FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
June 17, 2009

I.	The June 17, 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, Gary Eisenhuth, James Ford, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, and Barbara Penna. Absent: Richard Lucas.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Scott Shirley, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Debra Utz, Teachers; Mark Wissinger, Athletic Director, Michelle Deffenbaugh, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-62-06/09	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the June 17, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items.
IBD-67-06/09	Received a letter from George and Michele Ambroe.
IBD-68-06/09	Received a thank you from Karen Soohy thanking the Administration and School Board for the engraved bell.
BD-63-06/09	Approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting, as presented.
BD-64-06/09	Reelect the Law Firm of Spence, Custer, Saylor, Wolfe, and Rose as the District's Legal Counsel with Attorney Walsh representing the Firm for the 2009-2010 fiscal year at the same fee as the previous agreement.

BG-27-06/09

Approve the request of the Cambria County Child Development Corporation to use the Elementary Cafeteria for before and after school child care registration on August 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.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.

C-01-06/09

Approve the following breakfast/lunch prices for the 2009-2010 school year:

	Elementary		Secondary	
	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10
Student Lunch	$1.25	$1.25	$1.40	$1.40
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40	.40
Milk	.35	.35	.35	.35
Adult Lunch	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
Breakfast	.60	.60	.60	.60
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30	.30

High School ala carte sandwiches and entrees prices will increase as needed.

F-42-06/09

Approve the May Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-43-06/09

Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-44-06/09

Approve the listed Depositories for the 2009-2010 School Year:

- Wells Fargo Bank;
- First Commonwealth Bank;
- First National Trust;
- Northwest Savings Bank;
- First National Bank;
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust;
- C-B-W Schools Federal Credit Union;
- Pennsylvania Treasurer's Invest Program for Local Governments.

F-45-06/09

Approve the Business Manager to make the necessary Budgetary Transfers, as required by the School Code, to close the books at the end of the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

F-46-06/09 Approve bids for: Athletic Supplies, General/Art supplies, technology education, and bread products.

F-47-06/09 Add a list of names of Taxpayers to the District's Tax Rolls. The lists will be forwarded to the Tax collectors with instructions to collect the necessary property taxes.

F-48-06/09 Instruct the District Assessors to place the above list of names on the assessment lists and in assessment, if not presently on the assessment lists, and to retain such names on the assessment lists until they are properly removed.

F-49-06/09 Exonerate the District's Tax Collectors from the collection of the 2008-2009 Delinquent Taxes. The names submitted will be listed as Delinquent Taxpayers.

F-50-06/09 Submit the 2008-2009 Delinquent Tax Lists to the Pennsylvania Municipal Services, 468 Goucher Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of collection.

IF-40-06/09 Bonding of Employees Insurance Coverage of the school district:

Bond	Coverage	Deduct
Blanket Bond/Crime	$500,000	$2,500
Board Treasurer Bond	50,000	NONE
Board Secretary	50,000	500
Activity/Principal - Elementary	25,000	250
Activity/Assistant Principal - Secondary	25,000	250
Central Tax Bureau, EIT Collector	5,000	NONE
Beverly Held, EIT Collector	5,000	NONE
Carol Petry, EIT Collector	8,000	NONE
Anita Smith, EIT Collector	25,000	NONE
Jennifer Vamos, EIT Collector	10,000	NONE

IF-41-06/09 Personnel from the Department of the Auditor General have completed their audit of the Ferndale Area School District for the 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 school years for the purpose of determining compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, grants, and administrative procedures. The State Auditors reported that all areas were in compliance. The Department will issue a written report in four to six months.

IF-42-06/09 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-103-06/09	Approve Betty Fabina and Julie Marsh to the substitute support staff list.
P-104-06/09	Approve Patricia Balagusz and Kathleen Marano to the substitute teachers list.
P-105-06/09	Approve the resignation of Joella Bobak, Elementary Aide, effective May 26, 2009.
IST-17-06/09	Received a letter from Pennsylvania Highlands Community College thanking the Ferndale Area School District for our service as a Dual Enrollment instructor with them.
IST-18-06/09	Received a thank you from Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries thanking Mr. McCleester and the Band students for performing for them.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
IBD-69-06/09	Discussion on the 501c3 Fund Establishment.
IBD-70-06/09	District Highlights - Carole Kakabar
IBD-71-06/09	Final review of Board goals for 2008-2009:
	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
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve E-13-06/09, E-14-06/09, and E-15-06/09.
E-13-06/09	Waive, as revised, the First Reading of Policy No. 210 Use of Medications and Medication Policy for Field Trips.
E-14-06/09	Approve, as revised, Policy No. 210 Use of Medications and Medication Policy for Field Trips, and adopt policy.
E-15-06/09	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Local Wellness Plan Goals for the years 2009 through 2012.
	The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-16-06/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve new graduation requirements. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-24-06/09	Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (Vo-Tech) Resolution for sophomores prerequisite to admission.
5.	Finance
F-51-06/09	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the 2009-2010 school year General Fund 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, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

F-52-06/09

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Ferndale Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2009, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amount is available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2009:

    a. Gambling tax funds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of $303,357.88.

2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. 8584(1), and Act 1, 53 P.S. 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

    a. Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 1418.

    b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 2.

    c. Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 1420.

3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The homestead exclusion amount and farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(a) amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of $303,357.88 by the paragraph 2© aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 1420, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is $213.63.

4. Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of $213.63 by the School District real estate tax rate of 63 mills (.0630), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is $3,391, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is $3,391.

5. Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization-July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $3,391. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of $3,391. For purposes of this Resolution, "Approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

F-53-06/09

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve submission, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, of PlanCon Part K for the Ferndale Area School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2009. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

6. Student Activities

ST-88-06/09 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the resignation of Joseph Arcurio as Head Varsity Football Coach and Weight Room Supervisor, effective June 11, 2009. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

ST-90-06/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve Ronald Wilson as Head Varsity Golf Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

IST-19-06/09 Spring Sports Report - Mark Wissinger.

7. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-38-06/09 Lynn Bennett (3), Speech Teacher; *Developing Effective Listening Skills in Children with Cochlear Implants and Hearing Aids Webinar* on July 8, 2009. Cost: Registration: $68.00. (District)

W-39-06/09 Eileen Zankey (1), Elementary Guidance Counselor; *PSEA Department of Pupil Services Conference* in State College on August 5, 6, 2009. Cost: Registration: $75.00. Lodging: $156.00. Meals: $60.00. Travel: $92.00. Total Cost: $383.00. (District)

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

8. Personnel

P-106-06/09 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the following personnel for the extra pay for extra duty positions for the 2009-2010 school year. (Please note: If personnel was not Board approved for an extra pay for extra duty position, he/she will not get paid for that position.)

-- Advisor (Senior Class) - Marsha Williams
-- Advisor (Senior Class) - Kimberly Shrift
-- All School Play - Jessica Szymusiak
-- Band Drum Instructor - James Ballow

-- Band Fronts Advisor - Anne Schrock
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Arts - Frank McCleester
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/English (Sec) - Jessica Szymusiak
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies (Sec) - Ronald Jones
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Social Studies (Elem) - Lori Byer
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math (Elem) - Stephanie Mino
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Reading (Elem) - Lori Beck
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science (Sec) - Ronald Wilson
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science (Elem) - Janet Russell
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Spec. Ed. - Kathleen Wojnarowski
-- Detention, Two 1 Hr Session/Wk - Robert Boyle
-- Forensics (Jr Hi) - Susan Leftwich
-- K4 Orientation - Kathleen McCreery, Laura Miller
-- Kindergarten Orientation - Susan Layton, Amy Schmidt
-- Math Counts Advisor - Robert Boyle
-- Newspaper Advisor (Sec) - Susan Leftwich
-- Reading Team Advisor (Elem) - Veronica Shorto
-- Reading Team Advisor (Jr Hi) - Daniel Endler
-- Reading Team Advisor (Sr Hi) - Barbara Freeman
-- Scholastic Quiz Team Coach (Sr Hi) - Jessica Szymusiak
-- Stage Manager - Brandon Manack
-- Student Council Advisor - Robert Boyle/Janice Antal (Split)
-- Yearbook Advisor (Sec) - Marsha Williams
-- Yearbook Advisor (Sec Asst) - Kimberly Shrift
-- Yearbook Editor (Elem) - Lori Byer/Rachelle Hrabosky (Split)
-- Lights & Sound Manager (Sec) - Frank McCleester/Brandon Manack (Split)
-- Advisor (Junior Class) -
-- Audio/Video Director (Elem) -
-- Audio/Video Director (Sec) -
-- Band Director (Assistant) -
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/English (Elem) -
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math (Sec) -
-- Detention, One 3 Hr Session/Wk -
-- Detention, Saturday/3 hrs (As Needed) -
-- Forensics (Sr Hi) -
-- Mentor (As Needed)
-- National Honor Society Advisor -

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

The Board took a short recess at 7:25 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Executive Session ended at 10:30 p.m.

ST-89-06/09 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to table the following as the Weight Room Supervisor, at a salary of $7.15 per hour for a maximum of 250 hours from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

- Jason Harvey, 337 Ohio Street, Johnstown, PA 15902
- Ryan Woodruff, 209 Grazier Street, Johnstown, PA 15905

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-108-06/09 Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to employ Kathleen Kirwan as a Special Education Teacher, at an annual salary of $32,000 with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year. (new position) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-107-06/09 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to employ Jeffrey Detwiler as a Business, Computer, and Information Technology Teacher, at an annual salary of $28,700, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year. (Position was vacated by the retirement of Deborah Lynch.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-109-06/09 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to employ Nola Barton as an Elementary Librarian, at an annual salary of $29,440, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year. (Position was vacated by the retirement of Kristen Kasprzyk.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-110-06/09	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Nicole Velmar as an Elementary Health & Physical Education Teacher, at an annual salary of $27,500, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year. (Position was vacated by the retirement of Janet Horvath.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
P-111-06/09	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Colleen Prescott as Elementary Secretary, at a stipend of $8.50 per hour, with full benefits, effective July 13, 2009. (Position was vacated by the transfer of Sally Allison to District Special Education Secretary.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
P-112-06/09	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to amend the agenda and add a motion to create the combined position of Safe Schools Coordinator/Athletic Director/Head Varsity Football Coach, pending consultation with our Solicitor and Business Manager. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-113-06/09	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to amend the agenda and add a motion to post and advertise the combined position of Safe Schools Coordinator/Athletic Director/Head Varsity Football Coach, pending the results of the consultation with our Solicitor and Business Manager. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-114-06/09	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to create the combined position of Safe Schools Coordinator/Athletic Director/ Head Varsity Football Coach, pending consultation with our Solicitor and Business Manager. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-115-06/09 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to post and advertise the combined position of Safe Schools Coordinator/Athletic Director/Head Varsity Football Coach, pending the results of the consultation with our Solicitor and Business Manager. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.