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

I. The November 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 Boyle, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Dale Harrison, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Edward Jones.

Student Board Representatives: Taylor Harrison and Devon Valinsky.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, William Brotz, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Teacher; Judith Virgin, School Nurse, Ashley Devlin, Tyler Geiser, Justin Hrabosky, Joel Mattis, Lindsay Olshewshy, Carrie Rager, Hannah Richards, Cassandra Vivis, Nate Washington, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

The Board Negotiating Committee met at 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 20, 2013 in the Superintendent's Office before the November Board Meeting.

1. Board

BD-13-11/13 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the November 20, 2013 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-14-11/13 through ST-30-11/13) .

BD-14-11/13 Approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2013 Board Meeting, as presented.

IC-01-11/13	The PDE Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management will conduct an Administrative Review of the Ferndale Area School District's School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program on December 3-6, 2013.
IE-22-11/13	Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Elementary and the Junior-Senior High School. There was no school on November 11, 2013 (Veterans Day Holiday).
IE-23-11/13	There is no school for students and staff on November 28, 29, and December 2, 2013 (Thanksgiving). Students will be dismissed two hours early on November 27, 2013.
F-09-11/13	Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-10-11/13	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-09-11/13	Receipts and disbursements.
IF-10-11/13	On October 29, 2013, Ferndale Area School District received notification from PDE that our 2013-2014 Consolidated Federal Grant Agreement for $295,986.00 has been substantially approved. Funds can be obligated as of July 1, 2013.
IF-11-11/13	The Ferndale Area School District Endowment Fund first quarter statement (July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013) has a total value of $1,892.52.
IF-12-11/13	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, 2013, 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, 2014. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.
P-34-11/13	Approve Brittany Miller to the substitute teachers list.
ST-29-11/13	Band students participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Johnstown on November 11, 2013. Cost: Transportation: $180.00. (District)

ST-30-11/13	Five students attended the PMEA District Band Auditions at Forest Hills High School on Sunday, November 17, 2013. Registration: $5.00 each. (Paid by individual student) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
IBD-15-11/13	Update on contract negotiations - Carole Kakabar.
IBD-16-11/13	A Contract Negotiations Meeting will be held on December 4, 2013 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Elementary Library for members of the Board Negotiating Committee and FAEA Negotiating Committee.
BD-15-11/13	Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to approve, as read, the Second Reading of the following policies, and adopt said policies: -- Revised Policy No. 250 Student Recruitment -- Revised Policy No. 333 Professional Development. (This policy replaces Policies No. 333 and No. 433 Professional Development.) -- Revised Policy No. 806 Child/Student Abuse -- Revised Policy No. 818 Contracted Services The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-17-11/13	Review proposed updates to Policies No. Revised Policy No. 112 Guidance Counseling; No. 146 Student Services; No. 207 Confidential Communication of Students; No. 221 Dress and Grooming; No. 325 Dress and Grooming; No. 807 Opening Exercises/Flag Displays.

BD-16-11/13

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve, as read, the First Reading of the following policies:

-- Revised Policy No. 112 Guidance Counseling

-- Revised Policy No. 146 Student Services

-- Revised Policy No. 207 Confidential Communication of Students

-- Revised Policy No. 221 Dress and Grooming

-- Revised Policy No. 325 Dress and Grooming (This policy replaces Policies No. 325, No. 425, and No. 525 Dress and Grooming.)

-- Revised Policy No. 807 Opening Exercises/Flag Displays

The motion passed unanimously by a roll vote.

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-02-11/13

The Cambria County Commissioners held their November meeting in the Ferndale Area High School Auditorium on November 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. This is an official meeting with county row officers and other county officials in attendance. Following the legislative meeting, there will be an open public forum where the Commissioners will address questions from the audience. All Board Members, staff, students, and the community are invited.

BG-11-11/13

Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2013-14 school year:

Ronald Covalt

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4.	Education
E-06-11/13	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve submission of the Ferndale Area School District's Comprehensive Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2107). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-24-11/13	Education Spotlight - Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Programs and Services - Carole Kakabar
IE-25-11/13	Highlights -- Elementary - William Brotz -- High School - Brian McDermott
IE-26-11/13	Student Board Representatives Report.
5.	Finance
F-11-11/13	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve an agreement with BuyBoard, a PSBA endorsed Cooperative Purchasing Program. (No cost to District.) Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
F-12-11/13	Mrs. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve soliciting bids for the purchase of natural gas. Record vote for the motion: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
6.	Personnel
	None.

7. Student Activities

ST-31-11/13 Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve posting (advertise, if necessary) the following fall coaching positions for the 2014-15 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 Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach
-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball 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, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve ST-32-11/13, ST-33-11/13, and ST-34-11/13.

ST-32-11/13 Approve the Band students participation in the Christmas Parade in Johnstown on November 22, 2013. Cost: Transportation: $180.00. (District)

ST-33-11/13 Approve approximately 10 - 12 Band students participation in the County Band Festival at Penn Cambria High School on December 5, 6, 2013. Cost: Registration: $240.00. Transportation: $388.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $788.00. (District)

ST-34-11/13 Approve the National Honor Society/Business Club field trip to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, on May 23, 2014. Cost: $2,000. (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: Boyle, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-09-11/13 Jessica Cunningham (1), Grade 6 Teacher; Rachelle Hrabosky (1), Grade 4 Teacher; Veronica Shorto (1), Grade 6 Teacher; *Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association* in State College on December 5, 6, 2013. Cost: Registration: $120.00 each. Shared Travel: $207.92. Substitute for three for two days: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,047.92 (Paid by Title IIA)

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

The Board Reorganization Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. All were in favor.