FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 16, 2013

I. The January 16, 2013 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.

III. Roll Call: Present: Susan Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: None.

Student Board Representatives: Absent: Elizabeth Chobany and Taylor Harrison.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Jonathan Freidhoff, Rachelle Hrabosky, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Christian Giannone, School Psychologist; Heidi Wallace, Parent; Barbara Penna, Former Board Director; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

1. Board

IBD-16-01/13 Presentation of appreciation plaque to Barbara Penna for 13 years of service to Ferndale Area School District as a school board director.

IBD-17-01/13 A group Board picture will be taken at the January Board Meeting, to be used in school publications.

IBD-18-01/13 January is School Director Recognition Month.

- presentation of service awards to Sandra Chobany and Edward Jones for eight years of service as a school board director
- thank you all of our board members for your dedicated service

IBD-19-01/13 Reviewed Policy #011 Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct.

BD-43-01/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to reaffirm the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance/Code of Conduct. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-44-01/13	Mr. Pavic made a motion, to nominate Dale Harrison as Board Treasurer for the remainder of the 2012-2013 fiscal year, at a prorated salary of $1,200 per year, effective January 16, 2013 through June 30, 2013.
BD-45-01/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote
BD-46-01/13	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Dale Harrison as Board Treasurer for the remainder of the 2012-2013 fiscal year, at a prorated salary of $1,200 per year, effective January 16, 2013 through June 30, 2013. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IBD-20-01/13	A Board Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 5:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. in the Ferndale Area School District Board Room.
IBD-21-01/13	Distribution of Statement of Financial Interest Forms - Board Members and Administrators.
BD-47-01/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve the January 16, 2013 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-48-01/13 through IP-08-01/13).
BD-48-01/13	Approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2012 Board Meeting and December 19, 2012 Special Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-07-01/13	Approve the request of the Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, restrooms, locker rooms, chairs, tables, PA System, scoreboard/clock for an Elementary Tournament on March 1, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; March 2, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; March 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

IE-31-01/13 The following have been assigned as a student teachers (UPJ) in the Ferndale Area Elementary School from January 7, 2013 through February 22, 2013:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Caitlyn Hoover	Laura Miller	K4
Mary Stenger	Kathleen McCreery	K4
Jeane' Musser	Janet Russell	2

F-13-01/13 Approve the December Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-14-01/13 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-11-01/13 Receipts and disbursements.

P-29-01/13 Approve Dawn Harvey, Tabatha Plummer, Veronica Roberts, and Pamela Smith to the substitute teachers' list.

IP-08-01/13 2013 Educator of the Year Award

Carole Kakabar has been chosen by The Challenge Program, Incorporated (TCP) to receive their 2013 Educator of the Year Award. The honor goes to an educator from one of the program's 114 participating schools. Mrs. Kakabar was chosen for her "perseverance and determination to rise above obstacles and her ambition and devotion to the students of Ferndale Area High School" to obtain funding and promote Ferndale Area's students. The selection will be announced through the media, the TCP website and Facebook page, and in articles and publications by businesses who are partners in the program, and in school e-newsletter communications.

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-03-01/13 Update of Ferndale Area School District safety measures as a result of the Sandy Hook tragedies - Carole Kakabar.

IBG-04-01/13 Overview of school delays and cancellations process - Carole Kakabar.

3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
IE-32-01/13	Educational Spotlight - Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School Marching Band and Chorus, Jonathan Friedhoff
IE-33-01/13	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/Stephen Thompson
IE-34-01/13	Highlights -- Legislative Update - Carole Kakabar -- Elementary - William Brotz -- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle
IE-35-01/13	Student Board Representatives Report.
5.	Finance
	None.
6.	Personnel
	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-30-01/13, P-31-01/13, and P-32-01/13.
P-30-01/13	Employ Tammy Gaunt as a High School Cook, at a stipend of $7.40 per hour, (90-day probation period up January 10, 2013).
P-31-01/13	Employ Barbara Allison as a High School Dishwasher, at a stipend of $7.55 per hour, (90-day probation period up January 10, 2013).
P-32-01/13	Employ Anna Custer as an Elementary Dishwasher, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, (90-day probation period up January 10, 2013).
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the following coaches for the 2012-13 school year:

ST-28-01/13 -- Theresa Mitchell as Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $1,971.75 for an 11-week season;

ST-29-01/13 -- Crystal Burkhart as Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $1,168.75 for an 11-week season;

ST-30-01/13 -- Stephen Clawson as Head Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $3,272.50 for a 10-week season;

ST-31-01/13 -- James Rubal as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $1,472.50 for a 10-week season;

ST-32-01/13 -- Michael Harrison as Junior High Baseball Coach, at a salary of $500 for a 6- week season;

ST-33-01/13 -- Arthur McClucas as Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, at a salary of $2,142.50 for a 10-week season;

ST-34-01/13 -- Daniel Endler as Assistant Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, at a salary of $1,312.50 for a 10-week season.

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

IST-10-01/13 Update of the Varsity Football Head Coach and appoint a board member to the interview committee.

IST-11-01/13 Announcement of the Jessica Ambroe Classic.

ST-35-01/13 Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Band field trip to NYC on Saturday, April 6, 2013 and Sunday, April 7, 2013. Cost: $250 per student. No cost to District. Paid by individual student. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

ST-36-01/13 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve the Star Program Club, sponsored by the U.S. Army. Robert Boyle will be a voluntary staff member monitor; no cost to the district. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-19-01/13 Nola Barton (1), Librarian; Matthew Claar (1), Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference* on February 10-13, 2013 in Hershey. Total: Registration for one: $285.00. Registration for one: $295.00. Lodging: $504.00. Meals: $180.00. Shared Travel: $164.98. Substitutes for three days for two: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,908.98. (Paid by Title IIA)

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

The February Board Meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-22-01/13 Heidi Wallace, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the medication policy.

IBD-23-01/13 Susan Layton, FAEA, and Judith Virgin, School Nurse, addressed the Board regarding dispensing of medication.

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. All were in favor.