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

I.	The March 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 6:05 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, Richard Lucas, and Wayne Meekins. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth and Barbara Penna.
	Student Board Representatives: Bradley Brosig and Ashley Smith.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Ronald Wilson, Administrative Assistant, Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino', Kathleen Rigby, Karen Soohy, Teachers; Patty Glessner, Michelle Deffenbaugh, Football Boosters, Joseph Arcurio, Eugene Slebodnick, Coaches; Mark Wissinger, Athletic Director; Mae Altman, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-51-03/09	Michelle Deffenbaugh, Football Boosters, addressed the Board regarding the use of facilities.
IBD-46-03/09	Student Board Representatives Report.
IBD-47-03/09	Board Pictures were taken at the March 18, 2009 Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Education
IE-20-03/09	Karen Soohy, Business Education Teacher and Classroom for the Future Coach, presented the new K-12 Computer Technology Curriculum and the Revised Policy No. 815 Technology, Telecommunications and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

E-03-03/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve, as read, the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 815 Technology, Telecommunications and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve E-04-03/09 and E-05-03/09.

E-04-03/09 Approve membership to the Tri-State School Study Council (University of Pittsburgh) for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at a cost of $600.00.

E-05-03/09 Approve a Research and Development contract with Tri-State School Study Council (University of Pittsburgh) to assist Ferndale Area School District with Strategic Plan review and Mid-point evaluations at an approximate cost of $2,500 for eight sessions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

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

IE-21-03/09 The Ferndale Area High School Local Assessment for seniors who did not pass the PSSA has been approved by PDE. The District uses the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Local Assessment which received a three out of three points in the Penn State University Study of Valid Local Assessments.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for student activities. The Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m.

2. Board

BD-50-03/09 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the March 18, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items.

BD-51-03/09 Approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2009 Board Meeting.

IBD-48-03/09 2008-09 School Bus Driver Roster - John Kowal.

Gregory Beale	Kristy McCullough
Brian Dugan	Craig Mlaker
Donald Eash	Matthew Mlaker
Richard Gwinn	Ellen Schatz
Ervin Hoover	James Schatz
Daniel Horvath	Brian Seeley
Gerald Horvath	Fred Tittle
Kathy Lantzy	Raymond Yoder
Donald Mack	

BG-16-03/09 Approve the request of the Cambria County Board of Elections Office to use the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough No. 2 Municipal Primary Election on May 19, 2009 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BG-17-03/09 Approve the request of PA Blue Thunder AAU Girls' Basketball Team to use the Elementary Gymnasium for basketball practice on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 10:00 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.

BG-18-03/09 Approve the request of Ferndale Baseball League to use the Ferndale Area Elementary Cafeteria for a baseball fund raiser on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 12:00 to 6:00 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.

BG-19-03/09 Approve the request of Ferndale Baseball League to use the Ferndale Area Junior High Gymnasium for baseball tryouts on Sunday, March 22, 2009 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, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

BG-20-03/09 Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation to use the Senior High Gymnasium and restrooms for Adult Open Gym on Saturdays beginning March 21, 2009 through May 2009 from 11:00 to 3:00 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.

BG-21-03/09 Approve the request of Jill Vuckovich to use the High School Auditorium, chairs, tables, microphone and PA System on Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for dress rehearsal, and on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 5:00 p.m to 9:30 p.m. for the Talent Show. 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-22-03/09 Revised K4-12 2008-2009 School Calendar:

Cancellations (Snow Days)	Make-Up Days
Friday, January 16, 2009	Monday, February 16, 2009
Wednesday, January 28, 2009	Friday, May 22, 2009

F-26-03/09 Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-27-03/09 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

IF-29-03/09 Received Audit Report from Ed Cernic, Jr., Cambria County Controller for the following Tax Collectors:

Carol Petry Lorain Borough

The audit concluded that the controlling processes within the Tax Collector's Office can be improved upon to ensure its operating effectiveness.

IF-30-03/09 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-70-03/09 Approve Dawn Godkin, Marilyn Miller, Charles McIlhenny, Peter Rossi to the substitute teachers' list.

P-71-03/09 Approve Elizabeth Eckenrod to the substitute support staff list.

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

BD-52-03/09	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve an extension to the Act 93 Agreement for Administrative personnel for one additional year ending June 30, 2011, with all terms and conditions remaining the same (existing contract ends June 30, 2010). Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.
IBD-49-03/09	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.
IBD-50-03/09	Highlights High School - Jennifer Reiter Elementary - Justin Zahorchak
3.	Buildings and Grounds None.
4.	Cafeteria None.
5.	Finance Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lucas, to approve F-28-03/09, F-29-03/09, and F-30-03/09.
F-28-03/09	Approve obtaining, from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, taxpayer information to use in enforcing the local tax on earned income. Total cost of $200 to be borne by Central Tax Bureau.
F-29-03/09	Approve the 2009-2010 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget.

F-30-03/09 Approve the tentatively adopted 2009-2010 Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Joint Operating Committee General Fund Secondary Budget, as follows.

General Fund Secondary Budget: $3,394,510

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

IF-31-03/09 The Department of Auditor General, Bureau of School Audits, has scheduled an Audit review for the Ferndale Area School District beginning March 17, 2009. The Audit review is for the 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 school years.

IF-32-03/09 Bond Refinancing Update - John Kowal.

6. Personnel

P-72-03/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Ferndale Area School District and Ferndale Area Education Association relative to Policy No. 202 Child of Nonresidents Staff Members. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-73-03/09 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve Michele Ambroe as a Personal Health Care Assistant for a Secondary student, effective March 19, 2009, at a stipend of $10.67 per hour worked. (IDEIA) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.

P-74-03/09

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to post and/or advertise the following full time vacancies for the 2009-2010 school year:

- (2) Elementary Teachers
- Elementary Librarian
- Elementary Health & Physical Education Teacher
- (2) Business, Computer, and Information Technology Education Teachers
- Elementary Cafeteria Cook
- Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria Cook

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve ST-52-03/09, ST-53-03/09, ST-54-03/09, ST-55-03/09, ST-56-03/09, ST-57-03-09.

ST-52-03/09 Approve the Seventh grade students field trip to Westmont Grove - Peer Relationships Workshop on March 26, 2009. Cost: $85.00 for transportation. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $245.00. (Transportation will be reimbursed by HALT Bullying.)

ST-53-03/09 Approve the Spanish II & III students field trip to Pittsburgh on March 31, 2009. Cost: $13.50 per student plus cost of bus and lunch. (Paid by students) Substitute: $80.00. (District)

ST-54-03/09 Approve the Spanish III and selected Spanish II students field trip to Somerset High School on April 1, 2009. (Paid by students and Spanish Club) Substitute: $80.00. (District)

ST-55-03/09 Approve the French I-IV students field trip to Franklin Regional High School to attend an Etienne Concert on April 17, 2009. Cost: $325.00 for transportation. (District)

ST-56-03/09 Approve the French I-IV students field trip to Gateway Clipper and Station Square in Pittsburgh on May 31, 2009. Cost: $575.00 for transportation. ($230.00 paid by Club Account and $345.00 paid by District)

ST-57-03/09	Approve Art students field trip to Cambria County Community Library on April 2, 2009. Cost: $83.00 for transportation. (District) Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $163.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.
IST-07-03/09	Winter Sports Report - Mark Wissinger.
ST-58-03/09	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to post and/or advertise the following coaching positions. -- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach -- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach -- Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach -- Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach -- Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach -- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach -- Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach -- Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve ST-59-03/09, ST-60-03/09, and ST-61-03/09.
ST-59-03/09	Approve Barry Walters as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year.
ST-60-03/09	Approve Eric Blue as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2009-2010 school year, at a salary of $2,068, based on a 16-week season.

ST-61-03/09	Approve Ryan Woodruff as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2009-2010 school year, at a salary of $2,196, based on a 16-week season.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Blue - only ST-60-03/09 - son. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.
ST-62-03/09	Approve Jason Harvey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary consistent with the Coaching Contract, based on a 16-week season.
ST-63-03/09	Approve George Ambroe as the Head Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $3,450, based on a 16-week season.
ST-64-03/09	Approve Arthur McClucas as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $2,052, based on a 16-week season.
ST-65-03/09	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-66-03/09	Approve Kimberly Reighard as the Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $4,332, based on a 12-week season.
ST-67-03/09	Approve Shawn Furfari as a 7th & 8th Grade Football Coach, at a salary of $1,543.50, based on a 14-week season.
ST-68-03/09	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.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.
ST-69-03/09	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) No action taken.

ST-70-03/09	Approve Alan Homan 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 Earl Berkebile and Jason Harvey) No action taken.
IST-07-03/09	Discussion of Readers Forum concerns raised relative to the Habitat for Hounds initiative.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the following conferences/workshops.
W-29-03/09	Carole Kakabar; John Kowal; Justin Zahorchak; *PSBA Spring Legal Roundup* in Altoona on March 25, 2009. Cost: Registration for each: $119.00. (District)
W-30-03/09	Barbara Freeman (1), Spanish Teacher; Melissa Henderson (1), French Teacher; *Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching* in Blairsville on April 24, 2009. Cost: Registration for each: $60. Travel: $51.00. Substitutes: $125.00. Total Cost: $296.00. (Title IIA & District)
W-31-03/09	Judith Virgin (3), School Nurse; *Operation Immunization* in Greensburg on April 21, 2009. Cost: Registration: $40.00. Travel: $39.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $159.00. (District)
W-32-03/09	Susan Leftwich, Jessica Szymusiak, Karen Soohy; *Classroom for the Future Collaboration Day* in Altoona on April 17, 2009. Shared Travel: $25.00. Substitutes for two: $160.00. Total Cost: $185.00. (Classroom for the Future and District)
W-33-03/09	Janice Antal, Daniel Endler, Ronald Jones, Karen Soohy; *Classroom for the Future Collaboration Day* in Altoona on May 14, 2009. Shared Travel: $25.00. Substitutes for three: $240.00. Total Cost: $265.00. (Classroom for the Future and District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.

BG-22-03/09

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to modify the agenda and add the request of Ferndale Area Football Boosters to use the Senior High Cafeteria and Hallway outside of Cafeteria for a basket party on Sunday, April 26, 2009 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, pending legal review and approval by the Solicitor and receipt of a current small game of chance permit by the applicant. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: Ford. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.

BG-23-03/09

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the request of Ferndale Area Football Boosters to use the Senior High Cafeteria and Hallway outside of Cafeteria for a basket party on Sunday, April 26, 2009 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, pending legal review and approval by the Solicitor and receipt of a current small game of chance permit by the applicant. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Lucas, and Meekins. Against the motion: Ford. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Penna. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. All were in favor.