FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
October 23, 2024

The October 23, 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, John Rutledge. Absent: Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, Patricia Wilson.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, FAEA/Resident; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Dr. William Brotz, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

The following were presented at the October 16, 2024 Board Workshop:

MTSS Highlights (Maeve Hrabosky)

National Junior Honor Society Presentation (Carlee Riegel)

1. Board

IBD-06-10/24 Student Board Representatives for the 2024-2025 school year: Paige Cenko, Senior; Caitlyn McKendree, Junior.

BD-12-10/24 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve the October 23, 2024 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-13-10/24 through W-29-10/24)

BD-13-10/24 Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-08-10/24 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year:

-- Gabriel Davis

BG-09-10/24 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, tables and chairs for a Veterans' Day Breakfast on November 12, 2024, 9:30 am. - 10:30 am, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-10-10/24 Authorize Cassandra Dorchak, Ferndale Borough Recreation, to have fob access to the Elementary and Junior High gymnasiums for elementary basketball practices, drills and skills.

IE-10-10/24 The following has been assigned as student teachers (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Jr-Sr High School for the fall semester (5 hours), pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Brandon Benford	Ronald Lasko	Social Studies
Cassandra Maidment	Rebecca Segar	Biology
Maggie McCutcheon	Michael Harrison	Social Studies

F-09-10/24 Approve the September Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-10-10/24 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-05-10/24 Receipts and disbursements.

ST-21-10/24 Approve the Homecoming Court field trip to the Elementary School on October 4, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $150.00. (District)

ST-22-10/24 Approve 12 students (Forensics Team) field trip to Berlin-Brothersvalley High School on October 6, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $295.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $395.00. (District)

ST-22-10/24 Approve 36 Marching Band students participation at the Johnstown Halloween Parade on October 95, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $325.00. (District)

ST-23-10/24 Approve 54 students (12th Grade) field trip to the Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC, on November 1, 2024. Cost: Substitutes: $200.00. (District) Transportation paid by Community Foundations for the Alleghenies.

ST-24-10/24 Approve 20 students (11th & 12th Grade) field trip to Forest Hills School District Transition Fair 2024 on November 6, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $270.00. (District)

ST-25-10/24 Approve 28 students (Chemistry I) field trip to Don't Blink Faraday Lecture at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh on November 13, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $600.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $700.00. (District)

ST-26-10/24 Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center – Young People's Concert on November 19, 2024. Cost: Transportation: $228.88. (District)

ST-27-10/24 Approve 12 students participation in a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 20, 2024. Cost: Registration: $250.00. Transportation: $550.00. Total Cost: $800.00. (District)

ST-28-10/24 Approve 19 students participation in the Cambria County Chorus Festival at Greater Johnstown High School on November 25, 2024. Registration per student: $20.00. Transportation: $300.00. Director's Food: $20.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $900.00. (District)

ST-29-10/24 Approve four students (Chief Science Officer Program) field trip to Flight 93 Memorial on January 29, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $425.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $525.00 (District)

ST-30-10/24 Approve ten students (Science Olympiad) field trip to Penn West - California on March 29, 2025. Cost: Transportation: $860.00. (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-25-10/24 Madison Crum, Special Education Teacher; *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: $124.00 - Curriculum Rate. (District)

W-26-10/24 Madison Crum, Special Education Teacher; *Transition Counsel - Online*; Every month - 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm. No cost to the District.

W-27-10/24 Lynn Bennett, Speech Teacher; *Assistive Technology for Communication*; Richland IU8, October 23, 2024. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Transportation: $13.40. Total Cost: $28.40. (District)

W-28-10/24 Lynn Bennett, Speech Teacher; *Leveraging Technology for All Learners*; Altoona, February 5, 2025. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Transportation: $60.30. Total Cost: $75.30. (District)

W-29-10/24 Kimberly Karcher, Family & Consumer Science Teacher; *Conductive Threads: Creating with Fiber Arts & Circuitry;* February 7-9, 2024. Registration: $25.00. Meals: $50.00. Transportation: $93.00. Total Cost: $168.00. (District)

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-11-10/24 The 2024-2025 District Wellness Plan Goals were presented at the October 16, 2024 Board Workshop. (Judith Virgin)

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, to approve E-22-10/24 through E-26-10/24.

E-22-10/24 Approve the 2024-2025 District Wellness Plan Goals.

E-23-10/24 Approve an Education Services Agreement with Educere for virtual education programs and courses and other educational services.

E-24-10/24 Approve an agreement with Westmoreland Intermediate Unit for students services, deaf-hard of hearing support (Itinerant), orientation and mobility support (Itinerant), and speech-language support (Itinerant only) for the 2024-2025 school year.

E-25-10/24 Approve R.E.A.C.H. to bring Charlie, Certified Therapy Dog, in the Ferndale Area schools, as per agreement.

E-26-10/24 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, PA, for aides for 2024-2025 school year,

-- Classroom Aide, Emilee Mottle
-- Classroom Aide, Judith Barber

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

The following were presented at the October 16, 2024 Board Workshop:

IE-12-10/24 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-13-10/24 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, to approve F-11-10/24 through F-13-10/24.

F-11-10/24 Approve an agreement with Snyder Brothers to lock in NYMEX natural gas rates at $2.82/Dth for the period of April 2024 through March 2025.

IF-06-10/24 Review Electric & HVAC Project Payments (David Gates)

F-12-10/24 Approve payment of September Electric & HVAC Project Payments invoices.

Electric Project		
Darr Construction	7/15/2023	$ 9,054.00
Darr Construction	10/31/2023	$ 61,813.94
Darr Construction	8/31/2023	$ 33,933.46
Darr Construction	11/30/2023	$ 34,917.30
Darr Construction	1/31/2024	$ 86,247.00
Darr Construction	6/30/2024	$ 10,134.90
Darr Construction	8/31/2024	$ 359,929.40
Darr Construction	9/30/2024	$ 31,370.00
Total Invoiced:		$ 627,400.00
Total Contract:		$ 627,400.00
Balance:		$ -

HVAC Project		
Marc Services	1/31/2024	$ 19,638.00
Marc Services	5/14/2024	$ 265,791.69
Marc Services	6/30/2024	$ 350,070.44
Marc Services	7/31/2024	$ 636,941.11
Marc Services	8/30/2024	$ 646,565.99
Total Invoiced:		$ 1,919,007.23
Total Contract:		$ 2,188,320.45
Balance:		$ 269,313.22

HVAC Project - Electric		
Darr Construction	8/31/2024	$ 89,727.50
Darr Construction	9/30/2024	$ 6,772.50
Total Invoiced:		$ 96,500.00
Total Contract:		$ 96,500.00
Balance:		$ -

F-13-10/24 Approve a Service Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit for ten hours of PIMS support services at a cost of $1,100. Additional needs or special projects - $110/hour.

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

IF-07-10/24 Review the Assigned Fund Balance as of 6/30/24:

	6/30/2023	6/30/2024
Electrical & HVAC Projects	$ 750,000	$ 2,000,000
GJCTC Debt Payments (10 years)	$ 516,030	$ 516,030
HVAC Loan Payment (Total Principal)	$ -	$ 1,200,000
Total Assigned Fund Balance	$ 1,266,030	$ 3,716,030

IF-08-10/24 Discussion on Act 1 Index (David Gates)

IF-09-10/24 Budget Timeline (David Gates)

6. Personnel

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve P-29-10/24 through P-32-10/24.

P-29-10/24 Approve the Superintendent to offer a FREE PERSONAL DAY and 15 ACT 48 Hours to any staff member who earns a "First-Time" Google Educator Level 1 or "First-Time" Google Educator Level 2 Certificate between October 24, 2024 and June 30, 2026.

P-30-10/24 Employ Katrina Hale as a Classroom Aide, at a stipend of $14.25 per hour with limited benefits, effective November 4, 2024, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

P-31-10/24 Approve the creation of the following extra pay for extra duty position:

– National Junior Honor Society Advisor (NJHS) in the Junior-Senior High School

P-32-10/24 Approve Carlee Riegel as the National Junior Honor Society Advisor as a stipend of $1500 to be prorated for the 2024-2025 school year.

Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Rutledge. Against the motion: McKendree P-31-10/24 and P-32-10/24 only. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The November Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2024. The November Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rutledge to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. All were in favor.