FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
December 9, 2015

I.	The December 9, 2015 Reorganization 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 6:04 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, Sandra Chobany, Joshua Hyland, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Melissa Garman.
	Student Board Representatives: Grace Bailey and Devin Way were excused from tonight's meeting.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal; Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lynn Bennett, Susan Layton, Amy Schmidt, Teachers; Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director, Haley Bennett, Bradley Harrison, Jaquien Johnson, Justin King, Zoe Kirkwood, Paige Leftwich, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
	Election of Temporary President
	Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . there shall be elected from the holdover members a temporary president, and the secretary of the Board shall act as secretary of such meeting."
BD-24-12/15	Mr. Thompson made a motion to nominate Richard Pavic to serve as Temporary President of the Board.
BD-25-12/15	Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moschgat, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-26-12/15 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to elect Richard Pavic as Temporary President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-19-12/15 Mr. Pavic read the Certificates of Election for newly elected or reelected Board Members.

IBD-20-12/15 Administer the Oath of Office to the new Board Members. Section 321 of the Pennsylvania School Code *(Susan Boyle, Sandra Chobany, Joshua Hyland, Wayne Meekins)* Melissa Garman absent.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties of my office as School Director of the Ferndale Area School District, CAMBRIA County, with fidelity.

Election of President

BD-27-12/15 Mrs. Chobany made a motion to nominate Wayne Meekins to serve as President of the Board.

BD-28-12/15 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-29-12/15 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to elect Wayne Meekins as President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of Vice President

BD-30-12/15 Mrs. Wilson made a motion to nominate Sandra Chobany to serve as Vice President of the Board.

BD-31-12/15 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-32-12/15

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to elect Sandra Chobany as Vice President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

F-12-12/15

Authorize a new set of Bank Depository signatures, if needed, for any newly-elected officers. No action needed.

BD-33-12/15

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve the following Meeting Dates:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 175 of the 1974 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Ferndale Area Board of Education will be held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15905, on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as follows, except for the month of May and the annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016:

BOARD MEETING

DAY	DATE
Wednesday	January 20, 2016
Wednesday	February 17, 2016
Wednesday	March 16, 2016
Wednesday	April 20, 2016
Wednesday	May 11, 2016
Wednesday	June 15, 2016
Wednesday	August 17, 2016
Wednesday	September 21, 2016
Wednesday	October 19, 2016
Wednesday	November 16, 2016
Wednesday	December 7, 2016

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-34-12/15 Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the December 9, 2015 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-35-12/145 through ST-40-12/15).

BD-35-12/15 Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented.

F-13-12/15 Approve the Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-15-12/15 Budget schedule review:

By January 4, 2016	Budget Requisitions Distributed to Principals/Staff
By February 5, 2016	General Supply/Kurtz Requisitions Due in Elementary/Secondary Office for Review by Principals
By February 12, 2016	General Supply/Kurtz Requisition Due in Business Office
By May 11, 2016	Preliminary Budget Printing and Availability for Public Inspection Preliminary Budget Public Notice
By June 15, 2016	Board Meeting -- "Adoption of Preliminary/Tentative Budget"

P-38-12/15 Approve Mario DaSilva and Frank Petrell to the substitute teachers list.

ST-38-12/15 Approve two students attendance at the PMEA District Chorus Festival at Hollidaysburg High School on December 2, 3, 2015. Registration: $65.00 per student. Shared Transportation: $30.00. Lodging for students: $100.00. Meals for Director: $80.00. Travel: $80.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $580.00. (Paid by District)

ST-39-12/15 Approve ten students attendance at the County Band Festival at Cambria Heights High School on December 3, 4, 2015. Registration: $25.00 per student. Transportation: $200.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $610.00. (Paid by District)

ST-40-12/15	Approve the Varsity Cheerleaders field trip to Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center on November 16, 2015. Cost: Transportation: $95.27. (Paid by District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
IBD-21-12/15	Discussion on School Board Retreat - Carole Kakabar.
2.	Student Activities
IST-05-12/15	Fall Sports Recap and Winter Sports Preview - Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director.
	Mr. Moschgat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve the following coach for the 2015-2016 Spring Season:
ST-41-12/15	Melody Walters as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, at a salary of $1,592.50 for a 10-week season.
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-42-12/15 and ST-43-12/15:
ST-42-12/15	Approve four students and the Band Director attendance at PMEA District Band Festival at Bellwood Antis High School on January 28, 29, 2016. Cost: Registration: $65.00 per student. Shared Travel: $60.00. Lodging: $140.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Travel: $100.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $800.00. (District)
ST-43-12/15	Approve five students and the Band Director attendance at PMEA District 6 Band Festival at Northern Cambria Middle School on April 6, 2016. Cost: Registration: $100.00. Shared Travel: $75.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $255.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

3.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-12-12/15	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2015-16 school year: Telford Berkebile Michele Maurer The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
4.	Cafeteria
	None.
5.	Education
IE-31-12/15	2015-16 State of District Address - Carole Kakabar/John Kowal.
6.	Finance
F-14-12/15	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the following Resolution: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTING TO NOT INCREASE ITS TAX RATE ABOVE THE INDEX Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 requires school districts to adopt a preliminary budget proposal no later than 90 days prior to the date of which the election immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the preliminary budget will take effect. And Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 further provides that a board of school directors may elect to adopt a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the following fiscal year by more than the index. And Whereas, the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District desires to keep all proposed tax increases for the 2016-2017 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2016-2017 school year;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that pursuant to Act 1 of Special Session 2006, the Ferndale Area School District hereby certifies that it shall not increase any tax used for the support of the school district by a rate greater than the base index of 2.4% and an adjusted index of 3.8%.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the board of school directors, hereby certifies that it:

i. Shall not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

ii. Shall comply with the budgeting procedures set forth in 24 P.S. §6-687 for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets; and

Shall by limiting its tax rate to no greater than the index have sufficient funds to balance its final budget, unless permitted by applicable law and done in accordance with applicable said law. If said clause is not permitted by PDE, then said clause is eliminated.

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

F-15-12/15

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

F-16-12/15

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to approve a three-year agreement through June 30, 2018 for auditing services with Kotzan CPA and Associates at an annual fee of $15,965. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

7. Personnel

P-39-12/15 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve Karl Hofmann as a Long-term Substitute Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher, from December 7, 2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of $100.00 per day worked. (Vacated by the resignation of Jeffrey Putt.) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

P-40-12/15 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve Samantha Lavan as a Long-Term Substitute Special Education Aide, from December 7, 2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year, at an hourly rate of $12.86. (Karl Hofmann - Long-term Substitute Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Hyland, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

P-41-12/15 Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following mentor:

Matthew Claar for Karl Hofmann, Long-term Substitute Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher, effective December 7, 2015.

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-17-12/15 Stephen Clawson, Gary Kinsey, Baseball Coaches; *2016 PA Baseball and Softball Coaches Clinic* in Pittsburgh on January 15, 2016. Cost: Registration for each: $80.00. Lodging: $150.00. Meals for each: $40.00. Travel: $85.10. Substitute for ½ day: $40.00. Total Cost: $515.10. (Paid by District)

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

Note: All school offices will be closed from December 24, 2015 through January 4, 2016 for the Christmas and New Years holidays.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All were in favor.