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Ferndale Area
School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 25, 2023

I.	The January 25, 2023 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held virtually through the Ferndale Area School District's website at www.fasdk12.org. 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 tonight 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 FASD website under Board Policies.
IV.	Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Barry Himes, Kimberly Kinsey, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, and Stephen Thompson. Patricia Wilson - late. Absent: Joshua Hyland.
	Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Attorney Joseph Beard, Solicitor; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
V.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
VI.	Committees Agenda
	The following were discussed at the January 18, 2023 Board Workshop Meeting:
IBD-09-01/23	Audit Presentation - Sarah Sernell, Kotzan, CPA.
IST-02-01/23	Athletic Update - Stephen Clawson.
1.	Board
IBD-10-01/23	January is School Director Recognition Month. (Jeffrey Boyer)
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve BD-33-01/23 through BD-38-01/23.
BD-33-01/23	Approve the January 25, 2023 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-34-01/23 through ST-50-01/23).

BD-34-01/23 Approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2022 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-16-01/23 Authorize the following, Ferndale Borough Recreation, to have fob access to the Junior High Gymnasium for the elementary baseball/softball clinic program:

-- Adam Hale

BG-17-01/23 Approve the request of the Band Boosters, Responsible Officer Amanda Usrey, to use the Senior High Cafeteria and tables for the delivery, sorting, and pick-up of Marianna's Fundraiser on February 10, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

IE-25-01/23 The following has been assigned as a student observer (IUP) at the Ferndale Area High School (December 12, 2022 - December 16, 2022):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Elizabeth Muchesko	Daniel Endler	US History, World History, Psychology

F-21-01/23 Approve the November and December Treasurer's Reports, as presented.

F-22-01/23 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

F-23-01/23 Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2021-2022. (The MD&A is part of the 2021-2022 Independent Auditor Report. Complete 2021-2022 Single Audit Review is available upon request.)

IF-15-01/23 Receipts and disbursements.

IF-16-01/23 Received a letter from Susan McCrone, Division of Federal Programs, informing FASD has maintained fiscal effort when comparing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. FASD is eligible for full participation in federal grant funding for school year 2022-2023.

ST-45-01/23 Approve the 9th grade class tour of Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on January 17, 2023. Cost: Transportation for two buses: $240.00. (District)

ST-46-01/23	Approve two students participation in the District Chorus Festival at Portage Area High School on January 11, 12, 13, 2023. Cost: Registration per student: $70.00. Shared Transportation: $120.00. Director's Food: $60.00. Substitute for two days: $180.00. Total Cost $500.00. (District)
ST-47-01/23	Approve three students participation in the District Band Festival at Meyersdale Area High School on February 8, 9, 10, 2023. Cost: Registration per student: $70.00. Shared Transportation: $90.00. Lodging per student: $90.00. Director's Lodging: $250.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Mileage: $90.00. Substitute for two days: $180.00. Total Cost: $1,170.00. (District)
ST-48-01/23	Approve Spanish 2 & 3 students field trip to Pittsburgh Aviary on March 22, 2023. Cost: Tickets per student: $13.00. Transportation: $480.00. Paid by fund-raising and students. Substitutes for three: $270.00. (District)
ST-49-01/23	Approve four/five students participation in the Forensics Competition at Cambria Heights High School on January 12, 2023. Cost: Transportation: $330.00. (District)
ST-50-01/23	Approve three students participation in the Forensics Competition at Conemaugh Township School District on January 25, 2023. No cost to District.
BD-35-01/23	Approve Agreement with parents of a former student (Student #250611) and the District and to authorize the Board President to sign any necessary paperwork to effectuate same.
BD-36-01/23	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of Revised Policy No. 011 Principles for Governance and Leadership, and adopt said policy.
BD-37-01/23	Reaffirm the Principles for Governance and Leadership.
BD-38-01/23	Approve changing the June 14, 2023 Board Voting Meeting date to June 21, 2023. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland and Wilson. The motion carried. Mrs. Wilson entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

2.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-18-01/23	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve the donation of Ferndale Area School District's wrestling mats to Westmont Hilltop School District. (Pick up and delivery will be handed by Westmont Hilltop School District staff.) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-34-01/23	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve a Letter of Agreement between R.E.A.C.H. Inc. and Ferndale Area School District, in conjunction with the R.I.S.E. Project of Cambria County, to allow R.E.A.C.H. Inc. to provide a Master's Level Staff to the School District Junior/Senior High School during the 2022-2023 school year. No cost to District. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland. The motion carried.
	The following were discussed at the January 18, 2023 Board Workshop Meeting:
IE-26-01/23	Discussion on 3 Year Old Pre-K Program (Jeff Boyer)
IE-27-01/23	Director of Education Report (William Brotz)
IE-28-01/23	Elementary and High School Highlights Report. (Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison)
IE-29-01/23	GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights/Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Updates (Stephen Thompson)
IE-30-01/23	FASD (Cafeteria) will be a host site for a paid work experience through Goodwill Industries and OVR for a student.

5.	Finance
	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve F-24-01/23 through F-26-01/23.
F-24-01/23	Approve posting an RFP via the PEPPM Mini-bid process for new network switching infrastructure. The project would be eligible to use money from the District's Category 2 E-Rate funding which began with a total of $101,369.00. E-Rate funding would pay for 85% of the project and the District would be responsible for the remaining 15%. The District would be responsible for 100% of the cost that exceeds the Category 2 budget. This is year 3 of 5 for the funding cycle and the money would be forfeited if it is not allocated toward any projects.
F-25-01/23	Approve Schneider Electric, Bedford, as an ESCO partner for the Department of Energy Renew Our Schools Grant for the Junior-Senior High School. Project will only be completed if the District receives the grant.
F-25-01/23	Approve The Efficiency Network (TEN), Pittsburgh, as an ESCO partner for the Department of Energy Renew Our Schools Grant for the Elementary School. Project will only be completed if the District receives the grant.
F-26-01/23	Approve an increase of $2,000 to the 2021-2022 Audit Fee to Kotzan CPA & Associates.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland. The motion carried.
IF-17-01/23	The Cambria County Tax Collection Committee approved a 10 year extension with Berkheimer Tax Innovations to continue collecting Earned Income Tax for the next 10 years (beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2032). The commission rate will be reduced from 1.65% to 1.5%.
6.	Personnel
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve P-40-01/23 through P-42-01/23.
P-40-01/23	Approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent Evaluation.

P-41-01/23	Approve the following mentor for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year: -- Ronald Jones for Christina Fosbrink, BCIT Teacher
P-42-01/23	Post/advertise for part-time summer employment for students, pending appropriate paperwork. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland. The motion carried.
7.	Student Activities Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve ST-51-01/23 through ST-59-01/23.
ST-51-01/23	Approve Scott McGough as the Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 season, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.
ST-52-01/23	Approve Steven Mitchell as a Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 season, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork.
ST-53-01/23	Approve Ian Bennett as a Volunteer Bowling Coach for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork.
ST-54-01/23	Approve Theresa Schonvisky as a Volunteer for the Music Department for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork.
ST-55-01/23	Approve the resignation of Matthew Hauger, Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, effective January 18, 2023.
ST-56-01/23	Approve the resignation of Sabrina Custer, Head Junior High Softball Coach, effective January 19, 2023.
ST-57-01/23	Approve the transfer of Matthew Lushko from Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach to Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, effective January 18, 2023.

ST-58-01/23 Post and/or advertise for the following positions:
-- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Head Junior High Girls' Softball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Softball Coach

ST-59-01/23 Approve Ian Valente as the Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach. Salary is prorated based on the Coaches Contract.

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-10-01/23 Veronica Shorto, Teacher; *Invigorating Outdoor Learning at the Ecology School,* January 27-29, 2023, Saco, Maine. Cost: Paid by Grant. Substitute: $90.00. (District)

W-11-01/23 Molly O'Neil, Principal; Renee Dryer, Reading Specialist; Maeve Koshute, MTSS Coordinator; Stephanie Mino, Math Specialist; *Improving School Performance Conference,* January 29 - February 1, 2023, Pittsburgh. Cost: Two registration and lodging paid by Conference. Registration for two: $900.00. Meals for each: $160.00. Shared Mileage: $110.00. Total Cost: $1,650.00. (Title IV)

W-12-01/23 Veronica Shorto, Teacher; *Science Network 22-23*, February 1, 2023, Altoona IU8. Cost: Substitute: $90.00. (District)

W-13-01/23 Stephanie Popp, Elementary Guidance; *Cambria County Counselor Day*, February 9, 2023, Admiral Peary Vo-Tech, Ebensburg. Cost: Travel: $25.63. (District)

W-14-01/23 Judith Virgin, School Nurse; *PASNAP 2023: Moving Forward,* March 31 - April 2, 2023, Hershey. Cost: Registration: $375.00. Lodging for two nights: $338.00. Meals: $25.00. Mileage: $230.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $1,071.00. (District)

W-15-01/23 Dustin Rainey, Music Teacher; *Pennsylvania Music Educator Association State Conference*, Pocono Mountains; April 19-22, 2023. Cost: Registration: $170.00. Lodging: $500.00. Meals: $100.00. Mileage: $250.00. Substitute for three days: $270.00. Total Cost: $1,290.00. (District)

W-16-01/23 Damian Buksa, Maintenance Technician; *HVAC/R Certified Technician* Course, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Online. Cost: Registration: $2,895.00. (District)

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

The February Board Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023. The February Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

VII. Adjournment

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