FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
July 26, 2021

I. The Ferndale Area School Board held a Special Board Meeting for the Specific Purpose of General Business in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area School District, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown on July 26, 2021. The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Boyle at 7:01 a.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, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Joshua Hyland, Mark Lux, and Patricia Wilson

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, William Brotz, Rachelle Hrabosky, Travis Robison, Adam Barbe, Administrators; Jill Vuckovich, FAEA; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

None.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

None.

5. Finance

F-01-07/21 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that Jeffrey Boyer, who is the Superintendent, of the above named body is authorized and directed to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses (hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)) with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body consents to the use of electronic signatures by the above named individual and that no handwritten signature from the above named individual shall be required in order for any contract with the Department to be legally enforceable and that by affixing his/her electronic signature to an electronic file of the contract via the Department's e-grants system, the above designated authorized individual shall have effectively executed and delivered the contract, binding the Board of School Directors to comply with the terms of said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no writing shall be required in order to make the contract valid and legally binding, provided that the Department and all other necessary Commonwealth approvers affix their signatures electronically and an electronically-printed copy of the Contract is e-mailed or is otherwise made available to the body by electronic means; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will not contest the due authorization, execution, delivery, validity or enforceability of the electronic Contract under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law. The Contract, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form and the admissibility thereof shall not be contested under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will notify the Department's Bureau of Management Services promptly in the event that the above named individual is no longer authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the body electronically and that the Department shall be entitled to rely upon the above named officer's authority to execute agreements electronically on behalf of the body until such notice is received by the Department's Office of Chief Counsel.

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

6. Personnel

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve P-01-07/21 through P-03-07/21.

P-01-07/21 Employ Staci Buksa as a High School Secretary, at a salary of $10.00 per hour, with full benefits.

P-02-07/21 Employ Juliann Picklo as an Art Teacher, at a salary to be determined by the FAEA Contract, with full benefits, effective the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, pending all appropriate paperwork.

P-03-07/21 Post and/or advertise for a Class-size Reduction Elementary Teacher.

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

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The August Board Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The August Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 a.m. All were in favor.