FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
February 22, 2023

I.	The February 22, 2023 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, Joshua Hyland, Kimberly Kinsey, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. James McKendree - late. Absent: Jason Moschgat.
	Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, FAEA; Susan Sheesley, PSEA-R; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
V.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
VI.	Committees Agenda
	The Board held an Executive Session for personnel at the February 15, 2023 Board Workshop from 7:05 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.
	Dr. McKendree entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
BD-39-02/23	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the February 22, 2023 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-40-02/23 through ST-67-02/23).
BD-40-02/23	Approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-19-02/23 Approve the request of the Basketball Boosters, Responsible Officer Jason Moschgat, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, locker rooms, restrooms, janitor's closet, chairs, tables, PA System, scoreboard/clock, cleaning equipment, for a Junior High Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournament on February 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m - 10:00 p.m. and February 11, 2023, 11:00 am - 8:00 p.m.. Waive any custodian fee.

BG-20-02/23 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year:

-- Jerry Salley, Sr.

IE-31-02/23 The following has been assigned as a student observer (Penn Highlands) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School (January 27, 2023 - March 31, 2023):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Grade Level
Allyssa Richards	Michael Harrison	Grade 2

The following has been assigned as a student observer (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School (February 9, 2023 - April 20, 2023):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Subject Area
Carlee Riegel	Rebecca Segar	Science

F-27-02/23 Approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-28-02/23 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-18-02/23 Received a letter from Clayton Carroll, PDE, approving Ferndale Area School District's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2022 as being substantially in compliance with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F regulations and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

IF-19-02/23 The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance (October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022) is $2,842.78.

IF-20-02/23 The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Band Booster Sub-Fund donor statement balance (October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022) is $1,786.56.

IF-21-02/23 Receipts and disbursements.

IF-22-02/23	Received a $500 donation from Jack and Robin Murphy for gym equipment in memory of Cathy Thompson.
IP-11-02/23	Employee #22233724 will be on a Family Medical Leave of Absence from February 15, 2023 through May 3, 2023.
IP-12-02/23	Employee #22236198 will be on a intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence from January 18, 2023 through January 17, 2024.
ST-60-02/23	Approve three students participation in a Forensics Competition at Richland School District on February 10, 2023. No cost to District.
ST-61-02/23	Approve 35 band students field trip to the Tomahawks Game, February 17, 2023. Transportation: $120.00. (District)
ST-62-02/23	Approve 12 students participation in the IU8 First Lego League Competition, February 25, 2023. Cost: Registration: $150.00. Transportation: $33.00. Total Cost: $183.00. (District)
ST-63-02/23	Approve 20 students (Science Olympiad) field trip to PennWest California, March 1, 2023. Cost: Transportation: $560.00. Substitute: $90.00. Total Cost: $650.00. (District)
ST-64-02/23	Approve 20 students participation in a Reading Competition at Forest Hills School District, March 30, 2023. Cost: Transportation: $190.00. (District)
ST-65-02/23	Approve two students participation in BandFest at Central Cambria School District, March 31, 2023. Cost: Registration: $25.00 per student. Transportation: $75.00. Substitute: $90.00. Total Cost: $215.00. (District)
ST-66-02/23	Approve 41 students (Seniors) field trip to Penn Highlands Community College, Speaker Chris Herren, April 4, 2023. Cost: Transportation: $120.00. Substitute: $90.00. Total Cost: $210.00. (District)
ST-67-02/23	Approve one student participation in PMEA Regions Band Festival at Altoona Area High School, March 23-25, 2023. Cost: Registration: $85.00. Shared Transportation: $50.00. Student Lodging: $44.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Lodging: $102.00. Substitute for two days: $180.00. Total Cost: $541.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

IBD-11-02/23 Distribution of Statement of Financial Interest Forms - Board Members and Administrators - Due to Patti Craig as soon as possible.

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-07-02/23 A Buildings and Grounds discussion was held at the February 15, 2023 Board Workshop Meeting. (David Gates)

BG-21-02/23 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve advertising a Request for Proposal for electrical work at the Junior-Senior High School. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Dr. McKendree made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve E-35-02/23 through E-38-02/23.

E-35-02/23 Approve the Revised 2022-2023 Ferndale Area School District Pre-K - 12 Academic Calendar:

-- January 25, 2023 - Cancellation
April 6, 2023 - Snow make-up day

E-36-02/23 Approve the 2023-2024 Ferndale Area School District Pre-K - 12 Academic Calendar.

E-37-02/23 Renew an Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for educational services, if needed, for the 2023-2024 and/or 2024-2025.

E-38-02/23 Approve the following new courses at the Junior-Senior High School:

-- Digital Arts *(Grades 9-12)*
-- Communication Technology *(Grades 9-12)*
-- Cyber Security *(Grades 10-12)*
-- Game Design and Development 2 *(Grades 10-12)*
-- Digital Production *(Grades 9-12)*
-- Art Explorations *(Grades 9-12)*
-- Drawing and Painting *(Grades 9-12)*

-- Independent Art *(Grades 11-12)*
-- Environment Chemistry *(Grades 10-12)*
-- Digital Design and Rapid Prototyping *(Grades 10-12)*
-- Digital Design and Rapid Prototyping 2 *(Grades 10-12)*
-- DIY Woodworking 1 *(Grades 10-12)*
-- DIY Woodworking 2 *(Grades 11-12)*

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

IE-32-02/23 Special Education Plan is a work in progress. It will be completed and posted for the 28 day public review period and then the plan will be submitted for approval at later date.

The following were discussed at the February 15, 2023 Board Workshop Meeting:

IE-33-02/23 Director of Education Report (William Brotz)

IE-34-02/23 Elementary and High School Highlights Report. (Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison)

IE-35-02/23 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights/Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Updates (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

The following were discussed at the February 15, 2023 Board Workshop Meeting:

IF-23-02/23 Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Endowment Fund and Band Booster Fund Discussion (Jeffrey Boyer)

IF-24-02/23 Discussion on Closing the Northwest Scholarship Account (David Gates)

IF-25-02/23 Property Tax Discussion (David Gates)

Dr. McKendree made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to table F-31-02/23.

F-31-02/23 Authorize the Administration to close out the Northwest Scholarship Account and transfer the funds to the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, balance approximately $3,944.00. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve F-29-02/23 and F-30-02/23

F-29-02/23 Approve the tentatively adopted 2023-2024 Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Joint Operating Committee Projected Secondary Budget.

Projected Secondary Budget: $6,771,047.95

F-30-02/23 Authorize the Administration to close out the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies - Ferndale Area Band Booster Fund and use the monies for new desks and chairs for the Junior-Senior High Band Room. Current fund balance approximately $1,786.56.

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

6. Personnel

Mr. Thompson made a motion, second by Mr. Himes, to approve P-43-02/23 and P-44-02/23.

P-43-02/23 Approve and agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, for an ELL Teacher for 2022-2023 school year:

-- ELL Teacher, Jill Vuckovich

P-44-02/23 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicant for the 2022-2023 school year:

Elementary STEAM - Alyssa Potasnik (Split with Michelle Sendek)

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

7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve ST-68-02/23 and ST-69-02/23.
ST-68-02/23	Approve Veronica Burket, Mineral Point, as the Head Junior High Girls' Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.
ST-69-02/23	Approve Kylie Burket, Mineral Point, as the Assistant Junior High Girls' Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-17-02/23	Rachelle Hrabosky, Teacher; *Science Network 22-23*, February 1, 2023, Altoona IU8. Cost: Travel: $40.00. Substitute: $90.00. Total Cost: $130.00. (District)
W-18-02/23	Renee Dryer, Reading Specialist; *Science of Reading Summit*; Altoona, March 22, 2023. Cost: Travel: $60.00. (District)
W-19-02/23	Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent; *PASA Leadership Forum*; Harrisburg, March 30, 31, 2023. Cost: Registration: $299.00. Lodging: $110.94. Meals: $50.00. Total Cost: $459.94. (District)
W-20-02/23	Melanie Duffy-Engel, Music Teacher; *Pennsylvania Music Educator Association State Conference*, Pocono Mountains; April 19-22, 2023. Cost: Registration: $295.00. Lodging: $338.00. Travel: $464.00. Substitute for three days: $270.00. Total Cost: $1,367.00. (District)
W-21-02/23	William Brotz, *PA Federal Programs Annual Conference,* Kalahari Resort, April 3-6, 2023. Registration: $400.00. Lodging: $800.00. Meals: $250.00. Travel: $500.00. Total Cost: $1,950.00. (Title I)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Moschgat. The motion carried.

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

VII. Adjournment

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