FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
GJCTC Board Room
October 15, 2014

I.	The October 15, 2014 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, 445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meekins at 6:38 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, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Wayne Meekins, Jason Moschgat, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal; Matthew Thomas, William Brotz, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Renee Dryer, Rachelle Hrabosky, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Judith Virgin, Teachers; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
	Educational Spotlight - Mass Customized Learning and Vocational Education at the Greater Johnstown CTC (John Augustine, Vocational Director) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
	Mass Customized Learning, Project 17/20 Dreaming, Believing, Reality Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, Matthew Thomas
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-10-10/14	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the October 15, 2014 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-11-10/14 through W-10-10/14).
BD-11-10/14	Approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2014 Board Meeting, as presented.
IBD-08-10/14	The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors has approved the election of IU8 Board Members through the method of mail ballot.

BG-05-10/14	Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation, Responsible Officer - Mark Wissinger, Jr., to use the Elementary Gymnasium for Elementary Wrestling (Grades 3 through 6) from November 5, 2014 through March 6, 2015, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)
IE-13-10/14	Received a letter from PDE notifying that FASD has complied with Federal regulations under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) in meeting 60 day timelines for conducting initial evaluations of students to determine their eligibility for special education for the 2013-2014 reporting year.
IE-14-10/14	Copies of the October 13, 2014 Act 80 Teacher Inservice Day agendas for the Elementary School and the Junior-Senior High School are provided for board members.
F-08-10/14	Approve the September Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-09-10/14	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-06-10/14	Received notification from the Department of Education that the 2015-2016 Act 1 base index for allowable property tax increases is 1.9%. The adjusted index for Ferndale Area School District is 3.0%. Ferndale Area School District current tax millage is 73.1 which allows a maximum tax increase of 2.19 mills for 2015-2016 to comply with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006.
IF-07-10/14	FASD received a Ready to Learn Block Grant Fund 2014-2015 of $121,182.00 ($52,545.00 Accountability Block Grant Fund Renewal Plus $68,637.00 one-time Student-Focused Funding Supplement).
IF-08-10/14	Received a letter from PDE that the FASD 2014-2015 Consolidated Federal Programs Application has been approved and funds may be obligated as of July 1, 2014. All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2015. Total amount: $291,803.00.
IF-09-10/14	Received a letter from the PDE advising the status of Ferndale Area School District's compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). On June 23, 2014, the PDE was notified by the Federal Office of Special Education Programs that Pennsylvania has received the determination of "meets requirements" for federal fiscal year 2012. Pennsylvania also received the "meets requirements" determination in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Determinations are based on the LEA's performance for FFY 2012. Based on this review, the PDE has determined that Ferndale Area School District "meets requirements" of Part B of the IDEA.

IF-10-10/14 Received a letter from the Department of the Auditor General for a performance audit completed for the Ferndale Area School District, for the periods ending June 30, 2011 and 2012. This audit found that the Ferndale Area School District complied, in all significant respects, with applicable state laws, contracts, grant requirements, and administrative procedures related to the audit areas examined. The audit report contains no findings or observations.

IF-11-10/14 Real Estate sales are scheduled for November 21, 2014:

Owner	Address	Minimum Offer
Thomas N Ankney	1717 Franklin Street	$200.00
Sandy Rae Frampton	1709 Franklin Street	$200.00
David J & Antoinette G Neil	412 Woodland Avenue	$200.00

IF-12-10/14 Receipts and disbursements.

P-17-10/14 Approve Brandon King and Tiffany Fry to the substitute teachers list.

P-18-10/14 Approve David Noon and John Tay to the substitute support staff list.

W-09-10/14 Wayne Meekins, Carole Kakabar, Matthew Thomas, William Brotz; Nola Barton, Matthew Claar, Renee Dryer, Rachelle Hrabosky, Ronald Lasko, Marsha Williams, Teachers; *Mass Customized Learning* in Bedford on October 1, 2014. Cost: 5 free registrations (MCL members): 5 registrations: $150.00 each. Travel: $300.00. Substitute for six: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,530. (Title II and District)

W-10-10/14 Matthew Thomas; *CDT Feedback Session* in Harrisburg on October 7, 2014. No cost to District. Paid by PDE.

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.

IBD-09-10/14

Reviewed proposed policies updates - Carole Kakabar.

-- Revised Policy No. 216 Student Records, 216 Student Records Attachment #1, 216 Student Records Attachment #2

-- Policy No. 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records

-- Revised Policy No. 226 Searches *(This policy replaces Policy No. 226 Locker Searches and Policy No. 226.1 Student Searches)*

-- Revised Policy No. 233 Suspension and Expulsion

-- Revised Policy No. 304 Employment of District Staff (*Replaces Policy No. 303 Employment of Administrators, Policy No. 404 Employment of Professional Employees and Policy No. 504 Employment of Support Personnel)*

-- Revised Policy No. 904 Public Attendance at School Events

BD-12-10/14

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve, as read, the First Reading of the following policies:

-- Revised Policy No. 216 Student Records, 216 Student Records Attachment #1, 216 Student Records Attachment #2

-- Policy No. 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records

-- Revised Policy No. 226 Searches *(This policy replaces Policy No. 226 Locker Searches and Policy No. 226.1 Student Searches)*

-- Revised Policy No. 233 Suspension and Expulsion

-- Revised Policy No. 304 Employment of District Staff *(This policy replaces Policy No. 303 Employment of Administrators, Policy No. 404 Employment of Professional Employees and Policy No. 504 Employment of Support Personnel)*

-- Revised Policy No. 904 Public Attendance at School Events

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

2.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-06-10/14	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve John Safco as a bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2014-15 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
3.	Cafeteria
IC-01-10/14	USDA Free School Lunch Program - Carole Kakabar.
4.	Education
IE-15-10/14	2013-2014 School Performance Profile (SPP) Scores FAES - 77.2 (74.3 in 2012-2013) FAJR-SRHS - 71.7 (64.7 in 2012-2013)
IE-16-10/14	Highlights -- Elementary - William Brotz -- High School - Matthew Thomas
IE-17-10/14	Student Board Representatives Report.
IE-18-10/14	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/Stephen Thompson
5.	Finance
	None.
6.	Student Activities
ST-22-10/14	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve the resignation of Charles Ryan, Head Varsity Football Coach and Weight Room Supervisor, letter dated October 1, 2014. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-23-10/14	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the transfer of Donald Robertson, effective October 2, 2014, from Assistant Varsity Football Coach to Interim Head Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,984.50, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 season. 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.

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve ST-24-10/14 and ST-25-10/14.

ST-24-10/14 Approve Matthew Claar as a Volunteer Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2014-2015 season.

ST-25-10/14 Approve Matthew Claar as a Volunteer Weight Room Supervisor from October 16, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-26-10/14 through ST-29-10/14.

ST-26-10/14 Approve approximately 40 students (Grades 10-12) attendance at Mount Aloysius College's "Health Quest" on October 23, 2014. Cost: Transportation: $235.00. (Paid by District)

ST-27-10/14 Approve approximately 35 students (Grades 11-12) attendance at St. Vincent College on October 31, 2014. Cost: $275.00. (Paid by St. Vincent College)

ST-28-10/14 Approve the Cheerleaders field trip to Heinz Field in Pittsburgh on November 1, 2014. Cost: $465.00. (Paid by Cheerleading Boosters)

ST-29-10/14 Approve the K4 students field trip to West Hills Regional Fire Department on October 21, 2014. No cost to 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.

7. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-11-10/14 Approximately 10 staff members, approximately 15 secondary students, Administrators, interested Board Members, to a school visitation at *Elizabeth Forward Middle School and High School Tech Media Center and 1:1 computing initiative* on October 20, 2014. Cost approximately $1,500. (Paid by District, Title II)

W-12-10/14	Daniel Endler (1); Social Studies; *Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies* in Johnstown on October 16, 17, 2014 and Ronald Jones (1); Ronald Lasko (1); Social Studies Teachers; on October 17, 2014. Registration for each: $110.00. Substitutes: $320.00. Total Cost: $650.00 (Title II)
W-13-10/14	Approve 6 teachers (grades K4-3) to attend the *Birth to Grade 3 Literacy Launch Workshop* in Bedford, PA, on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Costs: $750 registration, $480 Substitutes, (Title IIA), approx. $20 shared transportation (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.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:15 p.m.
6.	Personnel
P-19-10/14	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve Tiffany Fry as a long-term substitute Mathematics Teacher, beginning October 8, 2014 and ending approximately January 26, 2015, at a rate of $100.00 per day worked. (Crystal Burkhart leave of absence) 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-20-10/14	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to amend the agenda and add a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with FAEA to appoint Rachelle Hrabosky (Elementary Teacher) as an Elementary Administrative Assistant on various days from October 16, 2014 through June 1, 2015, at an additional $50.00 per day worked while serving as Elementary Administrative Assistant. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-21-10/14	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with FAEA to appoint Rachelle Hrabosky (Elementary Teacher) as an Elementary Administrative Assistant on various days from October 16, 2014 through June 1, 2015, at an additional $50.00 per day worked while serving as Elementary Administrative Assistant. 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 November Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ferndale Area School District Board Room.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All were in favor.