FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 16, 2011

I.	The March 16, 2011 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 7:06 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, Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Melissa Garman.
	Student Board Representatives: Present: Ashley Grow. Absent: Hannah Genovese.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Nola Barton, Ronald Jones, Susan Layton, Joshua Mottillo, Susan Pudliner, Amy Schmidt, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse, Adam Allison, Jeff DeBarto, Kara Hill, Katelynn Hill, Justin Miller, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-39-03/11	Susan Layton, FAEA addressed the Board regarding the Governor's Budget.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-39-03/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the March 16, 2011 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-40-03/11 through IST-13-03/11)
BD-40-03/11	Approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-15-03/11	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 Municipal Primary Election on May 17, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
BG-16-03/11	Approve the request of Zachary Toth, Senior Project, (Responsible Officer Robert Boyle) to use the football field for a beanbag tournament on April 30, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to benefit the American Cancer Society. If it rains the tournament will be held in the Junior High Gymnasium. 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-17-03/11	Approve the request Ferndale Little League Baseball, (Responsible Officer Shawn Furfari) to use the Junior High Gymnasium for practice for league tryouts on April 2, 3, 2011 and April 9, 10, 2011 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-18-03/11	Approve the request Ferndale Little League Baseball, (Responsible Officer Shawn Furfari) to use the baseball field, softball field, and concession stand for youth baseball games and practices from April 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011 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-23-03/11	Approve February Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-24-03/11	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-19-03/11	Review of receipts and disbursements.
P-62-03/11	Approve Allison Cooney, Amanda Lindberg, and Sheena Fisher to the substitute teachers list.
IST-13-03/11	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 28, 2011.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

IBD-40-03/11	PSBA's Legislative Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Cambria High School Library.
IBD-41-03/11	The Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Board Appreciation Dinner was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the GJCTC Cafeteria.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
IC-02-03/11	Review of delinquent lunch accounts process - Carole Kakabar.
C-02-03/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the revised process for collection of delinquent lunch accounts pending approval of form letters by the solicitor. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
4.	Education
E-09-03/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the 2011-2012 K-12 School Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-10-03/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve a Destiny Management Agreement with Follett Software Company for the purchase, licensing, and implementation of the Destiny Resource Management System (An upgrade to the current Athena System) for the Elementary Library and the Junior-Senior High School Library, at a cost of $15,144.39 ($14,000 - Stimulus II; $1144.39 - District) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
IE-28-03/11	The Technology Education Mid-Point Report (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014) for the FASD Strategic Plan was approved by PDE on March 14, 2010, without revisions.

IE-29-03/11	High School Highlights - Brian McDermott Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak
IE-30-03/11	Student Board Representatives Report.
IE-31-03/11	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Ridley Banks/Barbara Penna.
5.	Finance
F-25-03/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Meekins, to approve obtaining, from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, taxpayer information to use in enforcing the local tax on earned income. Total cost of $200 to be borne by Central Tax Bureau. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
F-26-03/11	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the 2011-2012 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
IF-20-03/11	Summary of ARRA Revenues and Expenditures for PA PACT Stimulus II 2010-11 - Carole Kakabar.
IF-21-03/11	Discussion of the Governor's Budget cuts to PA Public Schools, Ferndale Area School District proposed cut of $706,213 for 2011-12.
IF-22-03/11	Discuss proposed dugouts - John Kowal.

6. Student Activities

ST-50-03/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to post and/or advertise the following coaches for the 2011-2012 school year;

-- 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, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve ST-51-03/11, ST-52-03/11, and ST-53-03/11.

ST-51-03/11 Approve Miranda Ardary as the Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a stipend of $1,168.75 for the 2010-2011 school year, based on an 11-week season, effective March 17, 2011.

ST-52-03/11 Approve Raymond Howard as a Volunteer Girls' Softball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year.

ST-53-03/11 Approve Robert McCombie as a Volunteer Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve ST-54-03/11 through ST-66-03/11.

ST-54-03/11	Approve the French I-IV students field trip to Franklin Regional High School to attend an Etienne Concert on April 29, 2011. The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.
ST-55-03/11	Approve the French I-IV students field trip to the Gateway Clipper and Station Square in Pittsburgh on May 11, 2011. The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.
ST-56-03/11	Approve the Class of 2011 field trip to Hershey Park on May 26, 2011. Cost: Transportation: $1,100.00 - Paid by Senior Class Account. Tickets paid by Individual Students. Substitutes: $160.00 - Paid by District.
ST-57-03/10	Approve the K4 students field trip to Idlewild Adventure Days on May 24, 2011. Cost: $510.00. (Paid through PTO fundraising)
ST-58-03/10	Approve the Kindergarten students field trip to Johnstown Children's Museum/Richland Lanes on May 26, 2011. Cost: $570.75 (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-59-03/11	Approve the First Grade students field trip to Cresson Lake Theatre/Vale Wood Farms on May 6, 2011. Cost: $657.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-60-03/11	Approve the Second Grade students field trip to Camp Allegheny on May 24 or 25 or 26, 2011. Cost: $150.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-61-03/11	Approve the Second Grade students field trip to Disaster's Edge Environmental Center in St. Michael on June 2, 2011. Cost: $184.50. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute: $80.00. (District)
ST-62-03/11	Approve the Third Grade students field trip to the Somerset Historical Center on May 19, 2011. Cost: $873.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-63-03/11	Approve the Fourth Grade students field trip to Disaster's Edge Environmental Center in St. Michael on June 1, 2011. Cost: $351.50. (Elementary Field Trip Account)

ST-64-03/11	Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Pittsburgh Heinz Field and Carnegie Science Center on May 19, 2011. Cost: $2,040.50. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-65-03/11	Approve the Art 2 (grades 9-12) students field trip to the Cambria County Library on April 14, 2011. Cost: $190.00. (District)
ST-66-03/11	Approve the Junior-Senior High School Band field trip to Cleveland - Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame, Palace Theatre - West Side Story on May 14 - 15, 2011. Paid by Band Boosters.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
7.	Workshops/Conferences
W-27-03/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve Nola Barton (3) Librarian; *2011 Annual Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Conference* in Hershey on April 28, 29, 30, 2011. Cost: Registration: $210.00. Lodging: $165.00. Meals: $75.00. Travel: $153.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $763.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
W-28-03/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Frank McCleester (1), Music Teacher; *PMEA All-State Festival* in Hershey on April 15, 16, 17, 2011. Registration: $158.00. Lodging: $230.00. Meals: $75.00. Travel: $209.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $832.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.
	The Board took a short recess at 8:33 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:40 p.m.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:38 p.m.

8. Personnel

P-63-03/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the resignation of Justin Zahorchak, Elementary Principal, (letter dated March 1, 2011) serving a 60 day notice with last employment date of April 29, 2011 and post for the open position. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve P-64-03/11 and P-65-03/11.

P-64-03/11 Transfer Lori McGough from a Kitchen Utility Person to an Elementary Dishwasher, with a 90-day probation period, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, effective March 17, 2011.

P-65-03/11 Employ Susan Pellow as a Kitchen Utility Person, with a 90-day probation period, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, effective March 17, 2011.

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

P-66-03/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to employ Brian McDermott as the Junior-Senior High School Principal, at a prorated salary of $79,000, with full benefits, effective March 17, 2011. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Garman. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. All were in favor.