FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
GJCTC Board Room
November 15, 2017

I. The November 15, 2017 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, 445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meekins at 6:52 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.

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IV. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Joshua Hyland, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Student Board Representatives: Absent: Matthew Clawson and Gabrille Dodson.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, David Gates, Rachelle Hrabosky, Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Janice Koontz, Stephanie Mino, Michelle Sendek, Judith Virgin, FAEA; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

IE-18-11/17 Educational Spotlight - Nate Harfield, Assistant Administrative of Secondary Education of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, provided an update of GJCTC activities at 5:00 p.m. with a focus on the welding program and a demonstration of the new VR Technology.

1.	Board
BD-08-11/17	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the November 15, 2017 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-09-11/17 through ST-25-11/17).
BD-09-11/17	Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2017 Board Meeting, as presented.
IE-19-11/17	Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, November 9, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School and the Junior-Senior High School.
IE-20-11/17	Students and staff will be dismissed two hours early on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.
F-13-11/17	Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-14-11/17	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-11-11/17	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, 2017, 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, 2018. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.
IF-12-11/17	The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance for the first quarter (July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017) is $2,328.37.
IF-13-11/17	Receipts and disbursements.
P-24-11/17	Approve Patricia Heilmann and Lisa Vavas to the substitute teachers list.
P-25-11/17	Approve Lindsey Kuruzovich to the substitute support staff list.
ST-22-11/17	Approve the Senior Class (English 12) field trip to the US Holocaust Memorial in Washington DC on November 13, 2017. Paid by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Substitutes for five: $360.00. (Paid by District)

ST-23-11/17	Approve the Junior-Senior High Reading Team participation in competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 13, 2017. Cost: Transportation: $360.00. (Paid by District)
ST-24-11/17	Approve the Elementary Reading Team participation in competition at Bellwood-Antis High School on November 15, 2017. Cost: Transportation: $375.00. (Paid by District)
ST-25-11/17	Approve seven Art students' participation in window painting at Suppes Ford in Johnstown on November 16, 2017. Substitute: $80.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-13-11/17	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve a two hour early dismissal for Junior-Senior High School students only on Friday, December 8, 2017 for the purpose of teacher in-service related to curriculum instruction and assessment. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IE-21-11/17	K-6 Standard Based Report Cards officially rolled out the first nine weeks - Rachelle Hrabosky.
IE-22-11/17	Highlights -- Elementary - Rachelle Hrabosky -- High School - Travis Robison/Molly O'Neil
IE-23-11/17	Legislative Update, Senator Eichelberger Meeting - Carole Kakabar.
IE-24-11/17	The October 24, 2017 Joint Operating Committee was cancelled.
IE-25-11/17	Student Board Representatives Report.

5. Finance

F-15-11/17 Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the 2017-2018 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B Section 619 CDFA #84.173 for $846.00 to support kindergarten eligible children receiving special education services or remaining an extra year in Early Intervention. (William Brotz) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

IF-14-11/17 Discussion of the Constitutional Amendment passed by PA voters to exclude full value of residents' homes from property tax - David Gates.

IF-15-11/17 The Finance Committee of the Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2018 to begin work on the 2018-2019 District Budget. (Wayne Meekins, Sandra Chobany, Jason Moschgat, Melissa Garman, Carole Kakabar, David Gates)

The Board went into an Executive Session for personnel and litigation at 8:05 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 10:15 p.m.

6. Personnel

P-26-11/17 Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Holly Beckman as a High School Dishwasher, effective November 16, 2017. (90 day probation ended November 15, 2017) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

P-27-11/17 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve Renee Bell as Kitchen Utility Worker, with a 90 day probation (November 16, 2017 to February 13, 2018), at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, effective November 16, 2017. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

P-28-11/17 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to amend the agenda and add the following motion P-29-11/17. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-29-11/17 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Judith Virgin, School Nurse, to work up to an additional 140 hours (hourly rate) from November 20, 2017 through May 25, 2018, on already scheduled work days for the purpose of completing records, medical reports, and other necessary paperwork, at the discretion of the Superintendent. In spring, 2018, the Board will assess whether an additional nurse needs to be hired or whether the current staff configuration is appropriate for efficient and thorough school nursing services. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

ST-26-11/17 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following fall coaching positions for the 2018-2019 school year (posted annually December 1):

-- Head Varsity Football Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Football Coaches (4)

-- Head Junior High Football Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Football Coach

-- Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach
-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach

-- Head Varsity Golf Coach

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

IST-05-11/17 Update on band uniforms - Carole Kakabar.

ST-27-11/17	Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to pre-approve (for the purpose of fund raising) six to twelve students field trip to Costa Rica, June 18, 2019 through June 27, 2019. No cost to District. All expenses paid by fundraising and students (estimated cost $2,700 per student). Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	None.
	The Board Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.
VII.	Adjournment
	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. All were in favor.