FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
November 15, 2023

I. The November 15, 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, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Kimberly Kinsey - late.

Student Board Representatives

Evan Mardis - Senior
Abigail Barley - Junior
Loryn Geisel - Junior

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, FAEA/Resident; Laura Miller, FAEA; 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-07-11/23 Student Board Representative Report.

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve BD-12-11/23 through BD-14-11/23.

BD-12-11/23 Approve the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-13-11/23 through W-19-11/23).

BD-13-11/23 Approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-10-11/23 Approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork and clearances:

-- Brian Cote

IE-19-11/23 Students and staff will be dismissed two hours early on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

F-10-11/23 Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-11-11/23 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-07-11/23 Section 341(b) of SS Act 1 requires school boards to notify, by first class mail, the owner of each parcel of residential property within the district by December 31, 2023, of the existence of the homestead and farmstead exclusion program, the need to file an application in order to qualify for the program, and the application deadline of March 1, 2024. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.

IF-08-11/23 A Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate is scheduled for November 8, 2023:

Owner	Address	Judgement Amount
Colte Reighard	222 Arthur Street	$200.00

IF-09-11/23 Receipts and disbursements.

IP-05-11/23 The following were appointed as Elementary AmeriCorps workers:

-- Gabrielle Riffle, November 13, 2023 through March 1, 2024
-- Brittany Priest, November 13, 2023 through May 24, 2024.

ST-27-11/23 Approve 10 Art students participation in window painting at the Suppes Ford, Johnstown on November 14, 2023. Substitute: $100.00. Transportation: $249.00. Total Cost: $349.00. (District)

ST-28-11/23 Approve 15 Juniors/Seniors students field trip to Alternatives to College Expo - Hosted by Senator Langerholc at Northern Cambria Social Hall on November 16, 2023. Cost: Transportation: $330.00. (District)

ST-29-11/23	Approve 12 Juniors/Seniors students participation in a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 16, 2023. Cost: Registration: $150.00. Transportation: $490.00. Total Cost: $640.00. (District)
ST-30-11/23	Approve 10 Art students participation in window painting at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown on November 28, 2023. Substitute: $100.00. Transportation: $249.00. Total Cost: $349.00. (District)
ST-31-11/23	Approve 4 Band students participation in the PMEA District Jazz Festival at Tussey Mountain High School on January 18, 19, 2024. Cost: Registration per student: $50.00. Lodging per student: $40.00. Director's Lodging: $150.00. Director's Food $80.00. Transportation: $100.00. Substitute for two days: $200.00. Total Cost: $890.00. (District)
ST-32-11/23	Approve Spanish 2, 3, 4 students field trip to Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium on March 27, 2024. Cost: Tickets per student: $16.00. Transportation: $660.00. Paid by students. Substitutes for two: $200.00. Nurse: $150.00. (District)
ST-33-11/23	Approve elementary students participation in a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 14, 2023. Cost: Food: $168.00. (Paid by Students) Transportation: $500.00. Substitutes for two: $100.00. (District)
	Approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-17-11/23	Leigh Ann Dunn, Alyssa Potasnik, Teachers; *Gifted Network*, Richland, November 15, 2023 and March 26, 2024. Registration for each: $30.00. Substitutes for two for two days: $400.00. Total Cost: $520.00. (District)
W-18-11/23	Rachelle Hrabosky, Teacher; *STEELS Networking*, IU8 Altoona, February 28, 2024. Cost: Mileage: $60.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $160.00. (District)
W-19-11/23	Lori McGough, Food Service Director, *PRSFD*, Blair County Convention Center, November 17, 2023. No cost to District.
IBD-08-11/23	Reviewed the following policies at the November 8, 2023 Board Workshop (David Gates) • Revised Policy No. 601 Fiscal Objectives • Revised Policy No. 602 Budget Planning • Revised Policy No. 603 Budget Preparation • Revised Policy No. 604 Budget Adoption

- Revised Policy No. 606 Tax Collection
- Revised Policy No. 607 Tuition Income
- Revised Policy No. 608 Bank Accounts
- Revised Policy No. 613 Cooperative Purchasing
- Revised Policy No. 615 Payroll Deductions
- Revised Policy No. 616 Payment of Bills
- Revised Policy No. 617 Petty Cash
- Revised Policy No. 622 GASB Statement 34
- Revised Policy No. 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- Revised Policy No. 626.1 Travel Reimbursement

- Revised Policy No. 612 Purchases Not Budgeted
- Revised Policy No. 619 District Audit

BD-14-11/23

Approve, as read, the First Reading of the following policies:

- Revised Policy No. 601 Fiscal Objectives
- Revised Policy No. 602 Budget Planning
- Revised Policy No. 603 Budget Preparation
- Revised Policy No. 604 Budget Adoption
- Revised Policy No. 606 Tax Collection
- Revised Policy No. 607 Tuition Income
- Revised Policy No. 608 Bank Accounts
- Revised Policy No. 613 Cooperative Purchasing
- Revised Policy No. 615 Payroll Deductions
- Revised Policy No. 616 Payment of Bills
- Revised Policy No. 617 Petty Cash
- Revised Policy No. 622 GASB Statement 34
- Revised Policy No. 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- Revised Policy No. 626.1 Travel Reimbursement

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4.	Education
	The following were discussed at the November 8, 2023 Board Workshop:
IE-20-11/23	District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Travis Robison, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)
IE-21-11/23	GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Stephen Thompson)
5.	Finance
	Mrs. Kinsey entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.
	Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve
F-12-11/23	RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTING TO NOT INCREASE ITS TAX RATE ABOVE THE INDEX
	Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 requires school districts to adopt a preliminary budget proposal no later than 90 days prior to the date of which the election immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the preliminary budget will take effect.
	And Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 further provides that a board of school directors may elect to adopt a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the following fiscal year by more than the index.
	And Whereas, the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District desires to keep all proposed tax increases for the 2024-2025 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year;
	Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that pursuant to Act 1 of Special Session 2006, the Ferndale Area School District hereby certifies that it shall not increase any tax used for the support of the school district by a rate greater than the base index of 5.3% and an adjusted index of 8.4%.
	And Be It Further Resolved, that the board of school directors, hereby certifies that it:

i. Shall not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

ii. Shall comply with the budgeting procedures set forth in 24 P.S. §6-687 for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets; and

Shall by limiting its tax rate to no greater than the index have sufficient funds to balance its final budget, unless permitted by applicable law and done in accordance with applicable said law. If said clause is not permitted by PDE, then said clause is eliminated.

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.

IF-10-11/23 Financing of Building Improvements was discussed at the November 8, 2023 Board Workshop (David Gates)

6. Personnel

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve P-40-11/23 through P-43-11/23

P-40-11/23 Employ Lauren Ozog as an Elementary Teacher at a prorated annual salary of $39,325 with full benefits, effective January 1, 2024, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

P-41-11/23 Approve the resignation of Jill McConnell, Elementary Health & Physical Education Teacher, effective November 20, 2023.

P-42-11/23 Employ Brittany Eisenhuth as an Elementary Health & Physical Education Teacher at a prorated annual salary of $45,125 with full benefits, effective November 20, 2023, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

P-43-11/23 Create and advertise the following Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position:
-- Interact Team Advisor at a stipend of $1,000

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.

7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve ST-34-11/23 through ST-41-11/23.
ST-34-11/23	Approve posting/advertising the following fall coaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year: -- Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach -- Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach -- Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach -- Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach -- Head Varsity Golf Coach
	Approve the following coaches for the 2023-2024 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:
ST-35-11/23	Emada Loe, Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
ST-36-11/23	Harry Barnes, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
ST-37-11/23	Mark Chaney, Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach
ST-38-11/23	Jason Moschgat, Volunteer Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach.
ST-39-11/23	Approve the following as Fitness Center Monitors for the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of $10.00 per hour, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork: -- Adam Barbe -- Ralph Stewart
ST-40-11/23	Approve the Music Department field trip to New York City on April 25, 26, 2024. Cost per student: $350.00. (Paid by students) Substitute: $200.00. (District)
ST-41-11/23	Approve an Elementary Dance Club with Tiffany Duman as a Volunteer Dance Instructor.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The December Board Workshop/Voting Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. All were in favor.