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

I. The October 25, 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, Joshua Hyland, Kimberly Kinsey, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Amy Schmidt, FAEA/Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA-R; Josh Byer, Tribune Democrat; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

IBD-06-10/23 Student Board Representative Report was presented at the October 18, 2023 Board Workshop. (Evan Mardis)

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve BD-09-10/23 through BD-11-10/23.

BD-09-10/23 Approve the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-10-10/23 through W-16-10/23).

BD-10-10/23 Approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-07-10/23 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork and clearances:

-- Maryann Cornelius

BG-08-10/23 Authorize the following, Ferndale Borough Recreation, to have fob access to the Elementary and Junior High gymnasiums for elementary basketball practices, drills and skills:

-- Marissa Hyland

BG-09-10/23 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, tables and chairs for Trunk or Treat, October 28, 2023, 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.)

BG-10-10/23 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, tables and chairs for the Cherrydale Fundraiser, November 8, 2023, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-11-10/23 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Hale, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, Classroom, restrooms, tables and chairs for a Holiday Festival, December 2, 2023, 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-11-10/23 The following has been assigned as student observers (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School, (September 27, 2023 - November 15 2023):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Julia Battaglia	Lori Robertson	PreK3
Lily Keslar	Denise Grove	PreK4
Baylee Mickey	Megan Carbaugh	PreK4
Jaid Oakes	Alexandria Teeter/ Liana Roland	Kindergarten
Jaylen Cooper	Rachelle Hrabosky	Grade 2
Chase Vargo	Scott Beckner	Grade 2

IE-12-10/23 The following has been assigned a student observer (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School, (September 21, 2023 - December 31, 2023):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Bridget Llewellyn	Maeve Koshute/ Alyssa Potasnik/ Christine Eash	MTSS/ STEAM/ Art

IE-13-10/23 The following has been assigned a student observer (Penn Highlands) at the Ferndale Area Elementary School, (October 13, 20, 2023, November 3, 17, 2023, December 1, 2023):

Student Observer	Cooperating Teachers
Gabrielle Riffle	Pre-K3 - Grade 2 Teachers

IE-14-10/23 Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Monday, October 9, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School and the Junior-Senior High School.

IE-15-10/23 No school for students and staff on Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of Veterans' Day.

F-08-10/23 Approve the September Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-09-10/23 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-02-10/23 A Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate is scheduled for December 8, 2023:

Owner	Address	Judgement Amount
Olivia J. Lorenzo	100 Jade Street	$81,051.81

IF-03-10/23 Receipts and disbursements.

IP-03-10/23 Alana Berry was appointed as an Elementary AmeriCorps worker beginning October 16, 2023 through June 28, 2024.

ST-20-10/23 Approve Dawn Wolfe as a Volunteer eSports Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

ST-21-10/23 Approve Theresa Wolf as a PBIS Volunteer for the 2023-2024 school year.

ST-22-10/23	Approve 10 students (PBIS) field trip to Juniata College on October 12, 2023 Cost: Transportation: $615.00. Substitutes for one: $100.00. Total Cost: $715.00. (District)
ST-23-10/23	Approve four students participation in a Forensics competition at Cambria Heights School District on October 17, 2023. Cost: Transportation: $325.00. (District)
ST-24-10/23	Approve 12 students participation in the Cambria County Chorus Festival at Forest Hills School District on November 20, 21, 2023. Cost: Registration each: $20.00. Director's Food: $20.00. Transportation: $505.00. Substitutes for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $965.00. (District)
ST-25-10/23	Approve 35 students (Chemistry I & II) participation at the STEAM Day at Saint Francis University on November 21, 2023. Cost: Per Student: $15.00. Transportation: $360.00. Total Cost: $885.00. (District)
	Approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-10-10/23	Jennifer Gorzelsky, Maeve Hrabosky, MTSS; *Tier 3 Literacy Intervention Training*, IU8 Altoona, October 2, 2023, November13, 2023, November 14, 2023. Cost: Meals: $102.00. Mileage: $90.39. Total Cost: $192.39. (District)
W-11-10/23	Patricia Craig, Superintendent's Secretary; *School Board Secretaries Conference*, Mechanicsburg, November 17, 2023. Cost: Registration: $42.50. Mileage and Tolls: $209.00. Total Cost: $251.50. (District)
W-12-10/23	Jennifer Gorzelsky, MTSS; *Text Data Analysis*, IU8 Duncansville, November 3, 2023, November 29, 2023, December 6, 2023. Cost: Meals: $51.00. Mileage: $138.00. Total Cost: $189.00. (District)
W-13-10/23	Damian Buksa, Maintenance Supervisor; Lori McGough, Food Service Director; *PASBO Annual Conference*, Hershey, March 5-8, 2024. Approximate Cost: Registration each: $349.00. Lodging for three days for each: $453.00. Mileage/Incidentals for each: $300.00. Total Cost: $2,204.00 (District)
W-14-10/23	Christy Sweeney, Teacher; *PSEA House of Delegates*, Pittsburgh, December 1-2, 2023. Cost: Lodging: $179.00. Travel: $75.00. (FAEA) Substitute: $100.00. (District)

W-15-10/23	Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education & Student Services; Leigh Ann Dunn, Teacher; *NCI Hybrid Course - Virtual*, September 21, 2023. Cost: Registration for each: $60.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $220.00. (District)
W-16-10/23	Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education & Student Services; Section 504, IU8 Richland, October 18, 2023. No Cost to District.
BD-11-10/23	As per PSBA recommendation, retire Policy No. 255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care. The language in Policy No. 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability merges the previous language of Policies No. 251 and Policy No. 255 to be consistent with PA School Code 1331.1. Policy No. 251 adopted at the September 27, 2023 Board Meeting supersedes it. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-09-10/23	Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve Administration to dispose items as presented, via auction. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
3.	Cafeteria None.
4.	Education
IE-16-10/23	The 2023-2024 District Wellness Plan Goals were presented at the October 18, 2023 Board Workshop. (Judith Virgin) Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve E-17-10/23 through E-19-10/23.
E-17-10/23	Approve the 2023-2024 District Wellness Plan Goals.

E-18-10/23	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 permit R.E.A.C.H. Inc. to provide, at no cost to the District, Master's Level Clinical Mental Health Counselors/Site Supervisors to the School District.
E-19-10/23	Approve a Referral, Communication and Transfer Agreement between Ferndale Area School District and Impact Counseling Services, LLC. The agency will provide drug and alcohol services. No cost to the District.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
	The following were discussed at the October 18, 2023 Board Workshop:
IE-17-10/23	District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Travis Robison, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)
IE-18-10/23	GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)
5.	Finance
	The following were discussed at the October 18, 2023 Board Workshop:
IF-05-10/23	Discussion on Act 1 Index (David Gates)
IF-06-10/23	Budget Timeline (David Gates)
6.	Personnel
	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-36-10/23 through P-39-10/23.
P-36-10/23	Approve Katie McGough as a long-term substitute Elementary Teacher, at a rate of $165.00 per day worked, 8 sick days, and 2 personal days.
P-37-10/23	Approve the following Mentors for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:
	-- Michelle Sendek for Jill McConnell, Elementary Health & Physical Education Teacher
	-- Christine Eash for Katie McGough, long-term substitute Elementary Teacher

P-38-10/23	Approve the following extra duty applicants for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year: -- Ralph Stewart, Board Room Art Coordinator (Split with Michelle Sendek) -- Marie Duell, Elementary LEGO League -- Lorrin Sell, Elementary Reading Team Advisor -- Rachelle Hrabosky, Elementary Science Curriculum Support Chairperson
P-39-10/23	Approve the Elementary and JSHS Assistant Principal job description. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IP-04-10/23	A Potential Extra Duty-Extra Pay Position was discussed at the October 18, 2023 Board Workshop: -- Supervisor of Supplemental Athletics and Community Outreach
7.	Student Activities
ST-26-10/23	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the following as a Fitness Center Monitor for the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of $10.00 per hour. -- Tonia Mitchell Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Hyland, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences None. The November Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The November Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023.
VII.	Adjournment Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. All were in favor.