FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 21, 2009

I.	The January 21, 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 6:08 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, Gary Eisenhuth, James Ford, Edward Jones, Richard Lucas, Barbara Penna. Absent: None. Sandra Chobany - late.
	Student Board Representatives: Bradley Brosig and Ashley Smith.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Lynn Bennett, Daniel Burket, Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino Kimberly Shrift, Ronald Wilson, Teachers; Katie McMullen, Student; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
IBD-28-01/09	Student Board Representatives Report.
IBD-29-01/09	Steven Mitchell, Ferndale Borough, addressed the Board regarding revamping the Ferndale Borough playground.
	Sandra Chobany arrived at 6:11 p.m.
V.	Committees Agenda
IBD-30-01/09	January was School Director Recognition Month.

1.	Board
IBD-31-01/09	John Augustine, Executive Director of GJCTC, addressed the Board regarding Vo-tech operations.
IBD-32-01/09	Acknowledged McKelvey Scholarship winners for 2008-09 - Bradley Brosig and Cayla Zahoran.
BD-39-01/09	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the January 21, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items.
BD-40-01/09	Approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2008 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-12-01/09	Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation to use the Senior High Gymnasium and restrooms on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a recreation basketball alumni game. 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.
IBG-04-01/09	Ferndale Baseball used the Elementary School Gymnasium for baseball sign-ups on December 20, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
F-21-01/09	Approve the December Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-22-01/09	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
IF-19-01/09	Budget schedule review:

By January 1, 2009	Budget Requisitions Distributed to Principals/Staff
By February 13, 2009	General Supply/Kurtz Requisitions Due in Elementary/Secondary Office for Review by Principals
By February 20, 2009	General Supply/Kurtz Requisition Due in Business Office
By May 13, 2009	Preliminary Budget Printing and Availability for Public Inspection Preliminary Budget Public Notice
By June 17, 2009	Board Meeting -- "Adoption of Preliminary/Tentative Budget"

IF-20-01/09 A Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate was scheduled for March 13, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.:

Owners	Address	Judgement Amount
Theodore M. Carlin and Michelle A. Carlin	203 David Street	$30,008.10

IF-21-01/09 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-59-01/09 Approve Lang Brown, Leah Fieni, Linda Gundlach, Heather Marone, Megan Miller, Tracy Rigby, Vicki Shaw, Ray Sheets, and Martin Vrabel to the substitute teachers' list.

P-60-01/09 Approve the request of Joella Bobak, Aide, for an unpaid medical leave of absence for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

IST-05-01/09 The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

IBD-33-01/09 Distributed Statement of Financial Interest forms to Board Members and Administrators.

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

2. Education

IE-16-01/09 Review of the 2008 PSSA Science Scores.

3. Finance

IF-22-01/09 PSERS sets contribution rate.

The Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees met on December 12 to certify the new employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2009-10. Effective July 1, 2009, the total employer contribution rate will be 4.78%. This is a slight increase from the current rate of 4.76%. The 4.78% employer contribution rate is composed of 0.78% for health insurance premium assistance and a pension rate of 4%. PSERS' funded ratio increased from 85.8% to 87.9% due to funding methodologies and previous investment gains.

	The board acknowledged that the large increase projected in FY 2012-13 is quickly approaching. PSERS also cautioned that, while the latest actuarial figures support only a small increase in the contribution rate, school employers should continue to prepare for the dramatic employer contribution rate increase forecast in four years. Revised projections provided by the fund's actuaries, Buck Consultants, show an increase in the FY 2012-13 rate spike from 11.23% to 16.40%.
IF-24-01/09	Revision of billing for service providers for K4 students with special needs.
IF-25-01/09	Basic overview of the economy and status of the state budget from January 12, 2009 presentation at Mt. Aloysius College by Majority Appropriation Chairman Dwight Evans, along with State Representatives Frank Burns, Gary Haluska, Bryan Barbin, along with Senator John Wozniak.
IF-26-01/09	2003 Bond Issue refinancing.
IBD-35-01/09	Ferndale Area High School was awarded a bronze medal for student achievement in 2007-08 from the US News and World Report, America's Best High School.
IBD-36-01/09	High School Highlights - Jennifer Reiter Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak
IBD-37-01/09	Itemized and reviewed 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.
4.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
5.	Cafeteria
	None.
	The Board took a recess at 7:46 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:18 pm.

	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. for Board matters, personnel, student activities and workshops/conferences. The Executive Session ended at 10:03 p.m.
BD-41-01/09	Mr. Jones nominated Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer from January 21, 2009 to July 1, 2009, at an annual salary of $1,200 per year (prorated). (Vacated by the resignation of Robert Vamos.)
BD-42-01/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to close nominations.
BD-43-01/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to elect Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer, from January 21, 2009 to July 1, 2009, at an annual salary of $1,200 per year (prorated). Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Chobany. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IBD-34-01/09	James Ford, Board Member, would like to discuss a bus stop at Hystone Avenue.
IE-17-01/09	The Board established an Education Committee. (Greg Blue, James Ford, Richard Lucas)
IF-23-01/09	The Board established a Budget Committee. (Ridley Banks, Barbara Penna, Edward Jones, and Sandra Chobany) Set a date for the first budget meeting.
6.	Personnel
P-61-01/09	Junior/Senior High School Administrative assignments.
P-61A-01/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve Jennifer Rieter to continue her appointment as Acting Junior/Senior High School Principal to the end of 2008-2009 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
P-61B-01/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded Mr. Jones, to 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. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried. (Rescinded at the February 18, 2009 Board Meeting)

7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to table, until the February 18, 2009 Board Meeting, the following coaching positions for the 2009-2010 school year.
ST-30-01/09	Approve Eric Blue as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $2,068, based on a 16-week season.
ST-31-01/09	Approve Jason Harvey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,400, based on a 16-week season. (Salary is prorated with Earl Berkebile and Alan Homan)
ST-32-01/09	Approve George Ambroe as the Head Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $3,450, based on a 16-week season.
ST-33-01/09	Approve Arthur McClucas as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $2,052, based on a 16-week season.
ST-34-01/09	Approve Thomas Kegg as the Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,597.75, based on an 11-week season.
ST-35-01/09	Approve Kimberly Reighard as the Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $4,332, based on a 12-week season.
ST-36-01/09	Approve Kelli Mostoller as an Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $3,125, based on a 12-week season.
ST-37-01/09	Approve Joseph Arcurio as the Head Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $2,756, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of CPR/AED certificate.
ST-38-01/09	Approve Shawn Furfari as a 7th & 8th Grade Football Coach, at a salary of $1,543.50, based on a 14-week season, pending receipt of CPR/AED certificate.
ST-39-01/09	Approve Ryan Woodruff as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $2,196, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of FBI clearance.
ST-40-01/08	Approve Earl Berkebile as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,400, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of FBI clearance and CPR/AED certificate. (Salary is prorated with Jason Harvey and Alan Homan)

ST-41-01/08	Approve Alan Homan as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,400, based on a 16-week season, pending receipt of clearances and CPR/AED certificate. (Salary is prorated with Earl Berkebile and Jason Harvey)
ST-42-01/09	Approve Brandon Miller as an Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,146.75, based on an 11-week season, pending receipt of clearances and CPR/AED certificate. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-43-01/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Gary Eisenhuth as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2008-09 season, and a Volunteer Varsity Football Coach for the 2009-10 season, pending receipt of completed volunteer forms. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-44-01/09	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve James Ford as a Volunteer Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2008-09 season, pending receipt of completed volunteer form. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-45-01/09	Approve Henry Eisenhuth as a Volunteer Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2008-09 season, pending receipt of clearances and completed volunteer form. (No action taken)
ST-46-01/09	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve raising the stipend for Volleyball officials. Varsity Volleyball from $50.00 to $55.00 - $5.00 increase Junior High Volleyball from $40.00 to $45.00 - $5.00 increase Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
ST-47-01/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the request of the Varsity Baseball Team and Softball Team to scrimmage Hancock High School in Maryland on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Cost: Transportation: $500. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

ST-48-01/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the K4 students' field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on April 24, 2009. Cost: Transportation: $1,250.00. Admission: $198.00. Total Cost: $1,448.00. (Accountability Block Grant) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IST-06-01/09	The Band is planning a trip to Winchester, VA on May 1, 2, 3, 2009 to march in the 82nd Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. Cost of trip: maximum of $300, which the students have been raising through fund raising.
8.	Workshops/Conferences Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-19-01/09	Mindie Cunningham (1), Special Education Teacher; *Middle Grades Math Network* in Altoona on January 20, February 25, March 17, 2009. Cost: Registration: $150.00. Travel: $100.00. Substitute: $240.00. Total Cost: $490.00. (Title IIA & District)
W-20-01/09	Justin Zahorchak; *Dealing with Difficult People* in Johnstown on January 29, 2009. Cost: Registration: $99.00. (District)
W-21-01/09	Jennifer Reiter; *Criticism and Discipline Skills for Managers and Supervisors* in Johnstown on February 5, 2009. Cost: Registration: $199.00. Meals: $25.00. Travel: $25.00. Total Cost: $249.00. (District)
W-22-01/09	Karen Soohy (3), Classroom for the Future Coach; Jessica Szymusiak (1), English Teacher; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference* in Hershey on February 9, 10, 11, 2009 Cost: Registration: $640.00. Lodging: $800.00. Meals: $150.00. Travel: $200.00. Substitute: $240.00. Total Cost: $2,030. (Classroom for the Future & District)
W-23-01/09	B. Wayne Lohr (4), Federal Programs Coordinator; *PAFPC Annual Conference* in Seven Springs on April 6-8, 2009. Cost: Registration: $300.00. Lodging: $627.00. Meals: $10.00. Travel: $30.00. Total Cost: $967.00. (Title I)
W-24-01/09	Lynn Bennett (2), Speech Teacher; Marjorie Pile (1), Grade 1 Teacher; Amy Schmidt (1), Kindergarten Teacher; *Reading and Literacy* in Altoona on February 20, 2009. Cost: Registration for each: $143.00. Meals for each: $15.00. Shared Travel: $50.00. Substitute for two: $160.00. Total Cost: $684.00. (Title I & District)

W-25-01/09	John Kowal; *PASBO Commonwealth Budget Seminar* in Mars on February 27, 2009. Cost: Registration: $75.00. Meals: $25.00. Travel: $115.00. Total Cost: $215.00. (District)
W-26-01/09	Ronald Wilson (2), Biology Teacher; *SAP 19th Annual Conference* on March 2, 3, 2008 at Penn State. Cost: Registration: $300.00. Lodging: $150.00. Meals: $60.00. Travel: $110.00. Substitute: $180.00. Total Cost: $800.00. (Safe & Drug Free Schools)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. All were in favor.