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School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 20, 2013

I. The March 20, 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 6:01 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 Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Richard Pavic.

Student Board Representatives: Elizabeth Chobany and Taylor Harrison.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Susan Pudliner, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Ronald Hagans, Garrett Harrison, Ashley Herring, Emile Horner, Michaela Litterine, Robert Maticic, Alicia McClafferty, Jillian Ratliff, Nathan Saylor, Jared Sefcik, Genevie Shaffer, Sage Smith, Devin Vickroy, Dylan Zelenski, Students; Gary Pudliner, Joseph Sefcik, Parents; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-29A-03/13 Susan Layton, FAEA, thanked the Administration for the critical incident response training that was presented by INPAX on the March 18 Act 80 day.

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

IBD-29-03/13 Board pictures for the yearbook were taken at 5:30 p.m. before the Board Meeting.

BD-51-03/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the March 20, 2013 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-52-03/13 through IST-13-03/13).
BD-52-03/13	Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2013 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-10-03/13	Approve the request of Ryan Durham to use the Senior High Gymnasium for a Winners Circle Basketball Academy on March 23, 30, 2013; April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013; May 4, 2013, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)
IBG-05-03/13	The Varsity Cheerleading Team held a fundraiser for cheerleading on April 6, 2013 in the Senior High Gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
IBG-06-03/13	FASD National Honor Society requested the use of the Senior High/Junior High gymnasiums, two classrooms, kitchen, restrooms for post prom on May 10, 11, 2012 from 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
IE-42-03/13	Recognized the District's profile of services FASD received from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for 2011-12 at a District contribution of $1,036.21.
IE-43-03/13	Representatives from Representative Toomey's Office, Representative Rothfus' Office, and IU8 visited our Elementary School on Wednesday, March 14 to learn about our Americorp Program, meet our current and former Americorp workers and talk to students.
IE-44-03/13	On Thursday, March 28, 2013, students and staff were dismissed one hour early for Easter break. All schools and offices will be closed Friday, March 29, through Monday, April 1, for Easter break. Schools resume Tuesday, April 2.
IE-45-03/13	Grant Awarded! Mrs. Eileen Zankey, Elementary Guidance Counselor, wrote and was awarded the First Book AB Grant worth $3,045.00 to purchase a book for every student in grade K4-6 to take home, read for pleasure, and keep.
F-18-03/13	Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-19-03/13	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-15-03/13	Receipts and disbursements.

P-40-03/13	Approve Brian Donnell, Eric Dreikorn, Nina Griffith, Martin Vrabel to the substitute teachers' list.
IST-13-03/13	The Jess Ambroe Classic Hockey fundraiser netted $7,502.25 for Chelsea's Hope and Lafora Research. This is a three year total of $21,018.23 raised. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.
IBD-30-03/13	PSBA held its Spring Legislative Meeting at the Forest Hills High School Auditorium on April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Discussions focused on pension reform, charter school reform and basic education funding in 2013-14. RSVP Patti Craig by Monday, March 25, 2013.
IBD-31-03/13	The March 26, 2013 scheduled meeting of the Joint Operating Committee for the GJCTC was cancelled in lieu of attendance at the PASBO Health Insurance Presentation to School Board Members on March 26, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the GJCTC Cafeteria.
IBD-32-03/13	Distributed the 2013 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board Ballot for the election of Board of Directors.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-07-03/13	February 24, 2013 Tribune Democrat article "Ferndale Against Consolidation"
3.	Cafeteria None.
4.	Education
IE-46-03/13	March 18, 2013 Act 80 Teacher Inservice Day review - Carole Kakabar.
IE-47-03/13	Education Spotlight - MSP SEEDS - Stephanie Mino.
IE-48-03/13	Legislative Update on - (Carole Kakabar) -- Governor's Budget -- Pension Reform -- Charter School Reform -- Liquor Privatization

IE-49-03/13	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/ Stephen Thompson
IE-50-03/13	Highlights -- Elementary - William Brotz -- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle
IE-51-03/13	Student Board Representatives Report.
E-05-03/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, approve the 2013-2014 K-12 School Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
5.	Finance
F-20-03/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the 2013-2014 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried. The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for personnel and litigation. The Executive Session ended at 7:34 p.m.
6.	Personnel
P-41-03/13	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to transfer Janine Cipollina from an Elementary Special Education Aide to a long-term Secondary Special Education teacher, at a stipend of $100.00 per day, effective March 25, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year. (Vacated by the resignation of Chelsea Cover.) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.
IP-09-03/13	Posted a long-term Special Education Aide position. (Vacated by the transfer of Janine Cipollina).
P-42-03/13	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to post and/or advertise for the position of General Maintenance/Custodian at the Junior/Senior High School, (to be vacated by the retirement of Larry Illig). Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

P-43-12/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to employ Kathryn Petrosky, Johnstown, as a Kitchen Utility Worker, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour (90-day probation period ended March 6, 2013). Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

7. Student Activities

IST-14-03/12

Update on the Assistant Varsity Football Coach vacancies - Carole Kakabar.

ST-51-03/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to post and/or advertise the following coaches for the 2013-2014 school year (posted annually on April 1);

-- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

-- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Head Varsity Cheerleader Advisor

-- Head Junior High Cheerleader Advisor

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

ST-52-03/13

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve Paul Byer as an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, for the 2012-13 school year, at a salary of $1,392.50, based on a 10-week season. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve ST-53-03/13 and ST-54-03/13.

ST-53-03/13 Approve Gary Kinsey as a Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

ST-54-03/13 Approve Gary Pudliner as a Volunteer Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve ST-55-03/13, through ST-58-03/13.

ST-55-03/13 Approve the senior class field trip to Hersheypark on May 17, 2013. Cost: Tickets and transportation: $40.00 each. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.) Substitutes: $160.00 (Paid by District)

ST-56-03/13 Approve the French students (Classes 1-2) field trip to Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville for an Etienne Concert on May 3, 2013. Cost: $35.00 per student. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.)

ST-57-03/13 Approve the French students (Classes 1-2) field trip to Pittsburgh - Gateway Clipper on May 22, 2013. Cost: $70.00 per student. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.)

ST-58-03/13 Approve the Spanish II, III, IV class field trip to tour the Cathedral of Learning and a Spanish restaurant in Pittsburgh on March 22, 2013. Cost: $35.00 - $40.00 per student. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.)

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All were in favor.