FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
December 5, 2012

I.	The December 5, 2012 Reorganization Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area School District, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meekins at 6:03 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, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Patricia Wilson.
	Student Board Representatives: Taylor Harrison. Absent: Chelsea Chobany.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Rachelle Hrabosky, Teacher; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Jorden Bodenschatz, Ava Genovese, Kennedy Hess, Devin Hoffman, Chelsea Middler, Jenny Wallace, Students; Heidi Wallace, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IBD-09-12/12	Timothy Olshewsky, Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team, addressed the Board to discuss the financial status of the hockey team and request financial support from Ferndale Area School District.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
	Election of Temporary President
	Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . there shall be elected from the holdover members a temporary president, and the secretary of the Board shall act as secretary of such meeting."
BD-20-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion to nominate Edward Jones to serve as Temporary President of the Board.
BD-21-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-22-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to elect Edward Jones as Temporary President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Election of President
BD-23-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion to nominate Wayne Meekins to serve as President of the Board.
BD-24-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-25-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to elect Wayne Meekins as President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Election of Vice President
BD-26-12/12	Mrs. Bailey made a motion to nominate Sandra Chobany to serve as Vice President of the Board.
BD-27-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-27A-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to amend the agenda and add the approval of the resignation of Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-27B-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to accept the resignation of Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-28-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to elect Sandra Chobany as Vice President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Election of PSBA Liaison
BD-29-12/12	Mr. Pavic made a motion to nominate Stephen Thompson as PSBA Liaison.
BD-30-12/12	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-31-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Stephen Thompson as PSBA Liaison. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Nomination of GJCTC Representative (2)
BD-32-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Stephen Thompson to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Board for a one-year term, December 5, 2012 through December 4, 2013.
BD-33-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Sandra Chobany to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Board for a one-year term, December 5, 2012 through December 4, 2013.
BD-34-12/12	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Election of GJCTC Representative (2)
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve BD-35-12/12 and BD-36-12/12.
BD-35-12/12	Elect Stephen Thompson to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Board for a one-year term, December 5, 2012 through December 4, 2013.
BD-36-12/12	Elect Sandra Chobany to serve as a representative from Ferndale Area School District on the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Board for a one-year term, December 5, 2012 through December 4, 2013.
	The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-37-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the resignation of Barbara Penna, School Board Director, Ferndale Borough, Region 1, effective December 5, 2012. (Term expires December 2015). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-38-12/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve to post and advertise the position of School Board Director, Ferndale Borough, Region 1. Applications due to Superintendent no later than Friday, December 14, 2012, in the District Office by 3:00 p.m. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.

IBD-10-12/12

A Special Board Meeting will be held for the specific purpose of appointing a School Board Director, Ferndale Borough, Region 1, (Date and start time to be determined pending applications).

IBD-11-12/12

Board Retreat possible dates (please choose one of these dates):

- Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Date chosen Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BD-39-12/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the following Meeting Dates:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 175 of the 1974 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Ferndale Area Board of Education will be held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15905, on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as follows, except for the month of October, and the annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013:

BOARD MEETING

DAY	DATE
Wednesday	January 16, 2013
Wednesday	February 20, 2013
Wednesday	March 20, 2013
Wednesday	April 17, 2013

	Wednesday	May 15, 2013
	Wednesday	June 19, 2013
	Wednesday	August 21, 2013
	Wednesday	September 18, 2013
	Wednesday	October 23, 2013
	Wednesday	November 20, 2013
	Wednesday	December 4, 2013

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-40-12/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the December 5, 2012 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-41-12/12 through IST-09-12/12)

BD-41-12/12 Approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2012 Board Meeting, as presented.

IBD-12-12/12 Received a thank you card from FAEA thanking the Board and Administration for inviting them to the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Tour and dinner on November 14, 2012.

IBD-13-12/12 Received a bereavement thank you card from the family of Thomas Smith.

IBD-14-12/12 Received a bereavement thank you card from the family of Ronald Cratty (Rhonda Augustine's father).

F-08-12/12 Approve the November Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-09-12/12 Approve the General Fund Bills, as presented.

IF-09-12/12

Budget schedule review:

By January 4, 2013	Budget Requisitions Distributed to Principals/Staff
By February 8, 2013	General Supply/Kurtz Requisitions Due in Elementary/Secondary Office for Review by Principals
By February 15, 2013	General Supply/Kurtz Requisition Due in Business Office
By May 15, 2013	Preliminary Budget Printing and Availability for Public Inspection Preliminary Budget Public Notice
By June 19, 2013	Board Meeting -- "Adoption of Preliminary/Tentative Budget"

IF-10-12/12

Receipts and disbursements.

IST-08-12/12

Mr. Josh Mottillo, along with students Tanner Murphy and Tyler Smith, are pleased to announce that the Johnstown Tomahawks are partnering with us to promote the 2013 Jess Ambroe Classic Hockey Game to be held February 8, 2013, at the War Memorial Arena. The Tomahawks will be advertising the game in their game program at the January 31, February 1 and 2 games. They will also be sending out a letter about the game to all of their season ticket holders plus allowing the hockey players to set up an information booth to talk to the general public about the game and Chelsea's Hope as they come into the arena.

The Tomahawks are also allowing us to sell the 4 suites in the arena. The prices for those are $200 for a 16 person suite and $500 for a 48 person suite. All of the proceeds will go to Chelsea's Hope and the price includes the game tickets (you are still on your own for food). However, everyone in the suite will also be given a set of raffle tickets for the basket raffle. As of November 16, one of the suites has already been sold. Thank you all for continued support of the game.

IST-09-12/12 The following students were selected to participate in the PMEA District 6 Band Festival to be held at Central Cambria High School in Ebensburg, PA, on January 26, 2013:

Ariel Ansell	Grade 10	Clarinet
Jakob Hollis	Grade 11	French Horn

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-27-12/12 Student Board Representatives Report.

IE-28-12/12 Educational Spotlight - Elementary Library Services - Nola Barton.

IE-29-12/12 2012-13 State of District Address - Carole Kakabar/John Kowal.

5. Finance

F-10-12/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.

F-11-12/12 Authorize a new set of Bank Depository signatures, if needed, for the newly-elected officers. (No action taken)

F-12-12/12 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTING TO NOT INCREASE ITS TAX RATE ABOVE THE INDEX

Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 requires school districts to adopt a preliminary budget proposal no later than 90 days prior to the date of which the election immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the preliminary budget will take effect.

And Whereas, Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 further provides that a board of school directors may elect to adopt a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the following fiscal year by more than the index.

And Whereas, the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District desires to keep all proposed tax increases for the 2013-2014 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2013-2014 school year;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that pursuant to Act 1 of Special Session 2006, the Ferndale Area School District hereby certifies that it shall not increase any tax used for the support of the school district by a rate greater than the index of 1.7 percent.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the board of school directors, hereby certifies that it:

i. Shall not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

ii. Shall comply with the budgeting procedures set forth in 24 P.S. §6-687 for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets; and

Shall by limiting its tax rate to no greater than the index have sufficient funds to balance its final budget, unless permitted by applicable law and done in accordance with applicable said law. If said clause is not permitted by PDE, then said clause is eliminated.

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

6.	Personnel
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve P-25-12/12, P-26-12/12, and P-27-12/12.
P-25-12/12	Employ Kathryn Petrosky as a Kitchen Utility Worker, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, with a 90-day probation period, effective beginning December 6, 2012. (Vacated by resignation of Gary Kinsey.)
P-26-12/12	Approve the request of Amy Halverson, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, for an unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year.
P-27-12/12	Approve Kim Budnick to continue as a long-term substitute for Amy Halverson, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year, at a rate of $100.00 per day worked.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.
P-28-12/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to appoint Stephen Clawson as Interim Athletic Director, effective December 6, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at a stipend of $4,000. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.
7.	Student Activities
ST-24-12/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the resignation of Anthony Penna, Sr., Volunteer Weight Room Supervisor, effective November 13, 2012. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

ST-25-12/12

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve posting (advertise, if necessary) of the following coaching positions for the 2013-14 school year:

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

ST-26-12/12

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the distribution of $2,500 to the Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team for the 2012-2013 school year. The funds can only be used to: first, purchase insurance and after payment of insurance, the remainder may be used to pay transportation expenses with the district's bus contractor, with the total distribution for insurance and transportation not to exceed an aggregate of $2,500, with the stipulation that proof of insurance is provided in the form of a declaration page showing the premiums were paid. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.

ST-27-12/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve two students attendance at the District 6 Band Festival at Central Cambria High School on January 23 - 26, 2013. Cost: Registration and lodging for each: $130.00. Meals: $100.00. Transportation: $79.92. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $599.92. (Paid by District) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Wilson. The motion carried.

8.	Workshops/Conferences
	None.
IBD-15-12/12	At the January board meeting, a picture will be taken of the FASD 2013 School Board, to be used in school publications.
	A Special Board Meeting will be held for the specific purpose of appointing a School Board Director, Ferndale Borough, Region 1, (Date and start time to be determined pending applications).
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor.