FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
April 18, 2012

I. The April 18, 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, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Richard Pavic, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Sandra Chobany and Wayne Meekins.

Student Board Representatives: Absent: Elizabeth Chobany and Ashlee Grow.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Administrators; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Lori Beck, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Amy Schmidt, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Mae Altman, Lori Bills, Residents; Paul Bremer, Bob Bunnell, Mike Dorchak, Kimberly Dorn, Larry Eisenhuth, Patrick Erb, Garrett Harrison, Jeff Held, James Hollis, Victoria Jakab, Nate Kornprobst, John Kurchak, Miranda Reffner, Josh Reighard, Jake Stefan, Greg Walters, Walter Warne, Jr., Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-40-04/12 Susan Layton, FAEA, addressed the Board regarding PSEA's Partners for Public Education Program.

1. Board

BD-37-04/12 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the April 18, 2012 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-38-04/12 through IST-10-04/12).

BD-38-04/12 Approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2012 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-20-04/12	Approve the request of the Ian Helsel and Michael Dorchak, Senior Project, (Responsible Officer Arthur McClucas) to use the Softball Field on April 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. for a baseball camp for students in grades 1-6. 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.)
IBG-03-04/12	All Offices will be closed on Fridays again over the summer from June 8, 2012 through August 3, 2012 for energy conservation purpose (Employee hours adjusted to fit within four workdays.)
F-28-04/12	Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-29-04/12	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-23-04/12	A Sale of Real Estate (Susan Pleskovic) is scheduled for June 8, 2012.
IF-24-04/12	Review of receipts and disbursements.
IF-25-04/12	Ferndale Area School District 501c3 Endowment Donor Fund Statement (as of December 31, 2011 total value $1,400.06)
P-74-04/12	Approve Lisa Ambroe, Darlene Ashcom, Sandra Basile, and Deborah Grech to the substitute support staff list.
P-75-04/12	Approve Krista Woodhead to the substitute teachers list.
IST-09-04/12	Interested Sophomores and Juniors attended Mount Aloysius College on April 4, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $225.00.
IST-10-04/12	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Harrison, Jones, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Meekins. The motion carried.
BD-39-04/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve, as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources, and adopt said policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-40-04/12	The annual GJCTC Joint Board Appreciation Dinner will be held in the cafeteria of the GJCTC on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Patti Craig by May 1, 2012, if you plan to attend.

IBD-41-04/12	Received a thank you from Ferndale Area Band for allowing them to participate at County, District and Region Band.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-04-04/12	Cost comparison of Option A versus Option B for addressing physical plant at the Junior-Senior High School Buildings - John Kowal.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
IE-46-04/12	21st Century Community Learning Grant opportunity - Carole Kakabar
IE-47-04/12	High School Highlights - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle Elementary Highlights - William Brotz
IE-48-04-12	Greater Johnstown Joint Operating Committee Highlights FASD received a check/credit of $100,233.42 as a return of funds due to the success of the Adult Education Program - Ridley Banks/Barbara Penna
IE-49-04/12	Student Board Representatives Report
5.	Finance
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve F-30-04/12 and F-31-04/12.
F-30-04/12	Approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
F-31-04/12	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2010-2011.
	The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IF-25-04/12	Received the 2010-11 Independent Auditor Report, as well as the Statement of Accounting Standards "SAS 114 - Communication with Those Charged with Governance" from Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C., Johnstown, PA which states "In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ferndale Area School District as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."
IF-26-04/12	Budget update for the 2012-13 school year - Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, and Board Finance Committee. (The Board Finance Committee met on April 11, 2012.)
6.	Student Activities
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve ST-68-04/12 through ST-73-04/12.
ST-68-04/12	Approve Scott McGough, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Junior High Baseball Coach for practices for the 2011-12 school year, effective April 2, 2012.
ST-69-04/12	Approve the CAD and Technology Department field trip to Triangle Tech in Greensburg on May 7, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $300.00. (Paid by Triangle Tech) Substitute: $80.00. (Paid by District.)
ST-70-04/12	Approve the French class (Levels 2, 3, 4, 5) and Spanish (Levels 3, 4) field trip to the Gateway Clipper/Station Square in Pittsburgh on May 8, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $425.00. Tickets: $32.00 each. The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund-raising monies and/or personal funds.
ST-71-04/12	Approve the senior class field trip to Hersheypark on May 10, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $1,200. Tickets: $46.20 each. (Paid by students and senior class organization.) Substitutes: $240.00. (Paid by District)
ST-72-04/12	Approve the Spanish Club field trip to Bloomberg High School on May 14, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $700.00. (Paid by Spanish Club and students) Tickets: $15.00 each. (Paid by students) Substitutes: $80.00. (Paid by District)

ST-73-04/12	Approve the Junior-Senior High School Band students field trip to the Elementary School on May 17, 2012 for a concert with the Elementary Band to promote joining marching band. Cost: Transportation: $87.41. Substitute for ½ day: $40.00. Total Cost: $127.41. (District) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Harrison, Jones, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Meekins. The motion carried.
IST-11-04/12	Proposals for 2012-13 Athletic Trainer Services: (We will approve a provider in May.) -- Western PA Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation - $5,253 -- Vantage Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation - $2,500 -- Keystone Rehabilitation Systems - not applicable (no certified Athletic Trainer) - Phoenix Rehabilitation Services - not applicable (no certified Athletic Trainer)
IST-12-04/12	Winter Sports Summary - Anthony Penna, Sr. The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Executive Session ended at 7:45 p.m.
7.	Personnel Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve P-76-04/12 through P-78-04/12.
P-76-04/12	Post the Assistant Junior-Senior High School Principal position.
P-77-04/12	Approve an updated Junior-Senior High School Principal job description and evaluation.
P-78-04/12	Approve an updated Assistant Junior-Senior High School Principal job description and evaluation. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-79-04/12 through W-11-04/12.

P-79-04/12 Post, advertise if necessary, a Secondary Special Education Teacher position or a Secondary Special Education Aide position. (Required Pennsylvania Special Education certification, preferred dual certification in a secondary core subject)

P-80-04/12 Post all applicable extra-duty positions in May:

-- Advisor - Junior Class
-- Advisor - Senior Class
-- Advisor - Senior Class
-- All School Play
-- Assistant Band Director
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts - Secondary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math - Secondary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science- Secondary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies - Elementary
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies - Secondary
-- Detention Monitor, 3 Hr Session (Wednesdays) (1)
-- Detention Monitors, 1 Hr Session (Tuesdays, Thursdays) (2)
-- Forensics - Senior High
-- K4 Orientation
-- Kindergarten Orientation
-- Math Counts Advisor
-- Mentor (As Needed)
-- National Honor Society Advisor
-- Newspaper Advisor - Secondary
-- Reading Team Advisor - Elementary
-- Reading Team Advisor - Junior High
-- Reading Team Advisor - Senior High
-- Stage, Lights & Sound Manager - Secondary
-- Student Council Advisor
-- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary
-- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary Assistant
-- Yearbook Editor - Elementary

P-81-04/12 Approve Ferndale Area School District participation in the 2012-2013 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Substitute Teacher Program at a cost of $500.

P-82-04/12 Pending federal funding for the AmeriCorp Program, approve Ferndale Area Elementary School application for three full-time AmeriCorp workers for the 2012-2013 school year, starting August 20, 2012 and ending August 16, 2013. The cost to the District is $31,200. ($10,400 per worker for 12 months.)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-11-04/12 Lauren Bell (1), Science Teacher; Ronald Lasko (1), Social Studies Teacher; *Student Assistance Training* at St. Vincent College on May 7-8, 2012, May 14-15, 2012. Cost: Travel for four days: $142.00. Substitute for two teachers for four days: $640.00. Total Cost: $782.00. (District) (Training approximately $600 paid for via grant from PDE.)

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

VI. Adjournment

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

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. All were in favor.