FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
May 13, 2009

I.	The May 13, 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, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, and Barbara Penna. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth and Richard Lucas.
	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; Lori Byer, Tiffany Guy, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Marsha Williams, Teachers; Stephen Huff, Brandon Huff, Students; Michelle Furfari, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-62-05/09	Student Board Representatives Report.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-57-05/09	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items.
BD-58-04/09	Approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Board Meeting.
BG-22-05/09	Approve the request of Cambria County Special Olympics to use the Softball/Baseball field for parking for a Craft Show on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 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, and weather/field conditions permitting as determined by Ferndale Area School District personnel.

BG-23-05/09	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Pee Wee Competition Cheerleading Squad to use the Elementary Gymnasium and mats for practices from May 2009 through May 2010, Mondays through Saturdays, after school, evenings, and 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-24-05/09	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Pee Wee Competition Cheerleading Squad to use the Junior High Gymnasium and cheerleading mats for practices from May 2009 through May 2010, Mondays through Saturdays, after school, evenings, and 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-25-05/09	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach to use the Elementary Gymnasium for practice on Mondays from May 11, 2009 through June 1, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from June 8, 2009 to August 5, 2009 from 5:00 pm. to 7:00 p.m., pending no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-26-05/09	Approve the request of the Elementary Wrestlers to use the Elementary Gymnasium, Locker Rooms, and Restrooms for an elementary wrestling clinic on December 3, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 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.
E-11-05/09	Approve the 2009-2010 K4 School Calendar, as presented.
E-12-05/09	Approve the graduation of the Ferndale Area School District seniors who completed the graduation requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Ferndale Area School District.
F-37-05/09	Approve the April Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-38-05/09	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
IF-36-05/09	Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300 and Use of Funds by School District.
IF-37-05/09	Review of receipts and disbursements.

IF-38-05/09	A real estate assessment appeal was held as follows:
	Residential Appeal - Ferndale United Methodist & Church
	Wednesday, June 3, 2009 9:10 a.m.
P-85-04/09	Approve Alyssa Arcurio and Curtis Caldwell to the substitute teachers' list.
IST-10-05/09	Received a letter from Cambria County Library System thanking Michelle Sendek for allowing her Art students to paint the library's interior windows for their "A Little Night Music at the Library" fundraising event.
IST-11-05/09	The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior Prom was held at Green Gables on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
IST-12-05/09	The Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
IST-13-05/09	The annual school picnic was scheduled at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 23, 2009.
IST-14-05/09	Fernstock was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in the Ferndale Area Elementary Gymnasium.
IST-15-05/09	Graduation was held at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

Election of Treasurer

Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first day of July following such election."

Nomination for Board Treasurer.

Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve BD-59-05/09 and BD-60-05/09.

BD-59-05/09 Nominate Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

BD-60-05/09 Motion to close nominations.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-61-05/09 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Sandra Chobany as Board Treasurer for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Chobany. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

IBD-63-05/09 The Ferndale Area School District authorized the Greater Johnstown School District's Teen Parenting Program to apply for and expend funds on behalf of Ferndale Area School District for implementation of and to conduct activities associated with the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training Program Grant and the Pregnant/Parenting Teen Program Grant.

IBD-64-05/09 Discussion of the following items:

-- 9th Grade students attending Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center

-- Follow up to Tribune Democrat publication "Demise Editorial"

-- Summer School

-- Post of Board vacancies

-- Follow up to Community Foundation for the Alleghenies held April 22, 2009

IBD-65-05/09 High School Highlights - Jennifer Reiter
Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak

IBD-66-05/09 Itemize and review 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.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

None.

5. Finance

F-39-05/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the 2009-2010 school year Preliminary Budget as presented, using the District's Fund Balance and a property tax increase of 3.5 mills (to 63 mills) to balance the budget. The estimated remaining Fund Balance at June 30, 2010 ($883,072) shall be classified as Unreserved, Designated for Debt Repayment. The Preliminary Budget proposed $10,591,007 in Expenditures and $9,621,079 in Revenues. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

F-40-05/09

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve printing the 2009-2010 Final Budget as well as having it available for public inspection. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

F-41-05/09

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the tentatively adopted 2009-2010 Joint Operating Committee Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Adult/Workforce Development Budget, Grants and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets, as follows, and ratify any and all actions of the Joint Operating Committee since the last Joint Board resolution in June 2008:

Workforce Development Budget	$2,817,303.00
Grants and Non-Secondary Funded Budgets	$1,233,721.00
Total:	$4,051,024.00

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

IF-39-05/09

Discussion Act 32 - Earned Income Tax Collection Committee Delegate Volunteer Needed prior to September 15, 2009 for a County Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambria County Courthouse.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:24 p.m.

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Personnel

P-86-05/09

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to employ Scott Shirley as the Assistant Secondary Principal of the Junior/Senior High School at a prorated annual salary of $60,000 with full benefits, effective upon release from current employer. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Jones, to approve P-87-05/09 through P-92-05/09.

P-87-05/09 Employ Loraine Dodson as a Secondary Guidance Counselor, (Career Education Counselor) at a annual salary of $30,700 with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year.

P-88-05/09 Employ Joshua Mottillo as a Secondary Business, Computer and Information Technology Teacher at a annual salary of $30,700 with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year (vacated by the retirement of Karen Soohy).

P-89-05/09 Transfer Barbara Wissinger from Elementary Cook to High School Cook (vacated by the retirement of Mary Ann Harris).

P-90-05/09 Transfer Mary Clawson from Elementary Dishwasher to Elementary Cook (vacated by the retirement of Maxine Livella).

P-91-05/09 Employ Michelle Furfari as an Elementary Cook, at a stipend of $7.40 per hour, with limited benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year (vacated by Barbara Wissinger).

P-92-05/09 Employ Patricia Cornell as an Elementary Dishwasher, at a stipend of $7.15 per hour, with limited benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year (vacated by Mary Clawson).

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

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve P-96-05/09 through P-98-05/09.

P-96-05/09 Approve the Elementary Counselor and Secondary Guidance Counselor to work up to seven days beyond the regular school year, at the discretion of the building principals. (Hourly rate)

P-97-05/09 Approve the School Nurse to work up to six days beyond the regular school year, subject to the discretion of the Elementary and Secondary Principals. (Hourly rate)

P-98-05/09 Approve the School Nurse to work up to twenty days to input confidential health data into the new MMS/PIMS health module. (Hourly rate) (The District is discontinuing the use of Healthy Tools.)

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

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-93-05/09 and P-94-05/09.

P-93-05/09 Transfer Sally Allison from Elementary Office Secretary to District Special Education Secretary, effective as soon as a replacement is hired.

P-94-05/09 Post and/or advertise a full-time Elementary Office Secretary position.

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

P-95-05/09 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve Consultation Services with Karen Soohy for a Classroom for the Future (CFF) and Educational Technology Services for the 2009-2010 school year, at a fee and schedule to be determined based on grant funding and/or stimulus funding, supplemented by District funding. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-99-05/09 through P-102-05/09.

P-99-05/09 Create the following extra pay for extra-duty position:

-- Lights & Sound Manager - Sec $750.00

P-99A-05/09 Establish and advertise/appoint internally the following positions:

-- SAP Coordinator - Sec $300.00

-- Health & Wellness Coordinator $300.00

-- Bullying Prevention Coordinator - Sec $300.00

-- Bullying Coordinator - Elem $300.00

-- ESL Coordinator $300.00

P-100-05/09 Approve the revised Job Description for Elementary Curriculum Support Chairperson/ Secondary Department Heads, as presented.

P-101-05/09 Post all applicable extra-duty positions.

P-102-05/09 Approve Ferndale Area School District participation in the 2009-2010 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Substitute Teacher Program at a cost of $500.

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve ST-86-05/09 and ST-87-05/09.

ST-86-05/09 Approve the Fourth Grade students' field trip to the Johnstown Flood Museum/Incline Plane on May 15, 2009. Cost: Admission: $149.50. (Elementary Field Trip Account)

ST-87-05/09 Post and/or advertise the following positions:

-- Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach

-- Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach

-- Head Varsity Baseball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

-- Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach

-- Assistant Varsity Girls' Softball Coach

-- Head Varsity Golf Coach

-- Varsity Cheerleader Advisor

-- Junior High Cheerleader Advisor

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

IST-16-05/09 The Varsity Boys' Baseball Team participated in District Playoffs.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-36-05/09 Judith Virgin (5), School Nurse; Eileen Zankey (1), Elementary Guidance Counselor; *Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals* on July 29, 30, 2009 in Beaver Falls. Cost: Registration for each: $75.00. Shared Travel: $220.00. Extra Pay for Extra Duty for each: $460.00. Total Cost: $1,290.00 (District)

W-37-05/09 Up to five Administrators to attend the *Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Leadership Academy* on July 8, 9, 10, 2009 at Toftrees Resort, State College, PA. Total cost not to exceed $1,450 plus mileage. (District)

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

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All were in favor.