FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
December 7, 2011

I. The December 7, 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 6:12 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, Edward Jones, and Stephen Thompson.

Susan Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Dale Harrison, Wayne Meekins, and Barbara Penna. Absent: Richard Pavic

Student Board Representatives: Absent: Ashley Grow and Elizabeth Chobany.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Administrators; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Susan Pudliner, Teachers; Anthony Allison, Chuck Bell, Jim Boyle, Ashly Catalfamo, Billy Devlin, Elizabeth Eck, Brady Gates, Jeremy Hoffman, Quaylynn Jenkins, Brett Pribulsky, Brittany Shawley, John Thomas, Jake Toth, Students; Chuck Bell, Coach Ferndale Junior Jackets; Gary Kinsey, Parent; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-23-12/11 John Cummings and the Ferndale Junior Jackets presented a football trophy to Dr. Brotz.

IBDA-23-12/11 Billy Devlin (Senior Project) invited the Board to attend a hockey game (Jessica Ambroe Classic) on February 10, 2012 to raise money for Chelsea Hope.

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-12-12/11 Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Stephen Thompson to serve as Temporary President of the Board.

BD-13-12/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banks to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-14-12/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banks, to elect Stephen Thompson as Temporary President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-24-12/11 Administered the Oath of Office to the new Board Members. Section 321 of the Pennsylvania School Code (Susan Bailey, Wayne Meekins, Sandra Chobany, Dale Harrison, and Barbara Penna):

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties of my office as School Director of the Ferndale Area School District, CAMBRIA County, with fidelity.

Election of President

BD-15-12/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks to serve as President of the Board.

BD-16-12/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-17-12/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to elect Ridley Banks as President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Election of Vice President
BD-18-12/11	Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Barbara Penna to serve as Vice President of the Board.
BD-19-12/11	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-20-12/11	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Barbara Penna as Vice President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Election of PSBA Liaison
BD-21-12/11	Mrs. Penna made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks as PSBA Liaison.
BD-22-12/11	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-23-12/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to elect Ridley Banks as PSBA Liaison. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-25-12/11	Received a letter of appreciation from Melissa Garman.
IBD-26-12/11	Dale Harrison filled the vacancy on the Board Negotiating Committee (previously held by Melissa Garman). Other members are Ridley Banks and Stephen Thompson.

BD-24-12/11

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, 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 months of October, November, and the annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012:

BOARD MEETING

DAY	DATE
Wednesday	January 18, 2012
Wednesday	February 15, 2012
Wednesday	March 21, 2012
Wednesday	April 18, 2012
Wednesday	May 16, 2012
Wednesday	June 20, 2012
Wednesday	August 15, 2012
Wednesday	September 19, 2012
Wednesday	October 10, 2012
Wednesday	November 14, 2012
Wednesday	December 5, 2012

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-25-12/11 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the December 7, 2011 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-26-12/11 through IST-37-12/11).

BD-26-12/11 Approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2011 Board Meeting, as presented.

IE-26-12/11 The District received notification that The Right Prep LLC, Silver Spring, MD, has submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Board of Education to operate as a public cyber school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

F-14-12/11 Approve the November Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-15-12/11 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-13-12/11 Budget schedule review:

By January 3, 2012	Budget Requisitions Distributed to Principals/Staff
By February 10, 2012	General Supply/Kurtz Requisitions Due in Elementary/Secondary Office for Review by Principals
By February 17, 2012	General Supply/Kurtz Requisition Due in Business Office
By May 16, 2012	Preliminary Budget Printing and Availability for Public Inspection Preliminary Budget Public Notice
By June 20, 2012	Board Meeting -- "Adoption of Preliminary/Tentative Budget"

IF-14-12/11 Received Independent Auditor's Report from Central Tax Bureau for Middle Taylor Township Earned Income Tax for the Year Ended December 31, 2010. The audit of J. H. Williams & Com. LLD stated "...the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole."

IF-15-12/11 Receipts and disbursements.

P-53-12/11	Approve Stormie Clark and Edward Litzinger to the substitute teachers list.
IP-03-12/11	Posted (December 2 - 7, 2011) the extra pay for extra duty position - National Honor Society Advisor.
IST-37-12/11	Posted (December 2 - 7, 2011) the position of the Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.
BD-27-12/11	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve, as read, the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 227 Attachment, Reasonable Suspicion - Drug and/or Alcohol Testing of Individual Students and Consent Forms of Parent/Guardian to Administration of Testing. (Note: There is no change to Policy No. 227 Controlled Substances/ Paraphernalia) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-27-12/11	PDE Legislative Update - Carole Kakabar.
IBD-28-12/11	High School Highlights - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle Elementary Highlights - William Brotz
IBD-29-12/11	Student Board Representatives Report.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
IE-27-12/11	Recognize Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School for earning the Keystone Achievement Award in recognition for making PSSA Adequate Yearly Progress targets for two consecutive years, 2009-2010, 2010-2011.
IE-28-12/11	Ferndale Area School District has been awarded $4,957.85 PDE Problem Gambling Outreach mini-grant through Cambria County Drug & Alcohol to facilitate activities to educate district students and parents on issues related to problem/compulsive gambling - Robert Boyle.

5. Finance

F-16-12/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

F-17-12/11 Authorize a new set of Bank Depository signatures, if needed, for the newly-elected officers. (No action taken)

F-18-12/11 Mrs. Penna 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 2012-2013 school year within its index to provide the necessary revenue to meet the proposed expenditures for the 2012-2013 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, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

6. Personnel

Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve P-54-12/11, P-55-12/11 and P-56-12/11.

P-54-12/11 Transfer Patricia Cornell, Elementary Cafeteria Cook to the High School Cafeteria Cook position, with a 90-day probation period, effective February 29, 2012. (Vacated by the retirement of Barbara Wissinger)

P-55-12/11 Transfer Susan Pellow, Kitchen Utility Person to the High School Cafeteria Cook position, with a 90-day probation period, effective beginning the 2012-13 school year. (Vacated by the retirement of Mary Ann Burgess)

P-56-12/11 Employ Barbara Allison, as a High School Dishwasher, with a 90-day probation period, effective beginning the 2012-13 school year. (Vacated by the retirement of Mary Sefcik)

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

P-57-12/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the School Nurse work up to a maximum of 8 additional hours per week through the remainder of the school year for reporting, charting, and computer input, subject to the discretion of the Superintendent. (Hourly rate)

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

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve P-58-12/11 and P-59-12/11.

P-58-12/11 Approve the resignation of Marsha Williams as National Honor Society Advisor, effective December 2, 2012.

P-59-12/11 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty position for the 2011-12 school year:

-- Loraine Dodson as National Honor Society Advisor.

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

7. Student Activities

ST-36-12/11 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to withdraw Donald Robertson as the Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach due to absence from duties. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

ST-37-12/11 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve posting (advertise, if necessary) of the following coaching positions for the 2012-13 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

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

IST-07-12/11 Eliminated the Head 7th/8th Grade Football Coach position due to the elimination of 7th grade football games by WestPAC.

ST-38-12/11

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve PMEA District Band at Richland High School on January 12, 13, 2012. Cost: Registration: $130.00. Food: $100.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $390.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor.