FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 20, 2019

I. The March 20, 2019 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 5:59 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. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices and refrain from use during the meeting.

Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings is posted on the bulletin board in the Board Room.

IV. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Melissa Garman, Joshua Hyland, James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Sandra Chobany.

Student Board Representatives: Present: Gabrielle Dodson. Absent: Sara Norman.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, David Gates, Rachelle Hrabosky, Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison, Administrators; Attorney Carl Beard, Jr., Solicitor; Lauren Bell, Renee Dryer, Maeve Koshute, Sonya Kowatch, Ronald Lasko, Kathleen McCreery, Stephanie Mino, Michael Molchan, Susan Pudliner, Jenna Ricci-Dykes, Amy Schmidt, Michelle Sendek, Jill Vuckovich; FAEA; Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director; Michelle Furfari, Resident; Justin Pavic, Student; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-26-03/19 Melissa Henderson presented a recap of the French students field trip to Quebec, Canada, February 28, 2019 through March 4, 2019.

IBD-27-03/19 Celebrating successes.

IBD-28-03/19 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

1.	Board
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve BD-45-03/19 through BD-48-03/19.
BD-45-03/19	Approve the March 20, 2019 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-46-03/19 through IST-10-03/19).
BD-46-03/19	Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-22-03/19	Approve the National Honor Society, Responsible Officer Erin Siverd, to use the Senior High Cafeteria, chairs, tables, microphone, movie projector, movie screen, on March 22, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a trivia night with bake sale to benefit NHS and post prom.
IC-05-03/19	Received correspondence from Michelle Troutman, Bureau of Food Distribution, Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the District's Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2017. Ms. Troutman provided documentation that the District program is approved and in compliance with programs funded by their office.
E-22-03/19	Approve an Act 80 Curriculum Day on February 25, 2019 for Grades 7 - 12 only. (Due to power outage at the Jr-Sr High School)
E-23-03/19	Approve the 2018-2019 Ferndale Area School District Revised Grades 7-12 School Calendar. (Due to power outage on February 25, 2019)
E-24-03/19	Approve the 2019-2020 Ferndale Area School District K4 School Calendar.
IE-51-03/19	The Social Worker under contract, shared between Ferndale Area School District and Westmont Hilltop School District, will be on leave March 18, 2019 to April 29, 2019. The contracted position will be filled during this time former contracted Social Worker Monica MacIntyre.
F-25-03/19	Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-26-03/19	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
F-27-03/19	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018. (The MD&A is part of the 2017-2018 Independent Auditor Report. Complete 2017-2018 Single Audit Review is available upon request.)

IF-21-03/19	Received the 2017-2018 Independent Auditor Report, as well as the Statement of Accounting Standards "SAS 114 - Communication with Those Charged with Governance" from Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C., Johnstown, PA which states "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ferndale Area School District as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."
IF-22-03/19	Received notification from the Department of Education that they reviewed the Ferndale Area School District resolution and tax rates for the 2019-2020 school year. In accordance with section 311(d)(4), the rate of increase for all proposed tax rates is less than or equal to the school district's index. FASD may not increase any tax rate by more than its index.
IF-23-03/19	Receipts and disbursements.
P-50-03/19	Approve Todd Surloff to the substitute teachers list:
ST-81-03/19	Approve four students participation in Archery Competition at Penn State University on March 8, 2019. Cost: Entry Fee: $44.00. Transportation: $45.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $169.00. (Archery Club)
ST-82-03/19	Approve the Video Production class (6 students) field trip to Martin Baker on March 20, 2019. Cost: Substitute: $80.00. (District)
IST-10-03/19	Winter Sports wrap-up and the Spring Sports Preview at your seats.
BD-47-03/19	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies: -- Revised Policy No. 112 Guidance Counseling -- Revised Policy No. 113 Special Education -- Revised Policy No. 114 Gifted Education -- Revised Policy No. 116 Tutoring -- Policy No. 119 Current Events

IBD-29-03/19

Review the following policies (Carole Kakabar)

-- Policy No. 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
-- Revised Policy No. 124 Alternative Instruction Courses (Replaces Policy No. 124 Summer School)
-- Revised Policy No. 137 Home Education Programs
-- Revised Policy No. 140 Charter Schools
-- Revised Policy No. 146 Student Services
-- Policy No. 150 Title I - Comparability of Services
-- Revised Policy No. 222 Tobacco Use/Possession
-- Revised Policy No. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
-- Revised Policy No. 323 Tobacco Use or Possession

BD-48-03/19

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

-- Policy No. 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
-- Revised Policy No. 124 Alternative Instruction Courses (Replaces Policy No. 124 Summer School)
-- Revised Policy No. 137 Home Education Programs
-- Revised Policy No. 140 Charter Schools
-- Revised Policy No. 146 Student Services
-- Policy No. 150 Title I - Comparability of Services
-- Revised Policy No. 222 Tobacco Use/Possession
-- Revised Policy No. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
-- Revised Policy No. 323 Tobacco Use or Possession

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4.	Education
	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve E-23-03/19.
E-25-03/19	Grant tenure to Sonya Kowatch, Art Teacher; Michael Molchan, Mathematics/Science Teacher; and Linda Pepley, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher. They have completed three years of satisfactory service, the Induction Program, and have earned the status of permanent employment within the Ferndale Area School District, on a regular basis.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Garman, Hyland, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany. The motion carried.
IE-52-03/19	School Climate Improvement Process Initiative (Carole Kakabar)
IE-53-03/19	Elementary and High School Highlights are at your seats.
IE-54-03/19	No GJCTC JOC Highlights. (February JOC Meeting was before FASD Board Meeting)
IE-55-03/19	Student Board Representatives Report.
5.	Finance
IF-24-03/19	Federal Programs funding and flexible spending options (William Brotz)
IF-25-03/19	A 2019-2020 budget/finance workshop will be scheduled before the April 17, 2019 Board Meeting.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:26 p.m.
6.	Personnel
	Dr. McKendree made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve P-51-03/19 and P-52-03/19.
P-51-03/19	Approve post and/or advertise for Elementary Special Education Teacher. (Vacated by the retirement of Susan Varga).

P-52-03/19 Approve an agreement with Westmont Hilltop School District to contract FASD School Psychologist Services from March 25, 2019 through the end of the school year (June 10, 2019), pending approval by Westmont Hilltop School District at their March 21, 2019 School Board Meeting.

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

7. Student Activities

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-83-03/19 through ST-93-03/19.

ST-83-03/19 Post and/or advertise the following winter sport coach positions for the 2019-2020 school year (posted annually on April 1);

-- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
-- Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Head Varsity Cheerleader Advisor
-- Head Junior High Cheerleader Advisor

ST-84-03/19 Approve Shawn Furfari as Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2019-2020 season, at a salary based on the approved Coaches' Contract. (Currently being negotiated)

ST-85-03/19 Approve Bradley Ditzler as a Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2018-2019 season.

ST-86-03/19 Approve the Kindergarten students field trip to the Bottleworks and Richland Lanes on May 15, 2019. Cost: $558.75 (Elementary Field Trip Account). School Nurse: $80.00. (District)

ST-87-03/19 Approve the First Grade students field trip to the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center on May 17, 2019. Cost: $564.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account). School Nurse: $80.00. (District)

ST-88-03/19	Approve the Second Grade students field trip to Disaster's Edge in St. Michael on May 31, 2019. Cost: $312.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account). School Nurse: $80.00. (District)
ST-89-03/19	Approve the Third Grade students field trip to the Somerset Historical Center on May 16, 2019. Cost: $307.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account). Admission (Paid by Somerset Trust) School Nurse: $80.00. (District)
ST-90-03/19	Approve the Fourth Grade students field trip to the Lincoln Caverns on May 30, 2019. Cost: $630.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Admission (Paid by Students) School Nurse: $80.00. (District)
ST-91-03/19	Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Penn Highlands (One Book) on May 14, 2019. Cost: $320.00. School Nurse: $80.00. (District)
ST-92-03/19	Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Fort Ligonier on May 29, 2019. Cost: $489.00 (Elementary Field Trip Account and Somerset Trust). Substitute: $80.00. School Nurse: $80.00. (District)
ST-93-03/19	Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Heinz Field/Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh on May 28, 2019. Cost: $2,573.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account). Substitute: $80.00. School Nurse: $80.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Garman, Hyland, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: Hyland ST-84-03/19 only. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve W-15-03/19.
	Approve the following conferences/workshops:
W-15-03/19	William Brotz, *Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Coordinators Conference* at Seven Springs on May 6, 7, 8, 2019. Cost: Registration: $360.00. Lodging: $510.00. Travel: $150.00. Total Cost: $1,020.00. (Title II)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Garman, Hyland, McKendree, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany. The motion carried.

The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. All were in favor.