FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
October 18, 2017

I. The October 18, 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 6:02 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, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Joshua Hyland, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Patricia Wilson.

Student Board Representative: Matthew Clawson and Gabrielle Dodson. We welcome Gabrielle Dodson as our Junior Student Board Representative.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, David Gates, Rachelle Hrabosky, Molly O'Neil, Travis Robison, Administrators; Attorney Kevin Petak, Solicitor; Janice Koontz, Judith Virgin, FAEA; Kayla Beir, Student; Robin Alvarez Plack, Parent; Elizabeth Chobany, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

IBD-12-10/17 PSBA Certificates of Appreciation (Melissa Garman)
-- Sandra Chobany - 12 years
-- Wayne Meekins - 8 years
-- Stephen Thompson - 8 years

1. Board

BD-05-10/17 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve the October 18, 2017 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-06-10/17 through ST-16-10/17).

BD-06-10/17 Approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board Meeting, as presented.

IBD-13-10/17 The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors has approved the election of IU8 Board Members through the method of mail ballot.

BG-10-10/17 Approve the following bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2017-2018 school year:

-- Linda Toomey
-- Douglas Wagner

BG-11-10/17 Approve the request of "Ferndale Borough Recreation," Responsible Officer Owen Hofecker III, to use the elementary gymnasium for wrestling on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

IC-02-10/17 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, 2016. Ms. Troutman informed us that our program is approved and in compliance with programs funded by their office.

IE-12-10/17 The following have been assigned as student observers (UPJ) at the Ferndale Area High School:

September 25, 2017 through October 23, 2017:

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Kristen Rogers	Latrace Dixon	Special Education

October 30, 2017 through December 4, 2017:

Student Observer	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Dominic Grasso	Latrace Dixon	Special Education

IE-13-10/17 The following have been assigned as a student teacher (IUP) at the Ferndale Area High School from January 22, 2018 through May 10, 2018

Student Teacher	Cooperating Guidance Counselors	Subject
Ava Genovese	Laryssa Bremer Loraine Dodson	Guidance

F-10-10/17 Approve the September Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-11-10/17 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

F-12-10/17 Approve the 2017-2018 grant agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for IDEA-B Project #062-17-0-008 CDFA #84.027 for $164,191.32. The District allocation for IDEA funding. (William Brotz)

IF-07-10/17 Received a letter from Susan McCrone, Division of Federal Programs, informing FASD has maintained fiscal effort when comparing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. FASD is eligible for full participation in federal grant funding for school year 2017-2018.

IF-08-10/17 Received notification from the Department of Education that the 2018-2019 Act 1 base index for allowable property tax increases is 2.4%. The adjusted index for Ferndale Area School District is 3.8%. Ferndale Area School District current tax millage is 81.0 which allows a maximum tax increase of 3.07 mills for 2018-2019 to comply with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006.

IF-09-10/17 Received notification from the Department of General Services that Ferndale Area School District was approved to participate in the Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Property Program. The period of eligibility will expire October 3, 2020.

IF-10-10/17 Receipts and disbursements.

P-20-10/17 Approve Catherine Baldwin as a Foster Grandparent.

P-21-10/17 Approve Kristy Dickert, Jessica Jung, Roslyn Thompson as School Volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year.

ST-16-10/17 Approve ten students participation in PMEA District Chorus Pre-Auditions at Bellwood-Antis High School on October 15, 2017. Cost: Registration per student: $5.00. (Paid by Student). Transportation: $250.00. (Paid by District)

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

BD-07-10/17 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve the presentation of an Honorary Diploma to Alice Jeanne Hesketh Schech, Johnstown. (Carole Kakabar) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-14-10/17 Identify Board Members to serve on the District Level Endowment Committee for the purpose of creating sub-funds for identified District needs. (Carole Kakabar)

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-01-10/17 50th Anniversary of the Ferndale Area School District Football Field. (Carole Kakabar)

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-14-10/17 An overview of Section 508 Standards and Section 255 Guidelines for Information and Communication Technology to meet the American With Disabilities Act Regulations - January 2017 (William Brotz)

IE-15-10/17 Highlights
-- Elementary - Rachelle Hrabosky
-- High School - Travis Robison/Molly O'Neil

-- Quarterly Report of Director of Education - William Brotz

IE-16-10/17 Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Melissa Garman/Stephen Thompson.

IE-17-10/17 Student Board Representatives Report.

5. Finance

None.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:09 p.m.

6.	Personnel
P-22-10/17	Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to amend the agenda and add the following motion (P-23-10/17). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-23-10/17	Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Judith Virgin, School Nurse, to continue to work up to an additional 12 hours per pay period (hourly rate) from October 19, 2017 through November 17, 2017, when school is in session, for the purpose of completing records, medical reports, and other necessary paperwork, at the discretion of the Superintendent. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.
7.	Student Activities
ST-17-10/17	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve Elizabeth Chobany as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach for the 2017-2018 season. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Mr. Hyland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve ST-18-10/17 through ST-20-10/17.
ST-18-10/17	Approve 25 students participation in Cambria County Band Auditions at Central Cambria High School on October 25, 2017. Cost: Registration per student: $5.00. (Paid by Students). Transportation: $140.00. (Paid by District)
ST-19-10/17	Approve 12 students participation in PMEA District Band Pre-Auditions at Hollidaysburg Area School District on November 19, 2017. Cost: Registration per student: $5.00. (Paid by Students). Transportation: $240.00. (Paid by District)
ST-20-10/17	Pre-approve a Marching Band field trip to Ohio on April 27, 28, 29, 2018. No Cost to District. All expenses paid by fundraising, estimated cost $350.00 per student. Formal approval will be pending receipt of required paperwork.
	Record vote for the motion: Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Boyle - daughter in band, Chobany - son in band, and Pavic - son in band. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.

ST-21-10/17

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve a two-year contract extension with Strawbridge Studios Inc., North Carolina, as school and athletic/activity photo vendor for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-04-10/17

Nicole Babik, Health & Physical Education Teacher, *Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Inc.,* November 16, 17, 2017. Registration: $145.00. Lodging: $396.00. Travel $112.88. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $813.88. (Title II)

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

The November Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center:

-- 5:00 p.m. - John Augustine will provide an update of GJCTC activities with a focus on the welding program and demonstrate the new VR Technology

-- 5:45 p.m. - Dinner at the Spartan Inn Restaurant

-- 7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting in GJCTC Conference Room

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. All were in favor.