FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 21, 2012

I.	The March 21, 2012 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. Banks at 6:10 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, Ridley Banks, Sandra Chobany, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Barbara Penna.
	Student Board Representatives: Elizabeth Chobany - late. Absent: Ashlee Grow.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Administrators; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Amy Schmidt, Teachers; Elizabeth Ballow, Travis Bendick, Jeff Burns, Colton Dull, Ian Hensel, Eric Kowalewski, Jr., Evan Krisay, Heather Louder, Desarae Margucci, Courtney McClain, Joseph Morris, Tyler Smith, Jake Stefan, Ashley Stiffler, Chrissy Weaver, Megan Wilson, Dan Wozniak, Students; Samantha Rensko, Conemaugh Township School District; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
IBD-37-03/12	Board Members pictures for the High School yearbook were taken at 5:45 p.m. before the meeting in the Elementary Gym Lobby.
1.	Board
BD-34-03/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the March 21, 2012 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-35-03/12 through P-70-03/12).
BD-35-03/12	Approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2012 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-15-03/12	Approve the request of the Cambria County Board of Elections Office to use the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough No. 2 General Primary Election on April 24, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
BG-16-03/12	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Basketball Boosters (Responsible Officer Dale Harrison) to use the Elementary Gymnasium for an Elementary Day for basketball games on February 25, 2012 from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. 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.)
BG-17-03/12	Approve the request of Ferndale Little League Baseball, (Responsible Officer Anthony Cenko) to use the Junior High Gymnasium for practice for league tryouts on March 17, 18, 2012 and March 24, 25, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 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.)
BG-18-03/12	Approve the request of Ferndale Little League Baseball, (Responsible Officer Anthony Cenko) to use the baseball field, softball field, and concession stand for youth baseball games and practices from April 1, 2012 to August 1, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to dark on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to dark on weekends. 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.)
F-25-03/12	Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-26-03/12	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-21-03/12	Review of receipts and disbursements.
P-69-03/12	Approve Sarah Blair, Chelsie Fris, Kimberly Kovach, David Finney, and Craig Kravitz to the substitute teachers list.
P-70-03/12	Approve Melanie DeVico and Kathryn Petrosky to the substitute support staff list.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Penna. The motion carried.

BD-36-03/12 Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve, as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-38-03/12 The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 New Teacher Induction Banquet will be held on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Imperial Room in Ebensburg. (Jessica Taranto, Latrace Dixon, Jonathan Freidhoff, and Crystal Keim)

IBD-39-03/12 Distribution of the 2012 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board Ballot for the election of Board of Directors.

2. Buildings and Grounds

BG-19-03/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve an addendum to the transportation contract with Mlaker Transportation, Inc.

-- "The contractor shall furnish two monthly invoices for service for all contracted service for pupil transportation. These invoices are to be as follows: (1) Verified invoices listing gallons of fuel consumed in vehicles providing pupil transportation with additional evidence that the State tax was paid as per the Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Act and (2) An invoice, which includes all costs for providing pupil transportation services."

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBG-02-03/12 Summary of the Junior-Senior High School Facilities Study Options. A cost comparison of Option A and Option B was presented at the April 18, 2012 Board Meeting. Robert Scheeren, Architect, presented details of Option B at a workshop on March 21, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Chobany left the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-09-03/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the 2012-2013 K-12 School Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IE-39-03/12	High School Highlights - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle Elementary Highlights - William Brotz
IE-40-03/12	Mrs. Kakabar announced that the Ferndale Area Elementary School will have a brownout on Friday, March 23, 2012 due to Penelec installing a new main power line and transformer. This will not interrupt the regular school day because a two-hour early dismissal was previously scheduled.
IE-41-03/12	Because no snow days were used this school year, the students will have five days off of school over the Easter holiday.
IE-42-03/12	Greater Johnstown Joint Operating Committee Highlights - Ridley Banks
IE-43-03/12	Mr. Banks thanked the Elementary Staff and Administration for the prayer blanket he received from them.
	Mrs. Chobany and Elizabeth Chobany returned to the meeting at 6:43 p.m.
IE-44-03/12	Student Board Representatives Report
IE-45-03/12	Presentation of District focus for staff and spending for the 2012-2013 school year - Carole Kakabar
5.	Finance
F-27-03/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the 2012-2013 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Penna. The motion carried.
IF-22-03/12	Board Finance Committee will meet on April 11, 2012 at 6:30 a.m, prior to the April 18, 2012 Board Meeting. (Ridley Banks, Sandra Chobany, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, Carole Kakabar, and John Kowal)
6.	Personnel
P-71-03/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, second by Mr. Meekins, to approve the resignation of Susan Pellow, Kitchen Utility Worker, effective March 30, 2012. Mrs. Pellow was previously approved at the December 7, 2011 Board Meeting to transfer to the High School Cafeteria Cook position, beginning the 2012-13 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve P-72-03/12 and P-73-03/12.

P-72-03/12 Post and/or advertise the following positions:

-- Elementary/Early Childhood Teacher

-- Secondary Special Education Teacher (Dual certification in a Secondary Subject is preferred)

-- High School Cafeteria Cook

-- Junior High Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

P-73-03/12 Approve the following job descriptions and evaluations:

-- Elementary Secretary to the Principal
-- Elementary Office Secretary
-- High School Secretary to the Principal
-- High School Office Secretary
-- Librarian's Assistant
-- Personal, Academic, Behavioral, Care Assistant
-- Title I Teacher Aide
-- Athletic Director (evaluation only)

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

7. Student Activities

ST-45-03/12 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve Crystal Keim as the Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2011-2012 season, at a prorated salary of $786.25, effective March 22, 2012. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Penna. The motion carried.

ST-46-03/12 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Anthony Penna, Sr. as the Head Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $7,108, based on a 16- week season; pending CPR/AED certification. Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: Bailey and Banks. Abstained: None. Absent: Penna. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve ST-47-03/12 through ST-55-03/12.

Approve the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

ST-47-03/12	Shawn Furfari as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $2,356, based on a 16-week season; pending CPR/AED certification;
ST-48-03/12	Gary Kinsey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,972, based on a 16- week season; pending CPR/AED certification;
ST-49-03/12	Michael Kush as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,844, based on a 16- week season; pending CPR/AED certification;
ST-50-03/12	Michael Harrison as a Head Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $2,100, based on a 16- week season;
ST-51-03/12	Arthur McClucas as the Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $2,372, based on a 16-week season;
ST-52-03/12	Kimberly Reighard as the Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $4,716, based on a 12-week season;
ST-53-03/12	Theresa Kessler as the Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $2,151, based on a 12-week season; pending CPR/AED certification;
ST-54-03/12	Whitney Warmus as the Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,355.75, based on an 11-week season; pending CPR/AED certification.

ST-55-03/12	Post and/or advertise the following coaches for the 2012-2013 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, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Penna. The motion carried.
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve ST-56-03/12 through ST-67-03/12.
ST-56-03/12	Approve the K4 students field trip to Idlewild Adventure Days on May 22, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $390.00. Admissions: $462.00. Total Cost: $852.00. (Paid by students and Board Treasurer's stipend)
ST-57-03/12	Approve the Kindergarten students field trip to Johnstown Children's Museum/Richland Lanes on May 16, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $125.00. Admissions: $158.40. Bowling: $126.00. Total Cost: $409.40. (Students and Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-58-03/12	Approve the First Grade students field trip to Cresson Lake Theatre/Vale Wood Farms on May 11, 2012. Transportation: $225.00. Admissions: $460.00. Total Cost: $685.00. (CFO Corporation and Board Treasurer's stipend)
ST-59-03/12	Approve the Second Grade students field trip to Disaster's Edge Environmental Center in St. Michael on May 25, 2012. Transportation: $160.00. Admissions: $24.50. Meals: $78.00. Total Cost: $262.50. (Students and Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute Nurse: $80.00 (District)

ST-60-03/12	Approve the Third Grade students field trip to the Somerset Historical Center on May 17, 2012. Transportation: $480.00. Admissions: $165.00. Food: $75.00. Total Cost: $720.00. (Students and Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute Nurse: $80.00. (District)
ST-61-03/12	Approve the Fourth Grade students field trip to Johnstown Flood Museum, Incline Plan, and Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville on May 21, 2012. Transportation: $350.00. Admissions: $285.40. Total Cost: $635.40. (Students and Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-62-03/12	Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Fort Ligonier on May 23, 2012. Transportation: $360.00. Admissions: $371.25. Cost: $731.25. (Students and Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute half-day (Mrs. Oakley): $40.00. (District)
ST-63-03/12	Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Penn Highlands Community College on May 14, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $115.00. (Paid by District)
ST-64-03/12	Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Pittsburgh Heinz Field and Carnegie Science Center on May 15, 2012. Transportation: $1,450.00. Admissions: $894.00. Total Cost: $2,344.00. (Students and Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-65-03/12	Approve the three Art students participation in window painting at the Cambria County Library in Johnstown on April 18, 2012. Cost: Substitute: $80.00. (High School Account)
ST-66-03/12	Approve the French I-IV students field trip to Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville to attend an Etienne Concert on April 27, 2012. The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.
ST-67-03/12	Approve 10 students (2 from each grade level 7 -11) attendance at the Super Conference 19 at Mount Aloysius College on May 2, 2012. Cost: Registration: $100.00. Travel: $200.00. Total Cost: $300.00. (High School Account)
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Penna. The motion carried.

IST-08-03/12

Donations from Ferndale Area School District citizens:

-- Mae and Michael Altman
-- Kaylee Antesberger (student)
-- Michael and Heather Szekeresh
-- L. William and Julie Schlosser
-- Melisa and Aaron Snyder
-- Monica Stroscio
-- CFO Strategies, LLC

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-10-03/12

William Brotz; *Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program, NISL Course 1* in Duncansville on August 7, 8, 2012, September 18, 19, 2012, November 8, 9, 2012, and January 7, 8, 2013. (PDE requires for all new principals within the first three years of employment.) Undetermined transportation expense.

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

VI. Adjournment

The April Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. All were in favor.