FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
April 21, 2010

I. The April 21, 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, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Greg Blue.

Student Board Representatives: Ashley Smith. Absent: Hannah Genovese.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Scott Shirley, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Jennifer Priest, Sarah Riffle, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Mike Burnell, Nick Clites, Jacob Durant, Ryan Gaunt, Derek Hileman, Haylie Homway, Chris James, Dylan Krouse, Trevor Mattis, Jess McClafferty, Brandon Moyer, Drew Palmer, Alex Taylor, Students; Kelly Kauffman, Chris Kasisky, Martha Michaels, Ted Michaels, Susan Mihalaki, Dale Thomas, Parents; Janel Knight, Lanny Vrooman, WJAC-TV; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

Susan Mihalaki, Martha Michaels, and Kelly Kauffman addressed the Board regarding bullying.

IBD-52-04/10 Student Board Representatives Report.

IBD-53-04/10 Board Pictures for the High School yearbook were taken at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting.

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

BD-53-04/10 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the resignation of Gary Eisenhuth as a Board Director, (Region 1, Ferndale Borough), effective March 26, 2010. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for a Board matter. The Executive Session ended at 7:02 p.m.

BD-55-04/10 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the April 21, 2010 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. (BD-56-04/10 through W-33-04/10).

BD-56-04/10 Approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2010 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-21-04/10 Approve the request of Jill Vuckovich to use the Senior High Auditorium, restrooms, chairs, tables, microphone and PA System on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the annual district-wide Talent Show. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

IE-17-04/10 The following have been assigned as student teachers (UPJ) in the Ferndale Area School District for the 2010-11 school year:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	
Tim Jacobs	Jessica Szymusiak	Fall Term
KaCey Jackson	Ronald Jones	Fall Term

F-29-04/10 Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-30-04/10 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-22-04/10 Received a letter from Connie Derr, PDE, approving Ferndale Area School District's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2008 as being substantially in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

IF-23-04/10 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-53-04/10	Approve the following to the substitute teachers list: Abby Feldbauer, Holly Mackert, Carrie Mitchell, Mary O'Neill, Keri Hill, Theresa Kessler, and Jessica Taranto
P-54-04/10	Approve Cherie Verdenburgh to the substitute support staff list:
IP-13-04/10	Received a letter of appreciation from UPJ thanking Jennifer Reiter for participating in the "Student Teacher Seminar."
W-33-04/10	*Frank McCleester* (1), Music Teacher; *Region III Band* at Lock Haven University on March 24, 25, 26, 2010. Cost: Lodging: $291.00. Meals: $60.00. Travel: $126.00. Substitute: $200.00. Total Cost: $677.00 (District) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
BD-57-04/10	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adopt a Resolution urging legislative action on School Employee Pension Reform. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-54-04/10	Review of the Board Finance Committee Meeting held April 7, 2010. (Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Ridley Banks, Sandra Chobany, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna)
IBD-55-04/10	High School Highlights - Jennifer Reiter Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak District Highlights - Carole Kakabar
IBD-56-04/10	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Ridley Banks.
IBD-57-04/10	Review of the Spring Legislative Meeting held on April 7, 2010 at Windber Area High School--attended by Sandra Chobany and Carole Kakabar.
IBD-57-04/10	Highlights of the GJCTC Executive Board Appreciation Dinner/ Presentation–attended by Jim Ford, Wayne Meekins and Carole Kakabar.
IBD-59-04/10	The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Teacher Induction Banquet will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Imperial Room in Ebensburg. (Ridley Banks, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Carole Kakabar, Jennifer Reiter, Justin Zahorchak, 10 new teachers, 8 mentor teachers)

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-02-04/10 Summary of the April 7, 2010 spring and summer maintenance planning meeting.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-09-04/10 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the 2010-2011 K-12 School Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IE-18-04/10 Jacket Pride Initiative Update.

E-10-04/10 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve a proposal from the Pennsylvania Leadership Development Center for Jacket Pride Initiative, not to exceed $13,400. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

5. Finance

F-31-04/10 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following 2010-2011 Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Major Medical rates. (Premiums reflect an 8% increase)

	TRADITIONAL		PPO BLUE	
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11
Employee Only	401.68	433.81	393.47	424.95
Employee and Child	868.98	938.49	882.28	952.87
Employee and Children	932.03	1,006.59	882.28	952.87
Employee and Spouse	1,058.72	1,143.41	1,034.94	1,117.74
Employee and Family	1,121.77	1,211.51	1,095.78	1,183.45
Family Major Medical	310.79	335.65		
Individual Major Medical	115.52	124.76		

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

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve F-32-04/10, F-33-04/10, and F-34-04/10.

F-32-04/10 Approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

F-33-04/10 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.

F-34-04/10 Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

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

IF-24-04/10 Received the 2008-09 Independent Auditor Report, as well as the Statement of Accounting Standards "SAS 114 - Communication with Those Charged with Governance" from Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C., Johnstown, PA which states "In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ferndale Area School District as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

ST-87-04/10 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to revise and amend the agenda and add a motion for two students and an advisor attendance at the National Forensic Competition in Omaha, Nebraska on May 27-31, 2010, at a cost of $4,000. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

ST-88-04/10 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve two students and an advisor attendance at the National Forensic Competition in Omaha, Nebraska on May 27-31, 2010, at a cost of $4,000. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

6.	Student Activities
	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve ST-75-04/10 through ST-83-04/10.
ST-75-04/10	Approve the Kindergarten students field trip to Disaster's Edge Environmental Center in St. Michael on May 21, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $300.00. Admissions and Ice Cream: $93.00. Total Cost: $393.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute: $90.00. (District)
ST-76-04/10	Approve the First Grade students field trip to Cresson Lake Theatre/Vale Wood Farms on Friday, May 7, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $240.00. Admissions: $381.00. Total Cost: $621.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-77-04/10	Approve the Second Grade students field trip to Disaster's Edge Environmental Center in St. Michael on May 27, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $300.00. Admissions and food: $149.42. Total Cost: $449.42. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-78-04/10	Approve the Third Grade students field trip to the Somerset Historical Center on May 20, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $440.00. Admissions: $186.00. Ice Cream: $70.00. Total Cost: $696.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitutes: $180.00. (District)
ST-79-04/10	Approve the Fourth Grade students field trip to Disaster's Edge Environmental Center in St. Michael on May 26, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $300.00. Admissions: $35.00. Total Cost: $335.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)
ST-80-04/10	Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Horseshoe Curve/Museum in Altoona on May 28, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $295.00. Admissions: $327.00. Total Cost: $622.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute: $90.00. (District)
ST-81-04/10	Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Pittsburgh Heinz Field and Carnegie Science Center on May 26, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $1,300.00. Admissions: $713.00. Total Cost: $2,013.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account) Substitute: $90.00. (District)
ST-82-04/10	Approve a field trip for selected students in grades 7th through 11th to the Super Conference for student leaders at Mount Aloysius College on May 5, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $230.00. Substitute: $90.00. Total Cost: $320.00. (District)

ST-83-04/10	French I-IV students field trip to Franklin Regional High School to attend an Etienne Concert on April 30, 2010. Cost: $230.00 for transportation. $8.00 each for admission. (Paid by students) Substitute: $90.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve ST-84-04/10, ST-85-04/10, and ST-86-04/10.
ST-84-04/10	Approve David Schleich as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2010-2011 season, at a stipend of $2,356, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of Act 34, Act 151, FBI clearances, and CPR/AED certificate.
ST-85-04/10	Approve the resignation of Anthony Penna, Sr. as Weight Room Supervisor, effective April 21, 2010.
ST-86-04/10	Approve David Schleich as Weight Room Supervisor at a rate of $7.25 per hour, effective April 22, 2010.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Penna ST-85-04/ only. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
IST-07-04/10	A discussion of the Board participation and recognizing outstanding athletic achievement at the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 26, 2010.
7.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-34-04/10	Karen Soohy, Classroom for the Future Coach; *Promethean Flipchart Design* in Ebensburg on May 4, 2010. Cost: Registration: $50.00. Travel: $15.00. Total Cost: $65.00. (Classroom for the Future)
W-35-04/10	Karen Soohy, Classroom for the Future Coach; *Promethean Flipchart Fundamentals and Promethean Planet* in Altoona on May 13, 2010. Cost: Registration: $50.00. Travel: $15.00. Total Cost: $65.00. (Classroom for the Future)

W-36-04/10	Judith Virgin (3), School Nurse; *Managing Pediatric Urgent and Emergent Situations* in Altoona on June 9, 2010. Cost: Registration: $179.00. Meals: $10.00. Travel: $45.00. Total Cost: $234.00. (District)
W-37-04/10	Jennifer Reiter, Nola Barton (3), Daniel Burket (4), Librarians; *Video Conference Equipment Training and Distribution* in Altoona on April 28, 2010. Cost: Shared Travel: $30.00. Substitutes for two: $160.00. Total Cost: $190.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
8.	Personnel
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve P-55-04/10 and P-56-04/10.
P-55-04/10	Approve Ferndale Area High School application for two workers to participate in the Americorp Program for the 2010-2011 school year. They will work part-time (9.5 months) from August 23, 2010 to June 10, 2010. The cost to the District is $3,700 per year/per worker for 900 hours of work. This averages out to $4.11 per hour for a full-time worker.
P-56-04/10	Approve Ferndale Area Elementary School application for two workers to participate in the Americorp Program for the 2010-2011 school year. They will work full-time for 12 months out of the year. The cost to the District is $8,000 per year/per worker for 1700 hours of work. This averages out to $4.70 per hour for a full-time worker.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for a Board matter, personnel, student activities. The Executive Session ended 10:19 p.m.
P-57-04/10	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to modify the agenda to add the creation of a full-time Secondary Math teacher, grades 7-12, starting the 2010-11 school year, and post and advertise the position. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-58-04/10 Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to create a full-time Secondary Math teacher position, grades 7-12, starting the 2010-11 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-59-04/10 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to post and advertise the position of a full-time Secondary Math teacher, grades 7-12, starting the 2010-11 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

BD-54-04/10 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to appoint Melissa Garman to the vacated Board Director position (Region 1, Ferndale Borough), effective April 21, 2010 through December 4, 2013. (This position is a four-year term. Mrs. Garman will need to run at the next municipal election to complete the remaining term.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. All were in favor.