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FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 17, 2010

I. The March 17, 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 6:05 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, James Ford, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Wayne Meekins. Gary Eisenhuth - late.

Student Board Representatives: Hannah Genovese and Ashley Smith.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Scott Shirley, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Robert Boyle, Stephen Clawson, Ronald Jones, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Justin Bodenschatz, Corrine Chuha, Ralynn Folta, Ian Havener, Brianna Hernandez, Joseph Erb, Brittany Garfoyle, Cody Helsel, Lara Huff, Anglea Margucci, Cody Miller, Ashley Moeller, Maggie Myers, Laurel Niederhut, Katie Nisewonger, Danielle Ohler, Tara Rager, Monica Reffner, Colte Reighard, Amanda Smith, Mark Stachura, Jordan Taranto, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

IBD-42-03/10 Craig Mlaker, Mlaker Transportation, gave an update of the Dale Borough construction project's effect on student transportation.

Mr. Eisenhuth arrived at 6:08 p.m.

IBD-43-03/10 Discussion of initiating FAEA negotiations for the 2010-2011 school year. Discussion of researching a Memorandum of Understanding for an employee sick leave bank.

IBD-44-03/10 Student Board Representatives Report.

V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-49-03/10	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the March 17, 2010 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-50-03/10 through W-28-03/10.
BD-50-03/10	Approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2010 Board Meeting, as presented.
IBD-45-03/10	Received a bereavement thank you from Justin Zahorchak and family. (Mr. Zahorchak's grandmother)
IBD-46-03/10	Received a bereavement thank you from the family of John and Doris Craig. (Patricia Craig's parents-in-law)
IBD-47-03/10	Received a bereavement thank you from the family of Catherine Speranza (Judy Poder's mother)
BG-13-03/10	Approve the request of Ian Havener and Justin Bodenschatz, Senior Project, (Responsible Officer Stephen Clawson, Ferndale Area Little League) to use the Baseball Field on April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Baseball Camp for Little League. (Rain date May 1, 2010). Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-14-03/10	Approve the request of Shardawn Lantzy and Brittany Eisenhuth, Senior Project, (Responsible Officer Kimberly Reighard) to use the side of the Baseball Field, restrooms, and tables on April 17, 2010 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. for a Powderpuff Football Game. (Rain date April 24, 2010) Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-15-03/10	Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, locker rooms, restrooms, chairs, tables, microphone, and scoreboard/clock for their annual recreation tournament for Girls' Basketball Grades 5 and 6 on April 16, 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on April 18, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

BG-16-03/10	Approve the request of Ferndale Little League (Responsible Officer Shawn Furfari) to use the Junior High Gymnasium for practices on March 20, 27, 2010, and April 3, 10, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-17-03/10	Approve the request of Ferndale Baseball League (Responsible Officer Shawn Furfari) to use the Baseball/Softball Field and Concession Stand for games and practices from April 1, 2010 through August 1, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to dark on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to dark on weekends. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-18-03/10	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Pee Wee Competition Cheerleading Squad (Responsible Officer - Tiffany Guy) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, locker rooms, and wrestling mats for try-outs and practices from March 2010 through December 2010, Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., whenever available. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-19-03/10	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Pee Wee Competition Cheerleading Squad (Responsible Officer - Tiffany Guy) to use the Junior High Gymnasium, locker rooms, and blue mats for try-outs and practices from March 2010 through December 2010, Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., whenever available Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-20-03/10	Approve the request of the Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer - Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Senior High Gymnasium on Sundays, March 21, 2010 through April 30, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Ferndale Recreation Sponsored Basketball. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

E-08-03/10 Approve the revised K4-12 2009-2010 school calendars due to severe weather cancellations:

Cancellations (Snow Days)	Make-Up Days
Monday, January 4, 2010	Monday, February 15, 2010
Friday, January 22, 2010	Friday, May 28, 2010
Tuesday, February 10, 2010	Thursday, April 1, 2010
Wednesday, February 11, 2010	Monday, April 5, 2010
Friday, February 26, 2010	Thursday, June 3, 2010

The Teacher In-Service Day scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010 will be moved to Monday, June 7, 2010. Graduation ceremony will remain Friday, June 4, 2010.

IE-16-03/10 The following students have been named Student of the Month in their program areas at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center:

-- February 2010 - Bob Bunnell (Graphic Design/Multimedia)

-- March 2010 - Amanda Smith (Health Assistant)

F-26-03/10 Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-27-03/10 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-19-03/10 Received notification from the Department of Education that the 2010-2011 Act 1 base index for allowable property tax increases is 2.9%. The adjusted index for Ferndale Area School District is 4.5%. Ferndale Area School District current tax millage is 63 which allows a maximum tax increase of 2.83 mills for 2010-2011 to comply with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006.

IF-20-03/10 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-49-03/10 Approve Nicole Hunt, Ellen Keeney, Dorothy Miller, David Rose, Nicholas Rys, and David Woffinden to the substitute teachers list.

P-50-03/10 Approve Elizabeth Fyock, Gloria Moll, and Lori McGough to the support staff teachers list.

IP-12-03/10

The intended language for the posting and advertising of School Psychologist and Kathleen Wojnarowski's vacancy. Posting and advertising was approved at the January 20, 2010 Board Meeting.

School Psychologist:

Qualifications:

- School Psychologist Certification

Special Education Coordinator:

Qualifications: (One or more of the following)

- Special Education Supervisor Certification
- School Psychologist Certification
- Special Education PA Teaching Certification with five or more years experience

IST-06-03/10

Forensic Regional Competition at Susquehanna for four students, one advisor, and one bus driver. Cost: Registration: $60.00. Judge: $150.00. Lodging for two nights, three rooms: $712.86. Total: $922.86 plus transportation and bus driver. (District)

W-28-03/10

Kimberly Becker, Elaine Metzler, Danielle Miller, Deborah Pearce, Belinda Penrod, Tracy Rigby, Maryann Rizzuto, Beverly Roberts, Mary Salat, Linda Stufft; Teacher Aides; *Why Do Your Students Behave the Way They Do: The Neurological Impact of Abuse, Trauma, and Loss on Children* on March 12, 2010 in Johnstown. Registration for each: $50.00. (One Free Registration) Substitutes for three: $240.00. Total Cost: $690.00. (Access & District)

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

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve BD-51-03/10 and BD-52-03/10.

BD-51-03/10

Waive the First Reading of the following policies:

-- Revised Policy No. 137 Home Education Programs (Home Schooling);

-- Revised Policy No. 237 Personal Electronic Devices.

BD-52-03/10	Approve the Second Reading, as read, the following policies, and adopt said policies: -- Revised Policy No. 137 Home Education Programs (Home Schooling); -- Revised Policy No. 237 Personal Electronic Devices. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.
IBD-48-03/10	Executive Board Appreciation Dinner at GJCTC has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the GJCTC Cafeteria. (Attending include: Barbara Penna, James Ford, Carole Kakabar)
IBD-49-03/10	PSBA held its annual Spring Legislative Meeting at the Windber Area High School Library on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Board Members are invited to attend. RSVP Patti Craig by Monday, March 29, 2010. (Carole Kakabar and Sandi Chobany)
IBD-50-03/10	High School Highlights - Scott Shirley Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak District Highlights - Carole Kakabar
IBD-51-03/10	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna
2.	Buildings and Grounds None.
3.	Cafeteria None.
4.	Education None.

5. Finance

F-28-03/10 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve the 2010-2011 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

IF-21-03/10 Scheduled the first Board Finance Committee Meeting - topic is 2010-2011 budget proposals and financial state of the district. (Banks, Penna, Chobany, Jones)

6. Personnel

P-51-03/10 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to employ Mary Storer-Clawson as the District Food Service Director at an annual salary of $15,500, with full benefits, effective with the 2010-11 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

P-52-03/10 Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

-- Detention, Thursday/1 hr - Kathleen Kirwan

-- Detention, Saturday/3 hrs (As Needed) - Joshua Mottillo

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

7. Workshops/Conferences

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-29-03/10 Kathleen Kirwan (2), Special Education; *Student Assistance Training* on March 2, 3, 2010 and April 14, 15, 2010 at St. Vincent College. Cost: Registration: $350.00. Travel: $120.00. Total Cost: $470.00. (Safe & Drug Free)

W-30-03/10	Jennifer Reiter; Daniel Burket (3), Librarian; Daniel Endler (2), Social Studies; Ronald Jones (2), Social Studies; Lisa Rivard (1), English; Jessica Szymusiak (2), English; *Video Conference Integration Series* on March 31, 2010 in Richland. Cost: Registration: $300.00. Substitutes for five: $400.00. Shared Travel: $15.00. Total Cost: $715.00. (District)
W-31-03/10	Kathleen Popchak (1), Food Service Director; Mary Storer-Clawson (1), Cook; *PASBO Food Service Conference* at Penn State on April 13, 14, 2010. Cost: Registration: $450.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $180.00. Total Cost: $730.00. (Cafeteria Fund)
W-32-03/10	Karen Soohy (6), Classroom for the Future Coach; *Penn State Sixth Annual One-to-One Computing* at Penn State on April 19, 20, 21, 2010. Cost: Registration: $378.00. Lodging: $200.00. Meals: $75.00. Travel: $100.00. Total Cost: $753.00. (Classroom for the Future)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.
8.	Student Activities
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve ST-67-03/10 through ST-71-03/10.
ST-67-03/10	Approve the Grade 9 & 10 (and two seniors) Art students field trip to the Cambria County Library on April 22, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $85.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $165.00. (District)
ST-68-03/10	Approve the K4 field trip to Pittsburgh Zoo on April 30, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $1350.00. Admissions: $280.00. Total Cost: $1,630.00. (Accountability Block Grant)
ST-69-03/10	Approve the Class of 2010 field trip to Hershey Park on May 21, 2010. Cost: Substitutes: $160.00. (District)
ST-70-03/10	Approve *Marlene Kessler, Johnstown, and *Patricia Cornell, Johnstown, as Volunteer Volleyball Coaches for the 2009-2010 season.
ST-71-03/10	Approve Dana Olshewsky, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2009-2010 season.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

ST-72-03/10

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to post and/or advertise the following coaching 2010-2011 positions:

-- Assistant Varsity Football Coaches

-- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

-- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach

-- Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach

-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach

-- Varsity Cheerleader Advisor

-- Junior High Cheerleader Advisor

-- Head Varsity Golf Coach

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

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m for Student Activities. The Executive Session ended at 9:40 p.m.

ST-73-03/10

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Anthony Penna, Sr. as the Athletic Director, at a prorated annual salary of $9,000, effective March 18, 2010. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, and Thompson. Against the motion: Ford. Abstained: Penna - due to husband. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

ST-74-03/10

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve Anthony Penna, Sr. as the Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2010-2011 season, at a salary congruent with the coaches agreement, based on a 16 week season. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Penna - due to husband. Absent: Meekins. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. All were in favor.