FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
November 17, 2021

I. The November 17, 2021 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 7:01 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.

*Suspend the provision of Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings pertaining to public participant(s) statements which will be limited to three minutes at this meeting.

IV. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Barry Himes, Joshua Hyland, Mark Lux, and Stephen Thompson.

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Attorney Carl Beard, Jr. Solicitor; Michael Molchan, FAEA; Susan Sheesley, PSEA-R; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

IST-04-11/21 Covid 19 Return-to-Play Protocol was discussed at the November 10, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting. (Brandi Valerio, Athletic Trainer)

IP-03-11/21 CJAWS presentation was held at the November 10, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting. (Ryan Skomra)

1.	Board
IBD-08-11/21	Student Board Representatives Report. Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve BD-14-11/21 through BD-17-11/21.
BD-14-11/21	Approve the November 17, 2021 Board Meeting Consent Agenda (BD-15-11/21 through W-08-11/21).
BD-15-11/21	Approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-10-11/21	Approve the following bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year. -- Chasity Moyer -- Phoebe Wadsworth
IE-21-11/21	Students and staff will be dismissed two hours early on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.
IE-22-11/21	Megan Karazsia has been assigned as a student observer (Gannon University) at the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School.
F-14-11/21	Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-15-11/21	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-08-11/21	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, 2021, 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, 2022. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.
IF-09-11/21	Receipts and disbursements.
IF-10-11/21	The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance (July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021) is $3,269.26.

IF-11-11/21	The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Band Booster Sub-Fund donor statement balance (July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021) is $1,238.76.
ST-17-11/21	Approve 9 High School students participation in the Reading Competition at Bellwood Antis High School on November 4, 2021. Cost: Transportation: $395.00. (District)
ST-18-11/21	Approve 17 Anatomy & Physiology students attendance at St. Francis University for STEAM Day on November 18, 2021. Meals: $15 per student. Transportation: $300.00. Cost: $585.00. (District)
ST-19-11/21	Approve 12 Art students' participation in window painting at Suppes Ford in Johnstown on November 18, 2021. Transportation: $110.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $190.00. (District)
	Approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-08-11/21	Approve Adam Barbe, School Psychologist, *Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania Annual Fall Conference,* Penn State University, November 3, 2021.
IBD-09-11/21	The Second Reading of Revised Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings was discussed at the November 10, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting. (Jeffrey Boyer)
BD-16-11/21	Approve, as revised, the Second Reading of the following p olicies, and adopt said policies: -- Revised Policy No. 006 Meetings -- Revised Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings
IBD-10-11/21	Review the following policies. (Jeffrey Boyer) -- Policy No. 800.1 Electronic Signatures/Records -- Revised Policy No. 801 Public Records -- Policy No. 816 District Social Media -- Revised Policy No. 916 Volunteers

BD-17-11/21 Approve, as read, the First Reading of the following policies:

-- Policy No. 800.1 Electronic Signatures/Records
-- Revised Policy No. 801 Public Records
-- Policy No. 816 District Social Media
-- Revised Policy No. 916 Volunteers

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

BG-11-11/21 Dr. McKendree made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve S. Meyers, Johnstown, to perform sewage line work in the Special Education House, at a cost of $7,483. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Himes, Hyland, Lux, and Thompson. The motion carried.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-23-11/21 A presentation of the 2021-2022 District Wellness Goals was held at the November 10, 2021 Board Workshop Meeting. (Judith Virgin)

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve E-14-11/21 and E-15-11/21.

E-14-11/21 Approve the 2021-2022 District Wellness Goals.

E-15-11/21 Approve the Ferndale Area Elementary School Title I Schoolwide Plan.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IE-24-11/21 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee/Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Updates (Stephen Thompson)

IE-25-11/21 Elementary and High School Highlights Report (Rachelle Hrabosky, Travis Robison)

5. Finance

F-16-11/21 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to approve the following Resolution. (David Gates)

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 2022-2023 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2022-2023 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 3.4% and an adjusted index of 5.4%.

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

6. Personnel

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve P-23-11/21 through P-25-11/21.

P-23-11/21 Approve a contract with CJAWS to provide for an on-site Network/ Helpdesk Support Technician for two days a week (16 hours), at a rate of approximately $720 per week, from December 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022; July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, $35,712 (48 weeks); July 1, 2023 - June 20, 2024, $36,864 (48 weeks).

P-24-11/21 Approve an Act 93 Agreement retroactive July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 (4 years).

P-25-11/21 Approve a Memorandum of Agreement between FAEA and FASD, as presented.

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-20-11/21 through ST-23-11/21.

Approve the following coach for the 2021-2022 school year:

ST-20-11/21 Approve Shawn Szarka, Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach, 9-week season, salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-21-11/21 Approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following fall coaching positions for the 2022-2023 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

ST-22-11/21	Approve the resignation of Renee Bell, Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor, effective November 9, 2021.
ST-23-11/21	Approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following position for the 2021-2022 school year: -- Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor Record vote for the motion: Boyle, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Himes, Hyland, Lux, and Thompson. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moschgat, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-09-11/21	David Gates, Business Manager, *Annual PASBO Conference* as per contract, Hershey, March 8-11, 2022. Registration: $349.00. Lodging for three days: $474.00. Mileage/Incidentals: $175.00. Total Cost: $998.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Himes, Hyland, Lux, and Thompson. The motion carried. The December Board Workshop/Voting Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
VII.	Adjournment Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Dr. McKendree, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. All were in favor.