FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
May 11, 2011

I.	The May 11, 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 6:08 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: Ridley Banks, Melissa Garman, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Susan Bailey and Greg Blue. Sandra Chobany - late.
	Student Board Representatives: Absent: Ashley Grow. Absent: Hannah Genovese.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Amy Schmidt, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Anthony Penna, Sr., Athletic Director; Megan Muir, AmeriCorps; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-53-05/11	Frank McCleester, Music Teacher/Band Director, thanked the Board for allowing him to attend a conference and for his years of service with the District.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-46-05/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the May 11, 2011 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-47-05/11 through IST-29-05/11.
BD-47-05/11	Approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2011 Board Meeting, as presented.
IBD-54-05/11	Received a bereavement thank you card from the family of Joseph Chobany, Sr.

IC-02-05/11	Revised end of year account balance letter sent to all students' parents/guardians.
E-14-05/11	Approve the graduation of the Ferndale Area School District seniors who completed the graduation requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Ferndale Area School District, as attached.
IE-37-05/11	Changes to the Elementary and Junior-Senior High School Handbooks will be emailed to Board Members for review and comments with approval at the June 15, 2011 Board Meeting.
F-34-05/11	Approve April Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-35-05/11	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-30-05/11	Review of receipts and disbursements.
IF-31-05/11	Received a letter from John Kaschak, Bureau of Audits, for Single Audit Report of Ferndale Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2010. A limited review of the audit report disclosed that it contained the required elements of a single audit report package as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 and commonwealth policy.
P-75-05/11	Approve Misty Deaner, Kimberly Fulcher-Lee, Molly McMaster, Jenalyn Young, and Emily Cartwright to the substitute teachers list.
IST-19-05/11	The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior Prom was held at City View, Johnstown on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
IST-20-05/11	The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
IST-21-05/11	The Junior-Senior High School Spring Concert was held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
IST-22-05/11	The Elementary Band Concert was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Gymnasium.
IST-23-05/11	The Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
IST-24-05/11	The annual school picnic was at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

IST-25-05/11	Fernstock was held on Friday, June 3, 2011 in the Ferndale Area Elementary Gymnasium.
IST-26-05/11	The final Teacher In-Service day for the 2010-2011 school year was held Monday, June 6, 2011. There will be no school for students.
IST-27-05/11	The last day of school for students was Tuesday, June 7, 2011.
IST-28-05/11	Graduation was held at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
IST-29-05/11	Acknowledge the Hockey Letter to Parents (Revised USA Hockey Association rules and Laurel Highlands League's process of changing the grade levels of teams to comply with the new rules and parent letter regarding the elementary hockey team) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Blue, and Chobany. The motion carried
IBD-55-05/11	Election of Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Director nominee for Region I (Bellwood-Antis and Tyrone Area) Election of Treasurer Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first day of July following such election." Nomination for Board Treasurer.
BD-48-05/11	Mr. Jones nominated Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
BD-49-05/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-50-05/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Blue, and Chobany. The motion carried

IBD-56-05/11	Stephen Thompson, Board Member, addressed the Board regarding rotating Board Meetings to various borough locations that are part of the District.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-24-05/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve easements requested by Ferndale Borough for borough sewage project, pending review and approval of Solicitor. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-15-05/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the new K4 curriculum and schedule starting the 2011-12 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-38-05/11	Elementary Highlights - Carole Kakabar High School Highlights - Brian McDermott
IE-39-05/11	Student Board Representatives Report.
IE-40-05/11	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Ridley Banks/Barbara Penna.
5.	Personnel
P-76-05/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with FAEA to appoint Daniel Burket (Junior-Senior High School Librarian) as Interim Elementary Principal for May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 2011 at a rate of $25.00 per hour for any time worked beyond contractual time. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Blue, and Chobany. The motion carried
P-77-05/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve Frank McCleester as an Independent Contractor to work up to 200 hours to assist Jonathan Freidhoff with band duties, at the curriculum rate. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Blue, and Chobany. The motion carried

Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-78-05/11 through P-81-05/11.

P-78-05/11 Approve the Elementary Guidance Counselor and Secondary Guidance Counselors to work up to seven days beyond the regular school year, at the discretion of the building principals. (Hourly rate)

P-79-05/11 Approve Eileen Zankey, Elementary Guidance Counselor, to work up to seven additional days, between June 15, 2011 and August 23, 2011, to help transition the new Elementary Principal (Compensatory time).

P-80-05/11 Approve Loraine Dodson, High School Guidance Counselor, to work up to five additional days, between June 8, 2011 and August 23, 2011, for student scheduling and career education work, at the curriculum rate.

P-81-05/11 Approve the School Nurse to work up to six days beyond the regular school year for the purpose of preparing the annual report and beginning new documentation for the 2011-2012 school year, subject to the discretion of the Elementary and Secondary Principals. (Hourly rate)

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

P-82-05/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve and post the following extra pay for extra duty positions:

-- 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
-- Scholastic Quiz Team Coach - Senior High
-- Stage, Lights & Sound Manager - Secondary
-- Student Council Advisor
-- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary
-- Yearbook Advisor - Secondary Assistant
-- Yearbook Editor - Elementary

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

P-83-05/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the following revised job descriptions:

-- Curriculum Support Chairpersons (Elementary)

-- Curriculum Support Chairpersons - Department Head (Secondary)

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-84-05/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the Ferndale Area School District's Paraprofessional Evaluation Form. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

6. Student Activities

ST-74-05/11 Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the purchase of ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment & Cognitive Testing) for student athletic concussion management, at a cost of $500 per year. (District Athletic Fund) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Blue, and Chobany. The motion carried

Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following coaches for the 2011-12 school year:

ST-75-05/11 -- Mark Wissinger as the Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach;

ST-76-05/11 -- Donald Robertson as the Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach;

ST-77-05/11 -- Michael Urban as the Head Varsity Girl' Basketball Coach;

ST-78-05/11 -- Loraine Dodson as the Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach;

ST-79-05/11 -- Lonnie Bush as the Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach;

ST-80-05/11 -- Jeffrey Detwiler as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.

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

ST-81-05/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to post and/or advertise the following positions:

-- Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach

-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach

-- Head Varsity Baseball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

-- Junior High Baseball Coach

-- Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Softball Coach

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

IST-30-05/11 Winter Sports Summary - Anthony Penna, Sr.

Mrs. Chobany arrived at the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

7. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The Board took a short recess at 7:18 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m . for finance. The Executive Session ended at 9:55 p.m.

8. Finance

F-36-05/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the 2011-2012 school year Preliminary Budget as presented, using the District's Fund Balance and a property tax increase of 1.42 mills (to 67.25 mills) to balance the budget. The estimated remaining Fund Balance at June 30, 2012 ($714,377) shall be classified as Unreserved, Designated for Debt Repayment. The Preliminary Budget proposed $11,180,348 in Expenditures and $9,594,725 in Revenues. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey and Blue. The motion carried.

F-37-05/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve printing the 2011-2012 Final Budget as well as having it available for public inspection. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey and Blue. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve F-38-05/11 and F-39-06/11.

F-38-05/11 Adopt the tentatively adopted 2011-2012 Joint Operating Committee Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Adult/Workforce Development and Grants and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets, as follows, and ratify any and all actions of the Joint Operating Committee since the last Joint Board resolution in June 2010:

Adult/Workforce Development Budget	$4,365,339.00
Grants and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets	$1,243,695.00
Total:	$5,609,034.00

F-39-05/11	Approve the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300 and Use of Funds by School District. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey and Blue. The motion carried.
IF-32-05/11	A 501c3 Committee Meeting was held before the June 15, 2011 Board Meeting.
VI.	Adjournment Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. All were in favor.