FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
September 28, 2022

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| I. | The September 28, 2022 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 7:00 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, James McKendree, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Joshua Hyland and Jason Moschgat. |
| | Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; , Lynn Bennett, Laura Miller, Michael Molchan, Christy Sweeney, FAEA; Gwen Gaviola, Teacher; Justin Ogline, Building Representative; Albert Cooper, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary. |
| V. | Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association |
| | Albert Cooper addressed the Board regarding curriculum. |
| VI. | Committees Agenda |
| 1. | Board |
| IBD-03-09/22 | Student Board Representatives for the 2022-2023 school year: Alexis McKendree, Senior; Evan Mardis, Junior. |
| | Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve BD-04-09/22 through BD-06-09/22. |
| BD-04-09/22 | Approve the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-05-09/22 through IW-01-09/22) |

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| BD-05-09/22 | Approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2022 and September 12, 2022 Board Meetings, as presented. |
| BG-02-09/22 | Approve the following bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year:<br><br>Billie Jo Deyarmin Leila Wolfe<br>Laura Reger |
| BG-03-09/22 | Approve the request of the "Ferndale Borough Recreation," Responsible Officer Owen Hofecker III, to use the Senior High Gymnasium/ Elementary Gymnasium for elementary basketball for girls and boys in grades K-6, September 22, 2022 through May 31, 2023, (days and hours will vary) for practices, drills and skills; providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.) |
| BG-04-09/22 | Approve the request of "Ferndale Borough Recreation," Responsible Officer Scott Miles, to use the Senior High Gymnasium for wrestling practices, whenever available, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., November 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.) |
| E-13-09/22 | Renew a Cooperative Agreement between Mount Aloysius College and Ferndale Area School District for participation in the College In High School Program for the 2022-2023 school year. |
| E-14-09/22 | Approve Dual Enrollment classes to be offered in the 2022-2023 school year:<br><br><u>Mount Aloysius</u>:<br><br>-- Calculus (Marsha Baumbaugh)<br>*Math 112, College Algebra* (3 credits) |
| E-15-09/22 | Approve an agreement with Grand Canyon University and Ferndale Area School District for Student Teachers from August 30, 2022 through June 30, 2023. |
| IE-08-09/22 | The following has been assigned as student observers (IUP) at the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School (September 26, 2022 to October 28, 2022 = 5 weeks; October 31, 2022 to December 9, 2022 = 5 Weeks) (Thanksgiving Break is included in these dates) |

| | Student Observer | Cooperating Teacher | Subject |
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| | Dylan Heim | Ronald Lasko | Social Studies |
| | Erin Shaffer | Daniel Endler | Social Studies |

IE-09-09/22 Hayden Czerwinski was assigned as UPJ student volunteer in the Elementary School beginning September 28, 2022.

F-06-09/22 Approve the August Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-07-09/22 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-04-09/22 Receipts and disbursements.

IF-05-09/22 Received a letter from the PDE advising the status of Ferndale Area School District's compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). On June 25, 2022, PDE was notified by the Federal Office of Special Education Programs that Pennsylvania has received the determination of "meets requirements" for federal fiscal year 2020. Determinations are based on the LEA's performance for FFY 2020 and/or current administrative concerns. Based on this review, the PDE has determined that Ferndale Area School District "meets requirements" of Part B of the IDEA.

P-24-09/22 Approve a Homebound Instructor for a High School Student up to 5 hours per week starting September 13, 2022 for a maximum of 90 days.

IP-08-09/22 Jackie Leckey resigned from her AmeriCorps position.

IP-09-09/22 Theresa Wolf will be a building volunteer one day a week, on Wednesdays beginning in October.

ST-11-09/22 Approve interested 11th and 12th grade students' field trip to Penn Highlands Community College on September 20, 2022. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. (District)

IW-01-09/22 Lori McGough, Food Service Director, attended the *PRSFD* at Seven Springs on September 16, 2022. No cost to District.

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| BD-06-09/22 | Approve, as read, the Second Reading of Revised Policy No. 204 Attendance, and adopt said policy. |
| | Record vote the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland and Moschgat. The motion carried. |
| 2. | Buildings and Grounds |
| | Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve BG-05-09/22 and BG-06-09/22. |
| BG-05-09/22 | Approve the hiring of Spence Custer as special counsel to prepare and prosecute an action in Quiet Title for the real property located at 617 Summit Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15905 at an estimated cost of $3,000 plus related expenses. |
| BG-06-09/22 | Approve exonerating the school real estate taxes and associated penalties that are due and owing on 535-535 ½ Vickroy Avenue, Johnstown, PA, contingent upon the purchase by Ferndale Borough. |
| | Record vote the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland and Moschgat. The motion carried. |
| IBG-05-09/22 | Transportation Contract Discussion (David Gates) |
| IBG-06-09/22 | Renting our facilities to outside groups. (David Gates) |
| 3. | Cafeteria |
| | None. |
| 4. | Education |
| | Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve E-16-09/22 through E-18-09/22. |
| E-16-09/22 | Approve the PA Pre-K Counts Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2022-23 School Year for Ferndale Area School District. |

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| E-17-09/22 | Approve continuing an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to participate in the Elementary Behavior Intervention Classroom for the 2022-2023 school year, housed at Forest Hills Elementary School, at a cost of $9,402.25. |
| E-18-09/22 | Approve the signed Agreement between the Ferndale Area School District and the parents/guardians of Student 250632, and Student 250632, as presented.<br><br>Record vote the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland and Moschgat. The motion carried. |
| IE-10-09/22 | Elementary and High School Highlights - Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison |
| IE-11-09/22 | GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights/Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Updates. (Stephen Thompson) |
| 5. | Finance<br><br>Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve F-08-09/22 and F-09-09/22. |
| F-08-09/22 | Approve the following Resolution:<br><br>A resolution of the Ferndale Area School District of Cambria County, Pennsylvania requiring the Tax Collector to waive Additional Charges for real estate taxes assessed in the first tax year following October 11, 2022 where notice of the real estate taxes was not received following the transfer of real property and the taxpayer satisfies all conditions outlined in Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2022.<br><br>WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2022 ("Act 57") amended Section 7 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.7, addressing the effect of failure to receive the tax notice;<br><br>WHEREAS, Act 57 requires taxing districts to adopt a resolution or ordinance requiring the Tax Collector to waive Additional Charges as defined in Act 57 for real estate taxes under certain circumstances beginning in the first tax year after the effective date of Act 57, i.e., October 11, 2022; |

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Economic Development shall develop and make available to each taxing district a form by which a taxpayer may request a waiver of Additional Charges as defined in Act 57;

WHEREAS, the Ferndale Area School District, by Resolution, hereby requires the Tax Collector to waive Additional Charges as defined in Act 57 for real estate taxes assessed in the first tax year following October 11, 2022 where notice of the real estate taxes was not received following the transfer of real property and the taxpayer satisfies all conditions outlined in Act 57.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Tax Collector shall waive Additional Charges for real estate taxes in the then current tax year, if the taxpayer does all of the following:

    A. Provides a waiver request of Additional Charges to the Tax Collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a Qualifying Event;

    B. Attests that a tax notice was not received;

    C. Provides the Tax Collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:

        i. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or

        ii. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences; and

    D. Pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

2. A form providing for the waiver request of Additional Charges will be made available from the Tax Collector.

3. A taxpayer granted a waiver and paying real estate tax as provided in Act 57 shall not be subject to an action at law or in equity for an Additional Charge, and any claim existing or lien filed for an Additional Charge shall be deemed satisfied.

4. The Tax Collector accepting a waiver and payment in good faith in accordance with this Resolution and Act 57 shall not be personally liable for any amount due or arising from the real estate tax that is the subject in the waiver.

5. As used in this Resolution, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings given to them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

   "Additional Charge"
   Any interest, fee, penalty, or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate tax as provided in the real estate tax notice.

   "Qualifying Event"
   1) For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership.
   2) For the purposes of manufactured or mobile homes, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a mobile or manufactured home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the mobile or manufactured home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

   "Tax Collector"
   A tax collector as defined in Section 2 of the Local Tax Collection Law (72 P.S. §5511.1, *et seq.*), a delinquent tax collector as provided in section 26.1 of the Local Tax Collection Law, the tax claim bureau or an alternative collector of taxes as provided in the Real Estate Tax Sale Law (72 P.S. §5860.101, *et seq.*), an employee, agent or assignee authorized to collect the tax, a purchaser of claim for the tax or any other person authorized by law or contract to secure collection of, or take any action at law or in equity against, the person or property of the taxpayer for the real estate tax or amounts, liens or claims derived from the real estate tax.

6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED this 28th day of September, 2022.

F-09-09/22 Approve a Service Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit for ten hours of PIMS support services at a cost of $1,050. Additional needs or special projects - $105/hour.

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

6. Personnel

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve P-25-09-09/22 through P-29-09/22.

P-25-09/22 Approve the resignation of Crystal Burkhart, Mathematics Teacher, letter dated August 24, 2022.

P-26-09/22 Approve the resignation of the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2022-2023 school year:

-- Department Chair-Secondary Math - Crystal Burkhart
-- PBIS Advisor-Secondary - Crystal Burkhart

P-27-09/22 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2022-2023 school year:

-- Department Chair-Secondary Math - Daniel Alderton
-- PBIS Advisor-Secondary - Madalena Price

P-28-09/22 Post and/or advertise for a full-time Maintenance Technician.

P-29-09/22 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions for an Athletic Coach (Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach) for the 2022-2023 season.

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

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| 7. | Student Activities |
| IST-02-09/22 | Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports. (Travis Robison) |
| | Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve ST-12-09/22 through ST-14-09/22. |
| ST-12-09/22 | Approve the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports. |
| ST-13-09/22 | Approve the Marching Band attendance at a Disney Campus Workshop at Disney World in Florida, March 29, 2023 - April 3, 2023. No cost to the District. All expenses will be paid by students and Band Boosters through fundraisers (estimated cost is $1,000 per student). There was an usually high number of groups applying for very few performances in 2023. Ferndale Area was not selected, but was able to enroll in a Disney Campus Workshop. |
| ST-14-09/22 | Approve the Sr/Jr High Reading Team to participation in a reading competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 17, 2022. Cost: Transportation: $395.00. (District) |
| | Record vote the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland and Moschgat. The motion carried. |
| 8. | Workshops/Conferences |
| | Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve the following workshops/conferences: |
| W-03-09/22 | David Gates, Business Manager; Damian Buksa, Maintenance Supervisor; *Annual PASBO Conference*, Kalahari, March 14-17, 2023. Registration for each: $349.00. Lodging for three days for each: $453.00. Mileage/Incidentals for each: $300.00. Total Cost: $2,204.00. (District) |
| | Record vote the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland and Moschgat. The motion carried. |

The October Board Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The October Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All were in favor.