FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
November 16, 2022

I.	The November 16, 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 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, Kimberly Kinsey, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Joshua Hyland.
	Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Travis Robison, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Amy Schmidt, FAEA; Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director; Susan Sheesley, PSEA-R; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
V.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
	Lynn Bennett, FAEA, spoke about Administrative coverage.
VI.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
IBD-07-11/22	Student Board Representatives Report.
	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve BD-10-11/22.
BD-10-11/22	Approve the November 16, 2022 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-11-11/22 through ST-33-11/22)
BD-11-11/22	Approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2022 Board Meetings, as presented.

BG-11-11/22	Approve the request of the "Girl Scouts of Western PA" Responsible Officer Lisa Bulas, to use the Elementary Cafeteria, chairs and table, November 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for sign up for Girl Scouts. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)
IE-16-11/22	Students and staff will be dismissed two hours early on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.
F-12-11/22	Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-13-11/22	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
F-14-11/22	Approve 2022-2023 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B Project #131-20-008 CDFA #84.173 for $1,544.00. The District allocation for IDEA funding.
F-15-11/22	Approve 2022-2023 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B Project #062-23-0008 CDFA #84.027 for $144,602.35. The District allocation for IDEA funding.
IF-09-11/22	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, 2022, 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, 2023. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.
IF-10-11/22	Receipts and disbursements.
IF-11-11/22	The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance (July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022) is $2,665.36.
IF-12-11/22	The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Band Booster Sub-Fund donor statement balance (July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022) is $1,790.59.
ST-29-11/22	Approve 20 students attendance (five students from each grade 9th - 12th) at a Mental Health Conference at Conemaugh Township High School on November 10, 2022. Cost: Transportation: $135.00. (District)

ST-30-11/22	Approve seven elementary students participation in a Reading Competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 15, 2022. Cost: Transportation: $395.00. (District)
ST-31-11/22	Approve eight students participation in Cambria County Band Festival at Forest Hills High School on December 1-2, 2022. Registration: $25.00 per student. Transportation: $300.00. Director's Food: $20.00. Substitute for two days: $180.00. Total Cost: $800.00. (District)
ST-32-11/22	Approve the Senior Class (41 students) field trip to the US Holocaust Memorial in Washington DC on December 8, 2022. No cost to District. Paid by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Substitutes for five: $450.00. Substitute Nurse: $90.00. Total Cost: $540.00. (Paid by District)
ST-33-11/22	Approve 10 students participation in window painting at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown on November 29, 2022. Substitute: $90.00. Transportation: $120.00. Total Cost: $210.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland. The motion carried.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-07-11/22	A discussion on Buildings and Grounds was held at the November 9, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting. (David Gates)
	Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moschgat, to approve BG-11-11/22 and BG-12-11/22.
BG-11-11/22	Approve releasing a Request for Proposal related to providing documents for bidding the HVAC upgrades for the District to replace the unit ventilators and condensing units at the Senior High School, Junior High School, and Elementary School.
BG-12-11/22	Approve an agreement with H.F. Lenz Company, Johnstown, to provide documents for bidding the electrical upgrades for the District to replace the electrical service at the Senior High School, and replace the generators at the Senior High School and Elementary School.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Hyland. The motion carried.

3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
IE-17-11/22	The 2022-2023 District Wellness Goals were presented at the November 9, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting. (Judith Virgin)
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve E-27-11/22 through E-31-11/22.
E-27-11/22	Approve the 2022-2023 District Wellness Goals.
E-28-11/22	Approve the Ferndale Area Elementary School Title I Schoolwide Plan as presented at the September Board Workshop Meeting.
E-29-11/22	Approve an agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, PA, for an Elementary Special Education Aide for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year: -- Special Education Aide, Kim Connors
E-30-11/22	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-31-11/22	Approve an agreement between Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Ferndale Area School District for two Literacy Graduate Assistants and Use of Facility as a Placement Site at an estimated cost of $27,900 per student for the 2023-2024 academic year.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Himes, Kinsey, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Thompson - E-30-11/22 only - personnel. Absent: Hyland. The motion carried.
	The following were discussed at the November 9, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting:
IE-18-11/22	Director of Education Report (William Brotz)
IE-19-11/22	Elementary and High School Highlights (Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison)

IE-20-11/22 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights/Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Updates. (Stephen Thompson)

5. Finance

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve the following Resolution:

F-16-11/22 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 2023-2024 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2023-2024 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 4.1% and an adjusted index of 6.4%.

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

6. Personnel

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-36-11/22 and P-37-11/22.

P-36-11/22 Approve the following mentors for the 2022-2023 school year:

-- Daniel Alderton for Michael Kasuba, Mathematics Teacher
-- Linda Pepley for Autumn Shafron, Art Teacher

P-37-11/22 Approve an increase for the full-time, year-long Building Substitute rate from $90.00 to $105.00 per day, as discussed at the November 9, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting, effective November 17, 2022.

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-34-11/22 through ST-37-11/22.

ST-34-11/22 Approve Arthur McClucas as an additional Weight Room Supervisor, at a stipend of $10.00 per hour, for a maximum of 350 hours from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Current Weight Room Supervisors are Daniel Alderton and Matthew Lushko.)

ST-35-11/22 Approve Paul Byer as a Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 season.

ST-36-11/22 Approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following coaching position for the 2022-2023 school year:

-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Softball Coach

ST-37-11/22 Approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following fall coaching positions for the 2023-2024 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

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-06-11/22 Travis Robison, Principal; *Parent-Student Reunification*, December 20, 2022, State College. Cost: Registration: $100.00. (District)

W-07-11/22 Daniel Alderton, Madalena Price, Teachers; Pennsylvania Educational Technology and Expo and Conference, February 12-15, 2023, Kalahari Resort. Cost: Registration for each: $299.00. Lodging for each: $515.00. Meals for each: $150.00. Mileage shared: $340.00. Substitute for two for three days: $440.00. Total Cost: $2,808.00. (District)

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

The December Board Workshop/Voting Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. All were in favor.