-PA On-Site User Group Meeting; Altoona; October 10, 2024. Cost: Mileage: $30.00. (District)

W-12-09/24 Lori Pauley, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable; Tyler Technology Purchasing and Payables Meeting; Altoona; October 11, 2024. Cost: Mileage: $35.00. (District)

W-13-09/24 Kimberly Karcher, Madison Leitenberger, Jessica Mullen, Mallory Peters, Lauren Ozog, Mallory Peters, Carlee Riegel, MacKenzie Sarka, Kaitlyn Stevens, Rebecca Walker, Teachers; Alexandra Shugars, Guidance Counselor; IU8 District Induction Orientation; Duncansville; September 16, 2024. Cost: Meals for each: $15.00. Mileage: $365.00. Substitutes for ten: $1,000.00. Total Cost: $1,530.00. (District)

W-14-09/24 Michelle Koposko, Special Education; PASA DLM Training; Richland; December 11, 2024. Cost: Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-15-09/24 Leigh Ann Dunn, Mallory Peters, Janine McClelland; Special Education Teachers; Co-Teaching Quick Tips - Virtual; September 24, 2024, October 30, 2024, November 26, 2024, January 30, 2025, February 25, 2025, March 27, 2025, April 30, 2025, May 14, 2025. Cost per person: $124.00 - Curriculum Rate. (District)

W-16-09/24 Jessica Cunningham, Christine Eash, Elementary Teachers; Math Teacher Network; Richland/Duncansville; September 18, 2024, November 21, 2024, January 30, 2025, April 2, 2025. Cost: Meals: $120.00. Mileage: $176.00. Substitute for two for four days: $800.00. Total Cost: $1,096.00. (District)

W-17-09/24 Alisha Black, Averie Krug, Sarah Riffle, Elementary Teachers; ECRI Foundational Skills; Duncansville; October 2, 3, 2024. Cost: Meals for each: $30.00. Mileage: $149.00. Substitute for three for two days: $600.00. Total Cost: $839.00. (District)

W-18-09/24 Leigh Ann Dunn, Special Education Teacher; PAGE Conference; Pittsburgh; December 7, 8, 2024. Cost: Registration: $438.00. Lodging: $340.00. Meals: $50.00. Mileage: $94.00. Total Cost: $922.00. (District)

W-19-09/24 Jessica Cunningham, Christine Eash, Rachelle Hrabosky, Alyssa Potasnik, Elementary Teachers; PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference; Hershey; February 9-12, 2025. Cost: Registration for each: $325.00. Lodging for each: $600.00. Meals for each: $60.00. Mileage and Tolls: $266.00. Substitute for four for three days: $1,200.00. Total Cost: $5,406.00. (District)

W-20-09/24 Janine McClelland, Special Education Teacher:

- Autistic Support/Emotional Support Network; Richland; October 6, 2024, December 18, 2024, January 29, 2025, March 19, 2025. Cost: Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $25.26. Substitute for four days: $400.00. Total Cost: $485.46 (District)

- PASA DLM Training; Richland; October 6, 2024, December 11, 2024. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $6.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $121.00. (District)

W-21-09/24 Amy Mykut, Elementary Principal:

- Spring Math for Administrators and Data; Richland/Duncansville; October 10, 2024, April 8, 2025. Cost: Mileage: $67.00. (District)

- ECRI Leadership; Duncansville; October 1, 2024. Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $57.00. Total Cost: $72.00. (District)

- Strengthening MTSS; Richland/Altoona/Duncansville; October 24, 2024, January 8, 2025, April 3, 2025. Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $129.00. Total Cost: $174.00. (District)

- Elevate Instruction in Grades 3-12; Duncansville; December 5, 2024, January 22, 2025, February 26, 2025, March 12, 2025. Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $225.00. Total Cost: $285.00. (District)

W-22-09/24 Stephanie Mino, Math Specialist:

- Instructional Coaching, Duncanville; September 17, 2024, October 17, 2024, November 14, 2024, December 19, 2024, January 23, 2025, February 20, 2024, March 27, 2024, April 24, 2024, May 15, 2024. Cost: Meals: $135.00. Mileage: $520.00. Total Cost: $655.00. (Title I)

- Math Network; Richland/Duncanville; September 18, 2024, November 21, 2024, January 30, 2025, April 2, 2025. Cost: Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $143.00. Total Cost: $203.00. (Title I)

- Spring Math for Administrators and Data; Richland/Duncansville; October 10, 2024, April 8, 2025. Cost: Mileage: $73.00. (Title I)

- Strengthening MTSS; Richland/Altoona/Duncansville; October 24, 2024, January 8, 2025, April 3, 2025. Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $135.00. Total Cost: $180.00. (Title I)

- Elevate Instruction in Grades 3-12; Duncansville; December 5, 2024, January 22, 2025, February 26, 2025, March 12, 2025. Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $235.00. Total Cost: $295.00. (Title I)

W-23-09/24 Jennifer Gorzelsky, Reading Specialist:

- ECRI Leadership; Duncansville; October 1, 2024. Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $43.00. Total Cost: $58.00. (District)

- Instructional Coaching, Duncanville; September 17, 2024, October 17, 2024, November 14, 2024, December 19, 2024, January 23, 2025, February 20, 2024, March 27, 2024, April 24, 2024, May 15, 2024. Cost: Meals: $135.00. Mileage: $386.00. Total Cost: $521.00. (Title I)

- Strengthening MTSS; Richland/Altoona/Duncansville; October 24, 2024, January 8, 2025, April 3, 2025. Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $98.00. Total Cost: $143.00. (Title I)

- Elevate Instruction in Grades 3-12; Duncansville; December 5, 2024, January 22, 2025, February 26, 2025, March 12, 2025. Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $172.00. Total Cost: $232.00. (Title I)

W-24-09/24 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education; Adam Barbe, School Psychologist; *School Psychologist Consortium*; Richland; October 28, 2024, January 10, 2025, May 5, 2025. No cost to the District.

BD-11-09/24 Approve as read the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:

- Revised Policy No. 146.1 Trauma Informed Approach
- Revised Policy No. 218 Student Discipline
- Revised Policy No. 218.1 Weapons
- Revised Policy No. 218.2 Terroristic Threats

- Revised Policy No. 801 Public Records
- Revised Policy No. 803 School Calendar
- Revised Policy No. 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Revised Policy No. 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- Revised Policy No. 805.2 School Security Personnel
- Revised Policy No. 806 Child Abuse
- Revised Policy No. 904 Public Attendance at School Events

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

IBD-05-09/24 Voting of PSBA candidates for the Offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Insurance Trustees, School Board Secretary. (Barry Himes)

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve E-20-09/24 and E-21-09/24.

E-20-09/24 Approve the PA Pre-K Counts Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2024-2025 School Year for Ferndale Area School District.

E-21-09/24 Approve an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for the following for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

-- Wahida Omar, Educational Support Personnel
-- Carla McPherson, Educational Support Personnel

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

IE-08-09/24 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-09-09/24 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

IF-04-09/24 Received a monetary donation from the Class of 1966 (William Brotz)

6. Personnel

P-28-09/24 Mr. Rutledge made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve the retirement resignation of Dennis Willnecker, Maintenance Technician/ Custodian, effective June 30, 2025. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Rutledge, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

IST-01-09/24 Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports. (William Brotz)

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve ST-16-09/24 through ST-20-09/24.

ST-16-09/24 Approve the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports.

ST-17-09/24 Approve the following as Fitness Center Monitors for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of $10.00 per hour, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

-- Samantha Dietz
-- Taylor Hrabosky
-- James Litvin
-- Jason Ozog
-- Robert Ritter
-- Aaron Stayrook

Approve the following Coaches for the 2024-2205 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

ST-18-09/24 Steven Grove, Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-19-09/24 Mackenzie Sarka, Head Junior High Girls' Softball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-20-09/24 Jessica Rager, Volunteer Swim Coach.

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

IST-02-09/24 Discussion on Homecoming Dance.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The October Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024.
The October Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. All were in favor.