FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
GJCTC Board Room
November 14, 2012

I.	The November 14, 2012 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, 445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Meekins at 6:59 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, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Stephen Thompson, and Patricia Wilson. Absent: Edward Jones and Barbara Penna.
	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; Stephen Clawson, Michelle Sendek, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Samantha Boyle, Erin Maher, Haley Reighard, Students; Heidi Wallace, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-06A-11/12	Heidi Wallace, Johnstown, commented that she would like to see the school survive and would be interested in running for a School Board Director.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-18-11/12	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the November 14, 2012 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-19-11/12 through W-12-11/12).
BD-19-11/12	Approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Board Meeting, as presented.

IE-17-11/12 Ferndale Area School District received notice from PDE that the District has made AYP for 2012. Ferndale Area Elementary School has made AYP for 2012 (was in WARNING in 2011). Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School is in WARNING for 2012.

PDE Requirements:

Math AYP for 2012 was 78%.
Reading AYP for 2012 was 81%.

Math AYP for 2013 is 89%.
Reading AYP for 2013 is 91%.

IE-18-11/12 The following has been assigned as a student teacher (UPJ) in the Ferndale Area Elementary School for one day per week from October 15, 2012 through December 7, 2012:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Sarah Snyder	Sarah Riffle	5

IE-19-11/12 Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Monday, November 12, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Elementary and the Junior-Senior High School. There was no school for students this day (Veterans Day Holiday).

IE-20-11/12 There is no school for students and staff on November 22, 23, 26, 2012 (Thanksgiving). Students will be dismissed one hour early on November 21, 2012.

IE-21-11/12 School was canceled on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 due to Hurricane Sandy. The scheduled make-up day is Friday, May 24, 2013.

F-06-11/12 Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-07-11/12 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-05-11/12 Receipts and disbursements.

IF-06-11/12 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, 2012, 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, 2013. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.

IF-07-11/12	The Ferndale Area School District Endowment Fund first quarter of 2012-13 Donor Fund Statement (July 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012) shows a current balance of $1,760.53.
P-21-11/12	Approve Sonya Gardner, Janice Scanlon, and Jaclyn Winters to the substitute teachers list.
P-22-11/12	Approve Daniel Fenton to the substitute support staff list.
IP-05-11/12	Jaclyn Winters has been appointed as a long-term substitute teacher (Junior-High Science) from October 31, 2012 through approximately January 11, 2013. (Lauren Bell on leave)
IP-06-11/12	Carole Kakabar was voted the new Education Chair for JARI Business and Education Consortium (Cambria and Somerset County).
W-11-11/12	Lynn Bennett (1), Speech Teacher; Susan Varga (1), Special Education; Nicole Velmar (1), Health & Physical Education Teacher; *Student Assistance Training* at Saint Vincent on November 13-14, 2012, December 4, 2012. Cost: Shared Travel: $119.05. Substitute for two for three days: $480.00. Total Cost: $599.05. (Paid by Access)
W-12-11/12	Laryssa Bremer (1), Guidance Counselor; *SAP District Council* in Ebensburg on November 14, 2012. Cost: Travel: $26.00. (Paid by Access)
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.
IBD-07-11/12	Summary of the PSBA Legislative Leadership Conference - Stephen Thompson.
IBD-08-11/12	Board Retreat - Carole Kakabar.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.

4.	Education
IE-22-11/12	Update on Comprehensive Planning - Carole Kakabar.
E-03-11/12	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the following representatives to the Comprehensive Professional Advisory Planning Committee to participate in district-level comprehensive planning as we work on goals, strategies, and activities to lead the district through the years 2014-2017: Parent Representatives: Sandi Chobany, Lori Himes Local Business Representatives: Rick Pavic, Robb Long Community Representatives: Debi Balog, Brenda Rhodes The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-23-11/12	November spotlight Vocational Education at GJCTC - Carole Kakabar/John Augustine.
IE-24-11/12	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Stephen Thompson.
IE-25-11/12	Highlights -- Elementary - William Brotz -- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle
IE-26-11/12	Student Board Representatives Report.
5.	Finance
IF-08-11/12	Presentation of "School District Financial Recovery Early Warning System" by PDE September 2012 - Carole Kakabar.
6.	Personnel
P-23-11/12	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the resignation of Anthony Penna, Sr. as the Athletic Director, effective November 14, 2012. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-24-11/12	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve the resignation of Gary Kinsey, Kitchen Utility Worker, retroactive November 2, 2012. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IP-07-11/12	Posted • Kitchen Utility Worker (deadline November 21, 2012)
7.	Student Activities
ST-19-11/12	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pavic, to approve the resignation of Gary Kinsey, Weight Room Supervisor and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, retroactive November 5, 2012. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IST-05-11/12	Posted • Weight Room Supervisor (deadline November 16, 2012) • Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (deadline December 3, 2012).
	Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve the following coaches for the 2012-13 school year:
ST-20-11/12	-- Raymond Peel as the Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,383, for a 12-week season.
ST-21-11/12	-- Matthew Claar as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,275, for a 12-week season.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.
	Mr. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve ST-22-11/12 and ST-23-11/12.
ST-22-11/12	Art 3 & 4 students field trip to Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh on November 29, 2012. Cost: Transportation: $350.00. Admission: $10.00 each. (Paid by individual student through fund-raising) Substitute: $80.00. (Paid by District)
ST-23-11/12	Grade 9 students field trip to Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on December 3, 2012. Transportation: $179.54. (Paid by District)
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Harrison, Meekins, Pavic, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.
IST-06-11/12	Ferndale Area received a three-year $5,000 per year sponsorship from Martin-Baker, Inc. for the Challenge Program for the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15.

IST-07-11/12 — 75 books titled *"The Missing Semester"* were donated by the book's author, via the Challenge Program, for use in the High School Personal Finance Class.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-13-11/12 — Lori Beck (2), Reading Specialist; *PIIC Coaching Workshop* at Tyrone School District, Bellwood-Antis School District and Westmont Hilltop School District on October 19, 2012, December 14, 2012, February 15, 2013, April 19, 2013, May 17, 2013. Cost: Travel: $119.05. Substitute for four half days: $160.00. Total Cost: $279.05. (Paid by Title I and Title II)

W-14-11/12 — Rhonda Augustine (2), Reading Specialist; *IU8 Coaching Collaborative Workshop* at Greater Johnstown School District, Bellwood-Antis Myers Elementary School and North Star School District on November 16, 2012, December 14, 2012, January 18, 2013, March 15, 2013, May 17, 2013. Cost: Travel: $167.00. Substitute for four and a half days: $360.00. Total Cost: $527.00. (Paid by Title I and Title II)

W-15-11/12 — Nicole Velmar (1) Health & Physical Education; *Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention* at Seven Springs on November 29 - December 2, 2012. Cost: Registration: $170.00. Lodging: $335.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $665.00. (Paid by Title II)

W-16-11/12 — Carole Kakabar, Robert Boyle; *Supervision Academy*, in Ebensburg on January 9, 30, 2013, February 25, 2013. Cost: Registration: $335.00 for member, $415.00 for non-member. Travel: $135.30. Total Cost: $885.30 (Paid by Title II)

W-17-11/12 — Janice Koontz (1), Chemistry Teacher; Veronica Shorto (1), Grade 6; Christy Sweeney (1), Grade 4; Jessica Taranto (1), Grade 6, *Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association Convention* in Hershey on November 28, 29, 30, 2012. Registration for each: $120.00. Shared Lodging: $280.00. Shared Travel: $176.32. Substitutes for four for three days: $960.00. Total Cost: $1,896.32. (Paid MSPC)

W-18-11/12

Carole Kakabar; Brian McDermott; Christa Haire (1), Special Education; Valerie Kasper (1), Reading Specialist; Susan Leftwich (1), English; Lisa Rivard (1), English; Kimberly Shrift (1), English; Jessica Szymusiak (1), English; *ELA Common Core* at the IU8 Office in Richland on December 7, 2012. Registration for each: $60.00. Shared Travel: $120.00. Substitutes for six: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,080.00. (Paid by Title II)

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

VI. Adjournment

The reorganizational meeting of the Ferndale Area Board of Directors will be held December 5, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Ferndale Area School District Board Room.

Mr. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. All were in favor.