FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
November 10, 2010

I.	The November 10, 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 6:06 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, Melissa Garman, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Greg Blue.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Robert Boyle, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse, Mary Storer-Clawson, Food Service Director; Anthony Penna, Sr., Athletic Director; Joseph Chobany, Nate Davidson, Matt Dorchak, Chris Garman, Adam Helm, Anthony Holcomb, Cullen Kozak, Ian Penrod, Joseph Peters, Matt Porter, Libby Robertson, Ashley Roles, Dwayne Rozier, Brianna Shawley, Students; Donald Robertson, Resident; Ebin Chandler-Christie and Scott Miles, Wrestling Coaches, Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
	Student Board Representatives: Present: Ashley Grow. Absent: Hannah Genovese.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-20A-11/10	Scott Miles and Ebin Chandler-Christie, Wrestling Coaches, addressed the Board regarding use of the Elementary Gymnasium for a wrestling clinic.
IBD-20B-11/10	Joseph Chobany and Libby Robertson, fifth grade students, addressed the Board to ask for more physical education time.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
IBD-21-11/10	Student Board Representatives Report.

BD-13-11/10	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the November 10, 2010 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-14-11/10 through P-29-11/10).
BD-14-11/10	Approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2010 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-07-11/10	Approve the request of Ferndale Elementary Wrestling Team (Responsible Officer Scott Miles) to use the Elementary Gymnasium on December 11, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Wrestling Clinic. 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-07-11/10	Approve dual enrollment contracts with Saint Francis University, Mount Aloysius College, PA Highlands Community College for 2010-2011.
F-10-11/10	Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-11-11/10	Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.
IF-10-11/10	Receipts and disbursements.
P-28-11/10	Approve Clifford Cook, Thomas Minana, and Anthony Cortese to the substitute teachers list.
P-29-11/10	Approve Elizabeth Petruska to the substitute support staff.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
IBD-22-11/10	Sandra Chobany, Board Member, discussed the contract with LifeTouch for school pictures.
IBD-23-11/10	Melissa Garman, Board Member, discussed Senior Day Recognition and gave an update on the PSBA Seminar (Budget and Communicators in Touch with Economic Times)
IBD-24-11/10	The December Board Meeting is December 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ferndale Area Elementary School Board Room.

2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-06-11/10	Update on Senior High Boys' Locker Room outside entrance and windows in the Junior High School - John Kowal.
3.	Cafeteria
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the C-01-11/10 and C-02-11/10.
C-01-11/10	Create an Elementary Kitchen Utility position. (6.5 hours per student day).
C-02-11/10	Approve the Kitchen Utility job description.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
4.	Education
IE-17-11/10	District Highlights - Carole Kakabar High School Highlights - Brian McDermott Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak
IE-18-11/10	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna.
5.	Finance
IF-12-11/10	Section 341(b) of SS Act 1 requires school boards to notify, by first class mail, the owner of each parcel of residential property within the district by December 31, 2010, of the existence of the homestead and farmstead exclusion program, the need to file an application in order to qualify for the program, and the application deadline of March 1, 2011. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.

6.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-15-11/10	Daniel Endler (2); Ronald Jones (2); Ronald Lasko (2); Social Studies Teachers; *21st Century Teaching & Learning Collaboration* on November 17, 2010 in Duncansville. Total Cost: Registration for each: $50.00. Substitutes for three: $240.00. Shared Travel: $50.00. Total Cost: $440.00. (District)
W-16-11/10	Laryssa Bremer (1); Loraine Dodson (1); Guidance Counselors; *Key to Dropout Prevention* on December 2, 2010 in Harrisburg. Cost: Registration: $99.00 each. Shared Travel: $113.00. Total Cost: $311.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna to approve ST-15-11/10 and ST-16-11/10.
ST-15-11/10	Approve interested Juniors and Seniors field trip to IUP on November 19, 2010 for post-secondary schooling. Cost: Transportation: $300.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $380.00. (District)
ST-16-11/10	Approve the Child Development class field trip (Grades 10-12) to various child care centers on December 1, 2010. Cost: Transportation: $95.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $175.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
ST-17-11/10	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve Barry Walters as a Ski Club Volunteer for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IST-08-11/10	Fall Sports Report - Anthony Penna, Sr.

The Board took a short recess at 7:25 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for personnel.

Mr. Jones left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 12:23 a.m.

8. Personnel

Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve P-30-11/10 and P-31-11/10.

P-30-11/10 Transfer Elaine Metzler from an Elementary Learning Support Aide to a Title I Instructional Aide. (Position was vacated by Tracy Rigby.)

P-31-11/10 Post and/or advertise the Elementary Learning Support Aide position. (Vacated by Elaine Metzler.)

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

P-32-11/10 Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to appoint Lori McGough as a Kitchen Utility Person, with a 90-day probation period, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, effective November 15, 2010. (New position) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue and Jones. The motion carried.

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve P-33-11/10 and P-34-11/10.

P-33-11/10 Approve the retirement resignation of Frank McCleester, Music Teacher/ Band Director, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

P-34-11/10 Post and advertise the position of Music Teacher.

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

IP-04-11/10	Post for a three hour per day Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Personal Care Aide for a K4 student. (Paid by the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8)
P-35-11/10	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to amend the agenda and add a motion to ratify authority to send a letter to Jennifer Reiter advising her of the basis of termination and notice of a hearing in the event that Mrs. Reiter request one, also authorizing the execution by the President of the Board, attestation by the Secretary of the Board of the letter and placing Mrs. Reiter on administrative leave pending a decision if a hearing is requested. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-36-11/10	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to ratify authority to send a letter to Jennifer Reiter advising her of the basis of termination and notice of a hearing in the event that Mrs. Reiter request one, and authorize the execution by the President of the Board, attestation by the Secretary of the Board of the letter and place Mrs. Reiter on administrative leave pending a decision if a hearing is requested. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue and Jones. The motion carried.
P-37-11/10	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to amend the agenda to add a motion to remove Jennifer Reiter and Scott Shirley as signatories on all Ferndale Area High School checking accounts and add as signatories Brian McDermott and Carole Kakabar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-38-11/10	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to remove Jennifer Reiter and Scott Shirley as signatories on all Ferndale Area High School checking accounts and add as signatories Brian McDermott and Carole Kakabar. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue and Jones. The motion carried.
P-39-11/10	Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to amend the agenda and add a motion to post and/or advertise for a preferably certified teacher to fill a soon to be vacated secondary special education aide position. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-40-11/10 Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to post and/or advertise for a preferably certified teacher to fill a soon to be vacated secondary special education aide position. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue and Jones. The motion carried.

P-41-11/10 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to amend the agenda and add a motion to allow the following action: if any positions are created for which a job description is formulated and/or become available due to a vacancy, resignation, death, or otherwise between now and the next regular meeting, December 15, 2010, the administration be permitted to post and/or advertise such position(s). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-42-11/10 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve if any positions are created for which a job description is formulated and/or become available due to a vacancy, resignation, death, or otherwise between now and the next regular meeting, December 15, 2010, the administration be permitted to post and/or advertise such position(s). Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue and Jones. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 a.m. All were in favor.