FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
February 18, 2009

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| I. | The February 18, 2009 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 6:07 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, James Ford, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna. Absent: Sandra Chobany and Richard Lucas. Gary Eisenhuth - late. |
| | Student Board Representatives: Bradley Brosig and Ashley Smith. |
| | Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, Jennifer Reiter, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Ronald Wilson, Administrative Assistant, Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lori Beck, Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Susan Leftwich, Stephanie Mino, Susan Pudliner, Teachers; Belinda Penrod, Aide; Heather Erridge; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary. |
| IV. | Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association |
| IBD-39-02/09 | Michelle Furfari addressed the Board regarding Elementary competition cheerleading. |
| V. | Committees Agenda |
| IBD-40-02/09 | Student Board Representatives' Report. |
| | Mr. Eisenhuth arrived at 6:19 p.m. |
| 1. | Board |
| IBD-41-02/09 | February 24, 2009 rescheduled GJCTC Board Appreciation Dinner. RSVP |

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| | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve P-63-02/09 and P-64-02/09. |
| P-63-02/09 | Rescind Item P-61B-01/09 "Appoint Ronald Wilson as Administrative Assistant of the Junior/Senior High School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, at a stipend of $125 per working day." |
| P-64-02/09 | Appoint Ronald Wilson as Administrative Assistant of the Junior/Senior High School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, at stipend of $25 per working day, retroactive to January 22, 2009. |
| | Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried. |
| BD-44-02/09 | Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the February 18, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. |
| BD-45-02/09 | Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2009 Board Meeting, as revised (P-61B-01/09). |
| IBD-38-02/09 | Acknowledge the retirement of Dr. Michael J. Dillon, Executive Director, and Dr. A. Kay Meyers, Assistant Executive Director of Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 as of July 22, 2009, and the retirement of Darlene R. Will-Mellott, Board Secretary as of July 5, 2009. |
| BG-14-02/09 | Approve the request of the Ferndale Baseball League to use the baseball/softball field and concession stand for youth baseball games and practices from April 1, 2009 to mid-July 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to dark on weekdays and from 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, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. |
| BG-15-02/09 | Approve the request of Jessica Hagans (Senior Graduating Project) to use the Senior High Gymnasium, restrooms, chairs, tables, PA System, volleyball nets and balls for a volleyball game to raise money for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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-18-02/09 The following have been assigned as student teachers in the Ferndale Area School District for the 2009-2010 school year:

| Student Teacher | Cooperating Teacher | |
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| KaCey Jackson | Ronald Jones | Fall Term |
| Casey Regina | Steven Clawson | Spring Term |
| Christina Mowen | Marsha Williams | Spring Term |

F-23-02/09 Approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-24-02/09 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

IF-27-02/09 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-62-02/09 Approve Cassandra Black, Darcie Clark, James Rubal, Rebekah Stonecypher, and Elaine MacMahon to the substitute teachers' list:

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

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

IBD-42-02/09 Highlights
High School - Jennifer Reiter
Elementary - Justin Zahorchak

4. Education

IE-19-02/09 Mid-point review is due in the 2009-2010 school year for the following Strategic Plan Components:

-- Special Education
-- Technology
-- Academic Standards and Assessments

E-02-02/09 Mr. Jones made a motion to table Tri-State School Study Council (University of Pittsburgh) as consultants to assist with continual Strategic Plan reviews and implementations at an annual cost of $_____. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. Finance

F-25-02/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following Resolution, as amended:

The Board of School Directors of Ferndale Area School District do hereby authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management as Financial Advisor, Lynch & Lynch as Bond Counsel, James Walsh, Esq. as Solicitor, and PNC Capital Markets as Underwriter to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to refinance the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2003, at a minimum net local savings target of $25,000, with the proviso that Public Financial Management and all others are authorized to expend no more than $3,000 in the event that the $25,000 net cannot be met.

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

IF-28-02/09 Received Audit Reports from Ed Cernic, Jr., Cambria County Controller for the following Tax Collectors:

Jennifer Vamos Brownstown Borough

All audits concluded that the controlling processes within the Tax Collector's Office are adequately designed and operating effectively.

6. Personnel

P-65-02/09 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Becky Swick as a Nurse Assistant for Judith Virgin on an approved as needed basis, at the substitute teacher rate, pending license and clearances. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried.

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| P-66-02/09 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve Michele Ambroe as a Personal Health Care Assistant for a Secondary student, effective February 19, 2009 on a voluntary basis until permanent arrangements can be made. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. |
| P-67-02/09 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve Mindie Cunningham as a mentor for Christa Harper, Special Education Teacher, at a stipend of $327.00 for the second semester of the 2008-09 school year and the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year. (Kathleen Wojnarowski was a mentor for this position during the first semester of the 2008-09 school year - Jessica Buday and David Fornwalt.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried. (Mr. Eisenhuth was out of the room.) |
| P-68-02/09 | Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to create a Title I Elementary Instructional Aide position. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. |
| P-69-02/09 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve *Tracy Rigby as a substitute Title I Elementary Instructional Aide for the remainder of 2008-09 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried. |
| 7. | Student Activities |
| | Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve ST-49-02/09, ST-50-02/09, and ST-51-02/09. |
| ST-49-02/09 | Approve Adam Hale as an Assistant Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2008-09 season, at a salary of $500 for a six-week season. |
| ST-50-02/09 | Approve James Rubal as an Assistant Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2008-09 season, at a salary of $500 for a six- week season, pending CPR/AED certificate. (scheduled for training on February 24, 2009) |
| ST-51-02/09 | Approve James Ford as a Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2008-09 season, pending receipt of completed volunteer form. |
| | Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Ford (ST 51-02/09 only). Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried. |

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| 8. | Workshops/Conferences |
| | Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve the following workshops/conferences. |
| W-27-02/09 | Ronald Wilson (3), Administrative Assistant; Kathleen Wojnarowski (1), Coordinator of Special Education; *70 Strategies for Counseling Difficult Defiant Adolescents* on March 6, 2009 at IUP. Cost: Registration for each: $110.00. Meals: $25.00. Travel: $78.00. Total Cost: $323.00. (Access & Title IIA) |
| W-28-02/09 | Ronald Wilson (4); Administrative Assistant; *Spring Legal Roundup* on March 25, 2009 in Altoona. Cost: Registration for each: $119.00. Travel: $40.00. Total Cost: $159.00. (District) |
| | Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried. |
| BD-46-02/09 | Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to waive the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 907 School Visitors. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. |
| BD-47-02/09 | Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve, as read, Revised Policy No. 907 School Visitors, and adopt said policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. |
| BD-48-02/09 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve changing the April 15, 2009 Board Meeting to April 22, 2009. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. |
| IBD-43-02/09 | Beginning in March 2009, ACRP through a grant provided by the Lee Health and Wellness Foundation, and with the assistance of Bantly Hardware, is able to provide smoke detectors for families of children in kindergarten, first, and second grade at the Ferndale Area School District who lack adequate protection. Detectors will be provided and installed at no cost. More information will come through the Elementary Office in March. |

IBD-44-02/09

Update of Board goals:

1. Fiscal responsibility from the District's perspective.

2. Stabilize the Administration and climate at the Junior/Senior High School.

3. Bring the District in compliance with mandates.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for a Board item. The Executive Session ended at 8:55 p.m

BD-49-02/09

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to appoint Wayne Meekins to the vacated Board position, Region 3, Brownstown, Lorain, Middle Taylor Borough, from February 18, 2009 to December 2, 2009. (Vacated by the resignation of Robert Vamos) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Chobany and Lucas. The motion carried.

IBD-45-02/09

Oath of Office to the New Board Director. (Did not administer)

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 Board Member of the Ferndale Area School District, CAMBRIA County, with fidelity.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. All were in favor.