FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
GJCTC Board Room
November 18, 2015

I.	The November 18, 2015 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, 445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meekins at 6:54 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, Dale Harrison, Melissa Garman, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.
	Student Board Representatives: Absent: Grace Bailey and Devin Way.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Matthew Thomas, Molly O'Neil, William Brotz, Rachelle Hrabosky; Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Michelle Sendek, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Joseph Chobany, Student; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-15-11/15	Welcome to Mrs. Molly O'Neil, Junior-Senior Assistant High School Principal.
1.	Board
BD-15-11/15	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the November 18, 2015 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-16-11/16 through ST-24-11/15).
BD-16-11/15	Approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-11-11/15	Ferndale Recreation, Responsible Officer Thomas Riffle, to use the elementary gymnasium for the elementary basketball program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., November 2015 through May 2016. (Boys will use the gymnasium on Tuesdays. Girls will use the gymnasium on Thursdays. Boys and girls will spilt the time on Saturdays.) Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)
IE-26-11/15	An Act 80 Teacher In-Service Day was held on November 2, 2015. (Agendas provided)
IE-27-11/15	There is no school for students and staff on November 26, 27, 30, 2015 (Thanksgiving). Students will be dismissed two hours early on November 25, 2015.
F-10-11/15	Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-11-11/15	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-12-11/15	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, 2015, 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, 2016. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.
IF-13-11/15	The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies FASD Endowment Fund donor statement balance for the first quarter (July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015) is $1,967.23.
IF-14-11/15	Receipts and disbursements.
P-34-11/15	Approve Elizabeth Castel, Thomas Cover, Eric Kist, and Shane McGregor to the substitute teachers list.
P-35-11/15	Approve Diane Uhlig as a Classroom Aide Volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year.

ST-24-11/15	Approve the Ferndale Area High School Band attendance at the Johnstown Halloween Parade on October 27, 2015. Cost $180.00. (Paid by District) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IBD-16-11/15	We bid farewell to Dale Harrison tonight at the close of this board meeting. We will welcome Mr. Joshua Hyland, Middle Taylor, at the re-organizational meeting on December 9, 2015.
IBD-17-11/15	Discussion regarding scheduling a School Board Retreat - Carole Kakabar.
IBD-18-11/15	The Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center district membership calculations have been determined, effective December, 2015. FASD will retain two seats on the Joint Operating Committee Board. Note: JOC Reorganization meeting is December 10, at 5:30 p.m. (dinner then meeting at 6:30 p.m.) *Nomination of GJCTC Representative (2)*
BD-17-11/15	Mrs. Boyle made a motion to nominate Sandra Chobany to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Board for a one-year term, December 2015 through November 2016.
BD-18-11/15	Mr. Pavic made a motion to nominate Stephen Thompson to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Board for a one-year term, December 2015 through November 2016.
BD-19-11/15	Mr. Harrison made a motion to nominate Melissa Garman to serve as an alternate representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Board for a one-year term, December 2015 through November 2016.
BD-20-11/15	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of GJCTC Representative (2)

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve BD-21-11/15, BD-22-11/15, BD-23-11/15.

BD-21-11/15 Elect Sandra Chobany to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Board for a one-year term, December 2015 through November 2016.

BD-22-11/15 Elect Stephen Thompson to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Board for a one-year term, December 2015 through November 2016.

BD-23-11/15 Elect Melissa Garman to serve as an alternate representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Board for a one-year term, December 2015 through November 2016.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

2. Education

IE-28-11/15 Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/Stephen Thompson.

IE-29-11/15 Highlights
-- Elementary - Rachelle Hrabosky
-- High School - Matthew Thomas
-- Director of Education - William Brotz

IE-30-11/15 Student Board Representatives Report.

3. Buildings and Grounds

None.

4. Cafeteria

None.

5. Finance

None.

6. Personnel

IP-05-11/15 Update on Secondary Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher Vacancy - Carole Kakabar.

P-36-11/15 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the following mentor, effective November 16, 2015:

-- Lisa Rivard for Rachel Livesey, English Teacher.

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

7. Student Activities

ST-25-11/15 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following fall coaching positions for the 2016-17 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, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

ST-26-11/15 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the resignation of Matthew Claar as Assistant Varsity Football Coach and Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, letter dated November 5, 2015. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the following coaches for the 2015-2016 winter sports season:

ST-27-11/15 David Horvath, Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, salary of $1,537.25, for a 13-week season;

ST-28-11/15 Daniel Rhodes, Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $2,044.25, for a 13-week season;

ST-29-11/15 Amanda Yaworski, Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,537.25, for a 13-week season.

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

ST-30-11/15 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following Volunteers:

-- Shawn Furfari, Volunteer Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2015-2016 season;

-- Monica Stroscio, Marching/Concert Band Volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-31-11/15 through ST-37-11/15.

ST-31-11/15 Approve the Advanced Chemistry and Chemistry students attendance at Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh/Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Faraday Lecture at Soldiers and Sailor Memorial Hall on November 17, 2015. Cost: Transportation: $475.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $555.00. (Paid by District)

ST-32-11/15 Approve the Child Development class field trip to the Learning Lamp, Johnstown, to observe preschool age children on November 18, 2015. Cost: Transportation: $95.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $175.00. (Paid by District)

ST-33-11/15 Approve the Art 1 students participation in painting the store front of Jakes Restaurant at the Galleria Mall on November 19, 2015. Cost: $95.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $175.00. (Paid by District)

ST-34-11/15	Approve the 9th Grade students participation in a tour of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on December 2, 2015. Cost: Travel: $190.54. (Paid by District)
ST-35-11/15	Approve the Forensics Club participation in the Forensics Competition at Windber Area High School on December 14, 2015. Cost: Travel: $95.00. (Paid by District)
ST-36-11/15	Approve the Forensics Club participation in the Forensics Competition at Blacklick Valley High School on January 15, 16, 2016. Cost: Travel: $225.00. (Paid by District)
ST-37-11/15	Approve the Forensics Club participation in the Forensics Competition at Somerset Area High School on February 4, 2016. Cost: Travel: $275.00. (Paid by District)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-16-11/15	William Brotz, Director of Education; *2016 PA/Title I Improving School Performance Conference* in Pittsburgh on February 8, 9, 10, 2016. Cost; Registration: $400.00. Lodging: $450.00. Meals: $100.00. Travel: $100.00. Total Cost: $1,050.00. (Title I)
	Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Moschgat, Pavic, Thompson, Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
	The Board Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.
	Happy Thanksgiving!
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. All were in favor.