FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
June 21, 2023

I. The June 21, 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 6:00 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, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Joshua Hyland, James McKendree and Jason Moschgat.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, Travis Robison, Jessica Maxwell, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Kathleen McCreery, Laura Miller, Amy Schmidt, Christy Sweeney, FAEA; Susan Sheesley, PSEA-R; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

Lynn Bennett, FAEA, announced the new FAEA officers and addressed the Board regarding a Principal Search survey.

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve BD-53-06/23 through BD-56-06/23

BD-53-06/23 Approve the June 21, 2023 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-54-06/23 through P-82-06/23)

BD-54-06/23 Approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

E-61-06/23	Approve for the 2023-2024 school year 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-52-06/23	Approve the May Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-53-06/23	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
F-54-06/23	Approve the listed Depositories for the 2023-2024 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-55-06/23	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 2022-2023 fiscal year.
F-56-06/23	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-57-06/23	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-58-06/23	Exonerate the District's Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2022-2023 Delinquent Per Capita Taxes. The names submitted will be listed as Delinquent Taxpayers.
F-59-06/23	Submit the 2022-2023 Delinquent Per Capita Tax Lists to the Pennsylvania Municipal Services, 336 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA, 15139, for the purpose of collection.

IF-33-06/23 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-34-06/23 Receipts and disbursements.

P-82-06/23 Approve Business Manager to be paid for unused vacation days per Business Manager contract.

IBD-15-06/23 Review Revised Policy No. 214 Class Rank (Jeffrey Boyer)

BD-55-06/23 Approve, as read, the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 214 Class Rank.

BD-56-06/23 Approve the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OF THE FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF COUNSEL FOR LITIGATION AGAINST META PLATFORMS, INC, ET AL

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Public Education of the Ferndale Area School District as follows:

1. The District authorizes an Attorney-Client Fee Contract with Levin Sedran and Berman of Philadelphia, PA and Robert Peirce & Associates of Pittsburgh, PA (co-counsel) for the commencement of a legal action against META Platforms, Inc., Facebook Holdings, LLC, Facebook Operations, LLC, META Payments Inc., Facebook Technologies, LLC, Instagram, LLC, Siculus, INC., Snap Inc., Tik Tok Inc., Bytedance Inc., Alphabet Inc., Google LLC, XXVI Holdings Inc., and YouTube, LLC. Said action shall be for the purpose of claiming money damages related to School District costs and expenses related to the use of social media platforms by students. Beard Legal Group PC shall be co-counsel on the legal action.

2. The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a total Contingent Attorneys' Fee of Thirty-Three and One-Third percent (33 1/3%) of any recovery. Out-of-pocket actual expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Levin Sedran & Berman and deducted from any recovery. All legal expenses for the litigation, including for co-counsel work performed by the District Solicitor, shall be paid by agreement of such counsel from the contingent fee legal fees and not from the District's net recovery. The District shall not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in this action.

3. The proper officers of the District are hereby authorized to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract and all other necessary documents.

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve E-62-06/23 through E-67-06/23.

E-62-06/23 Review and approve the School Health and Safety Plan.

E-63-06/23 Eliminate the part-time French teaching position at the Junior-Senior High School.

E-64-06/23 Approve continuing agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, PA, for long term, contracted and substitute staff for 2023-2024 School Year, including the Extended School Year.

IE-47-06/23 The District will continue to use Seneca Valley to offer various foreign language courses to our students with the exception of Spanish.

E-65-06/23	Approve continuing agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, PA, for aides and personal care aides for 2023-2024 school year: -- Pre-K Counts Instructional Aide, Janette Labar -- Pre-K Counts Instructional Aide, Kim Connors -- Special Education Aide, TBD -- Paraprofessional, Carol Pavlosky -- Special Education Aide, Christina Madden
E-66-06/23	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-67-06/23	Approve an Addendum, effective July 1, 2023, that modifies the existing Contractual Agreement between Pressley Ridge and Ferndale Area School District to provide special education services for the 2023-2024 school year regarding semester rate for tuition ($16,750) and extended school year rate ($1,350 or $135 per day). Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Thompson - E-66-06/23 only - personnel. Absent: Hyland, McKendree, and Moschgat. The motion carried.
IE-48-06/23	Justin Ogline, Technology Education Teacher, applied for a grant through Harbor Freight Tools. Although Justin didn't win one of the large prizes he hoped for, he was awarded a $250 gift card to purchase supplies for the shop.
IE-49-06/23	Director of Education Report (William Brotz)
IE-50-06/23	Elementary and High School Highlights (Travis Robison)
IE-51-06/23	GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights/Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Updates (Stephen Thompson)
5.	Finance None.

6.	Personnel
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve P-83-06/23 through P-92-06/23.
P-83-06/23	Approve the resignation of Michael Molchan, Science Teacher, effective May 30, 2023.
P-84-06/23	Approve the resignation of Stephanie Popp, Elementary Guidance Counselor, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
P-85-06/23	Approve the resignation of Madalena Price, English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
P-86-06/23	Approve the resignation of Molly O'Neil, Elementary Principal, letter dated June 8, 2023.
P-87-06/23	Approve the resignation of Lesley Miller, Special Education Teacher, letter dated June 14, 2023.
P-88-06/23	Approve the creation of a second PBIS Advisor position at the Junior-Senior High School.
P-89-06/23	Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2023-2024 school year: Detention Monitor - Madison Crum PBIS Advisor-Secondary - Madison Crum PBIS Advisor-Secondary - Molly Pilcher Stage, Lights, & Sound Manager - Secondary - Dustin Rainey
P-90-06/23	Approve the following mentors for the 2023-2024 school year: -- Maeve Koshute for Lorrin Sell, Elementary Teacher -- Justin Ogline for Rebecca Dernar, ELA Teacher -- Kimberly Shrift for Andrea Kreinbrook, ELA Teacher
P-91-06/23	Approve a five-year contract, as presented, with David Gates, Business Manager of the Ferndale Area School District, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

P-92-06/23 Approve Amy Mykut, Pre-K - 12 Assistant Principal, to work up to 10 additional days beyond the regular school year, due to the resignation of Molly O'Neil.

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-103-06/23 through ST-105-06/23.

ST-103-06/23 Approve the resignation of Andrea Ardary, Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach.

ST-104-06/23 Approve Andrea Ardary as a Volunteer Varsity/Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2023-2024 season.

ST-105-06/23 Post and/or advertise the following 2023-2024 coaching positions:

-- Head Varsity Baseball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
-- Head Junior High Baseball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach
-- Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Softball Coach
-- Head Junior High Girls' Softball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Softball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Cheerleading Advisor

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

IST-06-06/23 Stephen Clawson - Head Varsity Baseball Coach.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-38-06/23 Judith Virgin, School Nurse; *NASN 2023 Building for the Future: Health Advocacy and Leadership Virtual Workshop*; July 12, 2023 - October 12, 2023. Cost: Registration: $385.00. (District)

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

The August Board Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The August Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All were in favor.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:52 for personnel and the Mandated Act 44 Security Update. The Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m.