FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 21, 2015

I. The January 21, 2015 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

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.

III. Roll Call: Present: Susan Boyle, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Sandra Chobany - late.

Student Board Representatives: Present: Grace Bailey. Absent: Devon Valinsky.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal; Matthew Thomas, William Brotz, Administrators; Daniel Endler, Secondary Dean of Students; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Rachelle Hrabosky, Stephanie Mino, Elyse Uhlig, Teachers; Albert Cooper, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-13A-01/15 Albert Cooper, Resident, addressed the Board regarding PA Core Standards.

IE-33-01/15 Educational Spotlight - FirstEnergy Corporation STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Grant Award $500 - Elyse Uhlig, First Grade Teacher. Miss Uhlig's project topic is learning about probability and managing time and money.

Mrs. Chobany entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

1. Board

IBD-13-01/15 A group School Board picture was taken at the January 21, 2015 Board Meeting for school publication.

IBD-14-01/15	January is School Director Recognition Month - Carole Kakabar.
BD-36-01/15	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to reaffirm the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance/Code of Conduct. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-15-01/15	Distribution of Statement of Financial Interest Forms - Board Members and Administrators - Due to Patti Craig as soon as possible.
BD-37-01/15	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the January 21, 2015 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-38-01/15 through IST-05-01/15).
BD-38-01/15	Approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2014 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-07-01/15	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 19, 2015 Municipal Primary and the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election.
F-16-01/15	Approve the November and December Treasurer's Reports, as presented.
F-17-01/15	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-17-01/15	Receipts and disbursements.
P-36-01/15	Approve Seth O'Brien to the substitute teachers list.
IST-03-01/15	Art 1 and Art 4 students' field trip to Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Ligonier on January 20, 2015. Travel paid by SAMA Mini Grant. Substitute: $80.00. (District)
IST-04-01/15	National Honor Society/Peer Mentoring students' field trip to Planet Ice on January 21, 2015. Travel donated by Mlaker Transportation. Substitutes for six for ½ day: $240.00. (District)
IST-05-01/15	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 23, 2015.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

BD-39-01/15	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to appoint Melissa Garman to serve as an alternate representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Board for a one-year term, December 3, 2014 through December 9, 2015. (Stephen Thompson, Sandra Chobany, Carole Kakabar) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-02-01/15	Overview of school delay and cancellation process - Carole Kakabar.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
IE-34-01/15	Ferndale Area Elementary School received a $1,000 book grant from First Book Advisory Board, Johnstown.
IE-35-01/15	Special Education Cyclical Compliance Monitoring (Fall 2014); FASD 100% Compliant. Note: First ever 100% compliant issued by Roxanne Oswald, PDE Monitor.
IE-36-01/15	January 19, 2015 Act 80 Teacher Inservice Day - Carole Kakabar.
IE-37-01/15	Progress Report on Approved MCL Project 17/20 Initiatives - Carole Kababar, William Brotz, and Matthew Thomas.
IE-38-01/15	Highlights of the December 11, 2014 Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/Stephen Thompson.
IE-39-01/15	Highlights -- Elementary - William Brotz -- High School - Matthew Thomas
IE-40-01/15	District Legislative Update - Carole Kakabar. -- Act 153 of 2014 -- Act 168 of 2014
IE-41-01/15	Student Board Representatives Report.

5.	Finance
F-18-01/15	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve Veronica Clites as Ferndale Area School District Tax Collector for Lorain Borough. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
	An Executive Session was held at 7:22 p..m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:04 p.m.
	Mrs. Chobany left the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Mrs. Chobany reentered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
	A School Board group picture was taken at this time.
6.	Personnel
P-37-01/15	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the job description for Director of Education. (Presented at the December 3, 2014 Board Meeting) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-38-01/15	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to transfer William Brotz from Elementary Principal to District Director of Education, effective July 1, 2015, at an annual salary of $95,000 with full benefits. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
P-39-01/15	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to post and advertise the position of Elementary Principal (to be effective July 1, 2015). Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
P-40-01/15	Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the creation of the interim position of Secondary Dean of Students for the purpose of assisting the Junior-Senior High School Principal in matters of student activities, daily school functions, informal discipline, and after school activities at the rate of $50.00 per day for each day worked as the interim Secondary Dean of Students. Effective date January 5, 2015, and end date not later than the end of the 2014-2015 school year, approximately June 5, 2015. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

P-41-01/15 Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the presented job description for Secondary Dean of Students. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-42-01/15 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with FAEA to appoint Daniel Endler (Social Studies Teacher) as an Interim Secondary Dean of Students from January 5, 2015 and end date not later than the end of the 2014-2015 school year, approximately June 5, 2015, at an additional $50.00 per day worked while serving as Interim Secondary Dean of Students. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

P-43-01/15 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Seth O'Brien as a long-term substitute Social Studies Teacher, beginning January 8, 2015 and ending approximately June 1, 2015, at a rate of $100.00 per day worked. (Daniel Endler - Interim Secondary Dean of Students) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

IST-06-01/15 Correspondence from Westmont Lanes - Wayne Meekins.

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-41-01/5 through ST-43-01/15.

ST-41-01/15 Approve the Interior Design, Architecture, and Art students field trip to Falling Water on May 4, 2015. Cost: Individual Student: $25.00. Travel: $340.00. (Paid by Students). Substitutes for Three: $240.00. (Paid by District)

ST-42-01/15 Approve the Advanced Foods students field trip to Pittsburgh Strip District on May 15, 2015. Cost: Individual Student: $40.00. Travel: $410.00. (Paid by Students). Substitute: $160.00. (Paid by District)

ST-43-01/15 Approve a Band student attendance at PMEA Region 3 Band Festival at Altoona High School on February 11, 12, 13, 2015. Cost: Registration: $68.00. Transportation: $20.00. Hotel: $40.00. Director's/Student's Food: $80.00. Mileage: $102.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $470.00. (Paid by District)

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-17-01/15 Matthew Claar; Business, Computer, Informational Technology Teacher; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference* in Harrisburg on February 9, 10, 11, 2015. Registration: $285.00. Meals: $75.00. Substitute for three days: $240.00. Total Cost: $600.00. (Paid by Title II)

W-18-01/15 B. Wayne Lohr, Federal and State Program Coordinator; *2015 PDE Data Summit: Moving Beyond Compliance: Getting Value Out of Data Workshop* on March 22, 23, 24, 25, 2015 in Hershey. Cost: Registration and Lodging: $250.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $125.00. Total Cost: $425.00. (Paid by Title II)

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

The February Board Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. All were in favor.