FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
July 20, 2011

I. A Special Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held on July 20, 2011 in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania for the Specific Purpose of General Business. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Banks at 6:32 a.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, Greg Blue, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, and Barbara Penna. Absent: Susan Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, and Stephen Thompson.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, Brian McDermott, Administrators; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Susan Layton, Teacher; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-01-07/11 Susan Layton, Ferndale Area Education Association, commented that they are progressing with contract time.

V. Committees Agenda

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:35 a.m. for personnel and litigation. The Executive Session ended at 7:11 a.m.

1. Board

BD-01-07/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the July 20, 2011 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BG-01-07/10 through W-01-07/11) .

BG-01-07/11 Approve the request of the Ferndale Pee Wee Football (Responsible Officer - Robert Vamos) to use the Football Stadium August 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 for football practice from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and for games noon to 6:00 p.m., providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

P-01-07/11

Approve Jessica Barkley, Kelli Doran, Dawn Lybarger, Michael O'Connor, Stephanie Sharp, and Whitney Warmus to the substitute teachers list.

W-01-07/11

William Brotz attended the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Leadership Academy on July 14, 2011. Cost: Registration: $95.00. (District)

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-02-07/11

Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue , to approve the following:

The bond issue for the last renovation project (Elementary, with some Junior-Senior High School work) will be retired in October, 2014. The district has received a facility study for recommended renovations to the existing Junior-Senior High School to sustain its operation for the next 20-25 years. As part of a comprehensive process of planning for the future, approve the exploration of alternatives to renovating the Junior-Senior High School, including:

-- Authorize Administration and Robert T. Scheeran , A.I.A. Architects to conduct a facility study involving renovations/rental costs to house the Junior-Senior High School within the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center.

-- Authorize exploration of potential cost figures for FASD, associated with a theoretical merger with neighboring districts.

-- Authorize exploration of potential cost figures for FASD, associated with a theoretical purchase of vacant school buildings in other districts.

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

2.	Personnel
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve P-02-07/11 through P-08-07/11.
P-02-07/11	Approve the following mentors for the 2011-12 school year:
	-- Stephen Clawson for Crystal Keim, Mathematics Teacher
	-- Daniel Endler for Jonathan Freidhoff, Music Teacher
P-03-07/11	Approve the following extra pay for extra duty position for the 2011-12 school year:
	-- National Honor Society Advisor - Marsha Williams
P-04-07/11	Post the Elementary Bullying Prevention Coordinator position.
P-05-07/11	Hire Lori Himes as full-time Personal Care Assistant for an elementary student, at a stipend of $7.15 per hour, with limited benefits, beginning the 2011-12 school year.
P-06-07/11	Hire Latrace Dixon as a full time secondary Special Education teacher at Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School, at the FAEA starting salary and FAEA benefits for full time employees, beginning the 2011-2012 school year. (Position vacated by Mindie Cunningham)
P-07-07/11	Post a Special Education mentor position.
P-08-07/11	Approve Laryssa Bremer, Guidance Counselor, to work up to two additional days, between July 21, 2011 and August 23, 2011, for student scheduling and curriculum, at the curriculum rate.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, and Thompson. The motion carried.
3.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
4.	Cafeteria
	None.

5.	Education
E-01-07/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the transfer of Sarah Riffle (Classroom Size Reduction Teacher) from Grade 5 Teacher to Grade 4 Teacher, for the 2011-2012 school year. (All other district teachers will remain in their 2010-2011 teaching assignment for the 2011-2012 school year.) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-01-07/11	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Ridley Banks/Barbara Penna.
6.	Finance
	None.
7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve ST-01-07/11 through ST-06-07/11.
ST-01-07/11	Approve the resignation of Mark Wissinger as Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach.
ST-02-07/11	Post and/or advertise the Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach position.
ST-03-07/11	Approve the 2011-2012 Memorandum of Agreement with the Western Pennsylvania Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc. to provide an athletic trainer, informal consultation services, and prompt evaluation of referred FASD athletes at a cost of $5,100.
	Approve the following for the 2011-2012 school year:
ST-04-07/11	-- Tonia Mitchell as the Senior High Cheerleader Advisor, pending CPR/AED certificate;
ST-05-07/11	-- Christine Stiffler as the Junior High Cheerleader Advisor;
ST-06-07/11	-- Whitney Warmus as the Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, pending FBI and CPR/AED certificate.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, and Thompson. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 a.m. All were in favor.