FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
June 16, 2010

I.	The June 16, 2010 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 6:02 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, Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: James Ford.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Scott Shirley, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lori Byer, Robert Boyle, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Anthony Penna, Sr., Athletic Director; Albert Cooper, Michelle Deffenbaugh, Residents; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
BD-65-06/10	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the June 16, 2010 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-66-06/10 through ST-99-05/10).
BD-66-06/10	Approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Board Meeting, as presented.
BD-67-06/10	Reelect the Law Firm of Spence, Custer, Saylor, Wolfe, and Rose as the District's Legal Counsel with Attorney Walsh representing the Firm for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at the same fee as the previous agreement.
IBD-66-06/10	Received a bereavement thank you from the family of James Riek.
IBD-67-06/10	Received a thank you from Kathleen Popchak for the retirement bell.

C-01-06/10 Approve the following breakfast/lunch prices for the 2010-2011 school year:

	Elementary		Secondary	
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11
Student Lunch	$1.25	$1.25	$1.40	$1.40
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40	.40
Milk	.35	.35	.35	.35
Adult Lunch	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
Breakfast	.60	.60	.60	.60
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30	.30

High School ala carte sandwiches and entree prices will increase as needed.

F-40-06/10 Approve the May Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-41-06/10 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-42-06/10 Approve the listed Depositories for the 2010-2011 School Year:

- Wells Fargo Bank;
- First Commonwealth Bank;
- First National Trust;
- Northwest Savings Bank;
- First National Bank;
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust;
- C-B-W Schools Federal Credit Union;
- Pennsylvania Treasurer's Invest Program for Local Governments.

F-43-06/10 Approve the Business Manager to make the necessary Budgetary Transfers, as required by the School Code, to close the books at the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

F-44-06/10 Approve bids for: Athletic Supplies, General/Art supplies, technology education, and bread products.

F-45-06/10 Add a list of names of Taxpayers to the District's Tax Rolls. The lists will be forwarded to the Tax collectors with instructions to collect the necessary property taxes.

F-46-06/10 Instruct the District Assessors to place the above list of names on the assessment lists and in assessment, if not presently on the assessment lists, and to retain such names on the assessment lists until they are properly removed.

F-47-06/10 Exonerate the District's Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2009-2010 Delinquent Taxes. The names submitted will be listed as Delinquent Taxpayers.

F-48-06/10 Submit the 2009-2010 Delinquent Tax Lists to the Pennsylvania Municipal Services, 468 Goucher Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of collection.

IF-28-06/10 Bonding of Employees Insurance Coverage of the school district:

Bond	Coverage	Deduct
Blanket Bond/Crime	$500,000	$2,500
Board Treasurer Bond	50,000	NONE
Board Secretary	50,000	500
Activity/Principal - Elementary	25,000	250
Activity/Assistant Principal - Secondary	25,000	250
Central Tax Bureau, EIT Collector	5,000	NONE
Beverly Held, EIT Collector	5,000	NONE
Carol Petry, EIT Collector	8,000	NONE
Anita Smith, EIT Collector	25,000	NONE
Jennifer Vamos, EIT Collector	10,000	NONE

IF-29-06/10 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-74-06/10 Approve Kelly Hallinan, Amanda Myers, Kristen Ott, and Loretta Tedjeske to the substitute teachers list.

ST-99-06/10 Approve the revised Goals and Implementation Plan paperwork to be completed annually by the Ferndale Area School District organizations and Booster groups.

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

BD-68-06/10	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to move the December 8, 2010 Board Meeting to December 15, 2010 and hold the October 20, 2010 Board Meeting at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-68-06/10	The October 20, 2010 Board Meeting will be held at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center. The Culinary Arts Department will provide a meal. Mr. John Augustine, GJCTC Director, will provide a presentation of the programs of study and a tour of the facilities.
IBD-69-06/10	Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors Region X School District Representation. (Act 30 of 1980, Pennsylvania Public School Code, Section 22 17.3 and Section 9-960)
IBD-70-06/10	Greg Blue, Board Member, addressed the following: -- Fields -- Facilities -- Meetings
IBD-71-06/10	Scheduled a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-04-06/10	Maintenance Report - William Nemeth.
BG-25-06/10	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize an expense of up to $8,000 to remove shrubs on the High School Parking Lot and install fence on the Parking Lot at Summit Avenue. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Ford. The motion carried.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.

4. Education

E-14-06/10 Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve changes/revisions to the Elementary Student Handbook and the Junior/Senior High School Handbook. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IE-20-06/10 End of Year Highlights
-- Elementary – Justin Zahorchak
-- Secondary - Jennifer Reiter
-- District - Carole Kakabar

5. Finance

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve F-49-06/10 and F-50-06/10.

F-49-06/10 Approve the 2010-2011 school year General Fund Budget as presented, using the District's Fund Balance and a property tax increase of 2.83 mills (to 65.83 mills) to balance the budget. The estimated remaining Fund Balance at June 30, 2011 ($957,222) shall be classified as Unreserved, Designated for Debt Repayment. The Preliminary Budget proposed $11,071,355 in Expenditures and $10,033,577 in Revenues.

F-50-06/10 Approve the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2010, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amount is available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2010:

a. Gambling tax funds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of $303,373.59.

2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. 8584(1), and Act 1, 53 P.S. 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

   a. Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 1,455.

   b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 2.

   c. Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 1,457.

3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The homestead exclusion amount and farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(a) amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of $303,373.59 by the paragraph 29(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 1,457, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is $208.22.

4. Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of $208.22 by the School District real estate tax rate of 65.83 mills (.06583), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is $3,163, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is $3,163.

5. Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization-July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $3,163. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall

reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $3,163. For purposes of this Resolution, "Approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/ farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

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

6. Personnel

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve P-75-06/10, P-76-06/10, and P-77-06/10.

P-75-06/10 Employ *Cherie Verdenburgh, Johnstown, as an Elementary Dishwasher, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, effective with the 2010-2011 school year (vacated by the transfer of Patricia Cornell).

P-76-06/10 Approve the following personnel for the extra pay for extra duty positions for the 2010-2011 school year:

-- Advisor (Junior Class) - Susan Leftwich
-- Advisor (Senior Class) - Kimberly Shrift
-- Advisor (Senior Class) - Marsha Williams
-- All School Play - Jessica Szymusiak
-- Audio/Video Director - Elementary - Nola Barton
-- Audio/Video Director - Secondary - Daniel Burket
-- Band Director - Frank McCleester
-- Band Drum Instructor - James Ballow
-- Band Fronts Advisor - Christy Sweeney
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson Arts - Frank McCleester
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts (Elem) - Debra Utz
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Language Arts (Sec) - Jessica Szymusiak
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math (Elem) - Stephanie Mino

-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math (Sec) - Robert Boyle
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science (Sec) - Janice Antal
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science (Elem) - Janet Russell
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies (Sec) - Daniel Endler
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies (Elem) - Lori Byer
-- Detention, One 3 Hr Session/Wk - Susan Leftwich
-- Detention, Saturday/3 Hr (As Needed) - Joshua Mottillo/Deborah Pearce
-- Detention, Two 1 Hr Session/Wk - Robert Boyle/Kathleen Kirwan
-- Forensics (Jr Hi) -
-- Forensics (Sr Hi) - Kalynn Kerekes
-- K4 Orientation - Laura Miller and Kathleen McCreery
-- Kindergarten Orientation - Susan Layton
-- Lights & Sound Manager (Sec) - (Split) - Brandon Manack/Frank McCleester
-- Math Counts Advisor - Robert Boyle
-- Mentor (As Needed) -
-- National Honor Society Co-Advisors (Split) - Lesley Miller/Lisa Rivard
-- Newspaper Advisor (Sec) - Susan Leftwich
-- Reading Team Advisor (Elem) - Veronica Shorto
-- Reading Team Advisor (Jr Hi) - Daniel Endler
-- Reading Team Advisor (Sr Hi) - Barbara Freeman
-- Scholastic Quiz Team Coach (Sr Hi) - Joshua Mottillo
-- Stage Manager - Brandon Manack
-- Student Council Co-Advisors - (Split) - Janice Antal/Jenna Ricci
-- Yearbook Advisor (Sec) - Marsha Williams
-- Yearbook Advisor, Assistant (Sec) - Kimberly Shrift
-- Yearbook Editor (Elem) - (Split) - Lori Byer/ Rachelle Hrabosky

P-77-06/10 Approve posting and advertising the following vacancies:

-- Long term substitute Elementary Teacher Position (45 days)

-- Licensed Practical Nurse with current PA License to work 4 hours per school day

-- Assistant Girls' Junior High Basketball Coach

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

7.	Student Activities
ST-100-06/10	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the 2010-2011 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. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Ford. The motion carried.
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following coaches for the 2010-11 school year:
ST-101-06/10	(Revision/correction) Anthony Penna, Sr., Johnstown, as Head Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $6,788, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of CPR/AED certificate within 60 days. (Revised salary to reflect additional years of experience, not included in the original salary);
ST-102-06/10	Tim Harrigan, Windber, as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $5,428, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of Act 34, Act 151, and FBI clearances and CPR/AED certificate within 60 days;
ST-103-06/10	Daniel Endler, Johnstown, as the Head Varsity Golf Coach, at a salary of $1,586.75, based on an 11-week season;
ST-104-06/10	Christine Stiffler, Johnstown, as the Head Junior High Cheerleading Advisor, at a salary of $1,844, for the 2010-11 school year, pending receipt of FBI Clearance and CPR/AED certificate within 60 days.
ST-105-06/10	*Donald Robertson, Johnstown, as the Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $2,484, based on a 16-week season. (Mr. Robertson was previously approved as the Head 7th/8th Grade Football Coach. This position will be vacant.)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Penna - ST-101-06/10 only. Absent: Ford. The motion carried.

IST-16-06/10	Spring sports wrap-up - Anthony Penna, Sr.
IST-17-06/10	Report on Title IX and prospect of Jr. Hi. Baseball - Anthony Penna. Sr.
IST-18-06/10	Summer trainings/Fall sports preview - Anthony Penna, Sr.
ST-106-06/10	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to modify the agenda and create the position of a Junior High Baseball Coach. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-107-06/10	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to create the position of a Junior High Baseball Coach and post and/or advertise the position. (This position was formerly the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach position.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Ford. The motion carried.
IST-19-61/10	Regulations for School purchased and Boosters purchased clothing and other items.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-38-06/10	David Schleich, Weight Room Supervisor, *2010 Strength & Conditioning Clinic* at Juniata College on June 18, 19, 2010. Registration: $200.00. (District)
W-39-06/10	Jennifer Reiter, *Curriculum Leadership Academy* in Altoona on July 20, 2010, September 13, 2010, October 22, 2010. Registration: $365.00. (District)
W-40-06/10	Carole Kakabar, Scott Shirley, *Standards Aligned System* in Altoona on June 24, 2010
W-41-06/10	Scott Shirley, *Supervision Leadership Academy* in Ebensburg on September 29, 2010, November 1, 2010, December 2, 2010. Registration: $365.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Ford. The motion carried.

The Board took a short recess at 9:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:45 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. All were in favor.