FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
April 15, 2015

I. The April 15, 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 6:05 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: Absent: Grace Bailey and Devon Valinsky.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal; William Brotz, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Matthew Thomas, Daniel Endler, Secondary Dean of Students; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Jennifer Priest, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse, Olivia Short, Student; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IE-53-04/15 No Educational Spotlight this month.

1. Board

BD-47-04/15 Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the April 15, 2015 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-48-04/15 through IST-14-04/15).

BD-48-04/15 Approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented.

E-13-04/15 Approve revisions to the following calendars (2 hour early dismissal for clerical work on June 2, 2015):

-- 2014-2015 Grade K4 Calendar
-- 2014-2015 Grades K-6 Calendar
-- 2014-2015 Grades 7-12 Calendar

IE-54-04/15	Easter holiday for all students and staff was Friday, April 3, 2015 to Monday, April 6, 2015. There was a two-hour early dismissal on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Classes resumed Tuesday, April 7, 2015.
IE-55-04/15	There will be no school for students, Thursday, April 30, 2015 and Friday, May 1, 2015, and Monday June 1, 2015, due to Act 80 Days.
IE-56-04/15	The last day of school for students is Wednesday, June 3, 2015. The final In-Service day for teachers is Thursday, June 4, 2015.
IE-57-04/15	Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center at 7:00 p.m.
F-27-04/15	Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-28-04/15	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
F-29-04/15	Approve Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures adoption under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300 and the 2015-2016 Funding Distribution IDEA-B, Section 611.
F-30-04/15	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2013-2014. (The MD&A is part of the 2013-14 Independent Auditor Report, pages 5-16).
IF-24-04/15	Received the 2013-14 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, 2014, 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-25-04/15	Receipts and disbursements.
P-49-04/15	Approve Rose Noon to the substitute support staff list.
ST-86-04/15	Approve the French students (Classes 1-4) field trip to Pittsburgh - Station Square and Gateway Clipper on May 5, 2015. Cost: $80.00 per student. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.)

ST-87-04/15	Approve the Art Club field trip to the Art Institute in Pittsburgh on May 15, 2015. Transportation: $410.00. (Cost to be shared with Advanced Foods students field trip to Pittsburgh Strip District approved at the January 21, 2015 Board Meeting; and Spanish Club students field trip to Roberto Clemente Museum and Spanish or Peruvian Restaurant approved at the February 25, 2015 Board Meeting) Substitute: $80.00. (Paid by District)
IST-08-04/15	The Ferndale Area Junior-Senior Prom was held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the Holiday Inn at 6:00 p.m.
IST-09-04/15	The Elementary Band Concert was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in the Elementary Gymnasium at 5:00 p.m.
IST-10-04/15	The Junior-Senior High School Band Concert was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
IST-11-04/15	The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
IST-12-04/15	The Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
IST-13-04/15	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 23, 2015.
IST-14-04/15	Fernstock was held on Thursday, May 28, 2015.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany. The motion carried.
BD-49-04/15	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve, as read, the Second Reading Revised Policy No. 307 Student Teachers/Interns. (This policy replaces Policy No.407 Student Teachers/Interns) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
2.	Cafeteria
	None.
3.	Education
IE-58-04/15	Project 17/20 MCL Update - Carole Kakabar, Wayne Meekins, William Brotz, Matthew Thomas

IE-59-04/15 Highlights
-- Elementary - William Brotz
-- High School - Matthew Thomas

IE-60-04/15 Student Board Representatives Report.

Mrs. Chobany entered the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

IE-61-04/15 Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee March 24, 2015 and April 9, 2015 - Sandra Chobany, Stephen Thompson, Carole Kakabar.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 7:32 p.m.

4. Personnel

P-50-04/15 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to employ Rachelle Hrabosky as Elementary Principal, at an annual salary of $69,500 with full benefits, beginning 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.

IP-07-04/15 Update on Secondary Math/Science and Technology Education/Art Teacher Vacancies - Carole Kakabar.

IP-08-04/15 Update on Junior-Senior High School Assistant Principal Vacancy - Carole Kakabar. Board Members interested in participating in the Junior-Senior High School Assistant Principal interviews - Carole Kakabar.

P-51-04/15 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve Carole Kakabar to apply for a second term as Superintendent of Record for the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center. 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-52-04/15 Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve Ferndale Area School District participation in the 2015-2016 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Substitute Teacher Program at a cost of $500. 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-53-04/15

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to post all applicable extra-duty positions in May:

-- Advisor - Junior Class
-- Advisor - Senior Class (2)
-- All School Play
-- Assistant Band Director
-- Audio/Video Director - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts - Secondary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math - Secondary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science- Secondary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies - Secondary
-- Detention Monitor, 3 Hr Session (Wednesdays) (1)
-- Detention Monitors, 1 Hr Session (Tuesdays, Thursdays) (2)
-- Forensics - Senior High
-- K3 Orientation
-- K4 Orientation
-- Kindergarten Orientation
-- Math Counts Advisor
-- Mentor (As Needed)
-- National Honor Society Advisor
-- Newspaper Advisor - Secondary
-- Reading Team Advisor - Elementary
-- Reading Team Advisor - Junior High
-- Reading Team Advisor - Senior High
-- Stage, Lights & Sound Manager - Secondary
-- Student Council Advisor
-- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary
-- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary Assistant
-- Yearbook Editor - Elementary

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.

5.	Finance
F-31-04/15	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve continuation of the contract with Camco Physical and Occupational Therapy, LLC for physical therapy/occupational therapy for the 2015-2016 school year. 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.
IF-26-04/15	The Finance Committee will meet to review proposed 2015-16 budget considerations on May 6, 2015. (Wayne Meekins, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison)
6.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-11-04/15	Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve a Memorial planting (for Amber Mardis, Grade 7 Student) on school grounds at Ferndale Area Elementary School and Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School, requested by Parent Teacher Organization. (Carole Kakabar). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBG-03-04/15	Discussion regarding the school car - Carole Kakabar/John Kowal.
7.	Student Activities
ST-88-04/15	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve Daniel Gehlmann as a Volunteer Varsity Football Coach for the 2015-2016 season. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-89-04/15	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve 10 students (2 from each grade level 7 -11) attendance at the Super Conference at Mount Aloysius College on May 6, 2015. Cost: Registration: $150.00. (Paid by Mlaker Transportation) Travel: $235.00. (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 Mr. Harrison, to approve the following workshops/ conferences:

W-27-04/15 William Brotz, *Pennsylvania Annual Federal Program Conference* at Seven Springs on May 4, 5, 6, 2015. Cost: Registration: $360.00. Meals: $100.00. (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.

IST-15-04/15 The Band Banquet will be held on May 1, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown at 6:30 p.m.

The May Board Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. All were in favor.