FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
February 15, 2017

I. The February 15, 2017 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meekins at 6:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Moment of Contemplation

Notice was given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board conducted in the Board 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: Sandra Chobany, Joshua Hyland, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Susan Boyle and Melissa Garman.

Student Board Representatives: Matthew Clawson. Absent: Devin Way.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, William Brotz, Rachelle Hrabosky, Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lynn Bennett, Janice Koontz, Stephanie Mino, Michael Molchan, Jenna Ricci-Dykes, Judith Virgin, FAEA; Robin Alvarez-Plack, Rebecca Boxler, Mandi Feathers, Michelle Furfari, Lori Himes, Robin Holsopple, Lori McGough, Lanelle Moore, Parents; Alec Alt, Alexis Berry, Alexia Bier, Chad Christofes, Mercedes Feathers, Zoey Feathers; Bret Horner, Kaitlin Louder, Students; Brianna Meyer, Kaitlyn Miljenovich, Alyssa Pagano, Jessica Salem, Maddie Wonders, UPJ; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-22-02/17 Robin Holsopple, Robin Alvarez-Plack, and Kaitlin Louder addressed the Board regarding the cheerleading squad.

IBD-23-02/17 Lanelle Moore and Michelle Furfari addressed the Board regarding the cheerleading squad.

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

BD-39-02/17 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the February 15, 2017 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-40-02/17 through W-10-02/17).

BD-40-02/17 Approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2017 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-14-02/17 Approve the request of the Winner's Circle Basketball Academy, Responsible Officer Ryan Durham, to use the Ferndale Area Senior High Gymnasium for basketball tryouts and practices on February 25, 26, 2017, from 10:00 am. to 3:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-15-02/17 Approve the request of the Cambria County Board of Elections Office to use the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough for the May 16, 2017 Municipal Primary Election and the November 7, 2017 Municipal General Election.

IC-04-02/17 During the month of March 2017, the FASD will undergo an Administrative Review by Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition Department. PDE will review eligibility documentation for free/reduced lunches and all applicable requirements and procedures.

IE-37-02/17 The following has been assigned as a student teacher (IUP) in the Ferndale Area Elementary School from March 20, 2017 through May 5, 2017:

| Student Teacher | Cooperating Teacher | Subject |
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| Maura Smay | Elyse Uhlig | Grade 1 |

IE-38-02/17 The following has been assigned as a student observer (UPJ) in the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School from February 13, 2017 through April 6, 2017:

| Student Observer | Cooperating Teacher | Subject |
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| Megan Kostan | Janice Koontz | Chemistry |

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| IE-39-02/17 | Due to inclement weather on January 31, 2017 and February 9, 2017, school was cancelled. The snow make up days will be February 20, 2017 and April 13, 2017 for all students and staff. There will be a two-hour early dismissal on April 13, 2017 for the Easter break. |
| F-19-02/17 | Approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented. |
| F-20-02/17 | Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented. |
| IF-19-02/17 | The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance for the second quarter (October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016) is $2,125.93. |
| IF-20-02/17 | Receipts and disbursements |
| P-58-02/17 | Approve Stormie Cannistraci, Carl Dinwiddle, and John Hornick to the substitute teachers list. |
| P-59-02/17 | Approve Kelly Zibura to the substitute support staff list. |
| ST-54-02/17 | Approve 15 Archery students participation (archery tournament state qualifier) at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on January 28, 2017. Cost: $6.00 per student. Total Cost: $90.00. |
| W-09-02/17 | Nola Barton, Christian Giannone, Susan Leftwich, Molly O'Neil; *Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Gifted Network* in Altoona on February 9, 2017. Cost: Registration for each: $25.00. Shared Travel: $48.00. Total Cost: $148.00. (Title II and District) |
| W-10-02/17 | Daniel Burket, Veronica Shorto; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference* in Hershey on February 12, 13, 14, 2017. Cost: Registration for each: $220.00. Lodging for each: $300.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Travel: $160.50. Substitute for two for two days: $320.00. Total Cost: $1,620.50. (Title II) |
| | Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle and Garman. The motion carried. |
| 2. | Buildings and Grounds |
| BG-16-02/17 | Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve Gwen Thomas as a bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. |

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| IBG-03-02/17 | Results of air quality testing in the Junior High Gymnasium - Carole Kakabar. |
| 3. | Cafeteria |
| | None. |
| 4. | Education |
| IE-40-02/17 | Update on Teacher Contract Negotiations - Carole Kakabar. |
| IE-41-02/17 | Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Melissa Garman/Stephen Thompson. |
| IE-42-02/17 | Highlights<br>-- Elementary - Rachelle Hrabosky<br>-- High School - Travis Robison, Molly O'Neil<br>-- Director of Education - William Brotz |
| IE-43-02/17 | State Budget Update - Carole Kakabar. |
| IE-44-02/17 | Student Board Representatives Report. |
| 5. | Finance |
| F-21-02/17 | Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the tentatively adopted 2017-2018 Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Joint Operating Committee General Fund Secondary Budget.<br><br>General Fund Secondary Budget: $3,993,138.00<br><br>Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle and Garman. The motion carried. |
| F-22-02/17 | Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve 2016-2017 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B CDFA #84.027 for $157,889.53. (The District allocation for IDEA funding.) Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle and Garman. The motion carried. |

F-23-02/17 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve 2016-2017 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B Section 619 CDFA #84.173 for $2,012.00 to support kindergarten eligible children receiving special education services or remaining an extra year in Early Intervention. Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle and Garman. The motion carried.

6. Student Activities

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-55-02/17 and ST-56-02/17.

ST-55-02/17 Approve five students attendance (Grade 6) at the PMEA District 6 Band Festival at Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School on March 31, 2017. Registration: $20.00 per student. Shared Transportation: $57.50. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $237.50. (District)

ST-56-02/17 Approve the Senior Class field trip to Hersheypark on May 19, 2017. Cost: Individual Ticket and Transportation (Paid by Students) Substitutes: $240.00. (Paid by District)

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

ST-57-02/17 Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Michael Harrison as a Volunteer Varsity Football Coach for the 2017-2018 season. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-11-02/17 Judith Virgin, School Nurse; *School Nurses Best Current Practices for School Medical Emergencies* in Coraopolis on March 19, 20, 2017. Registration: $249.00. Lodging: $116.10. Meals: $20.00. Travel: $84.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $549.10. (District)

W-12-02/17 Travis Robison, *Delving Deeper into ESSA* at Camp Hill on March 29, 30, 2017. Registration: $369.00. Lodging: $130.38. Travel: $151.94. Total Cost: $651.32. (Title II)

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

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:16 p.m.

8. Personnel

IP-14-02/17 Concerns of parents/students about the cheerleading squad have been reviewed in Executive Session and the actions by Administration have been deemed appropriate.

IP-12-02/17 Employee #16170927 will be on an intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence (60 days) from February 16, 2017 through February 15, 2018.

IP-13-02/17 Employee #16179480 will be on a leave of absence from January 30, 2017 through approximately March 13, 2017.

P-60-02/17 Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Kimberly Marley as a long-term Substitute Art Teacher, at a rate of $100.00 per day worked, from January 30, 2017 through approximately March 13, 2017. (Employee #16179480 on leave of absence) Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle and Garman. The motion carried.

P-61-02/17 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Danielle Moyer as a long-term Elementary Teacher, at a rate of $100.00 per day worked, from approximately April 3, 2017 through approximately May 30, 2017. (Employee #16179316 on a leave of absence.) Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle and Garman. The motion carried.

P-62-02/17 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the Superintendent's updated job description. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

A Special Board meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for personnel.

The March Board Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. All were in favor.