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

I.	The October 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 6:03 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, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: None.
IBD-10-10/09	The Student Board Representatives for this year are Ashley Smith Hannah Genovese.
	Student Board Representatives: Present: Ashley Smith and Hannah Genovese.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Scott Shirley, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Debra Utz, Teachers; Scott Miles, Ebin Chandler-Christie, Wrestling; Lexi Jones, Mallory Meekins, Stephanie Natta, Christina Perrine, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
BD-14-10/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the October 21, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-15-10/09 through IW-01-10/09) .
BD-15-10/09	Approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2009 Board Meeting, as presented.
IBD-11-10/09	The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors has taken action to elect members who will serve on its Board by way of election through the use of the 2009 mail ballot.

BG-07-10/09	Approve the request of the Ferndale Wrestling Team (Responsible Officer Ebin Chandler-Christie) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, restrooms, chairs and tables beginning November 4, 2009 through March 31, 2010 from 5:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, for practice, on Wednesdays for dual meets, and Thursday, December 3, 2009 for a Wrestling Clinic. 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-08-10/09	Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer Kevin Priest) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, chairs and tables for the Ferndale Recreation Elementary Basketball program sign-up on Monday, November 9, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 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.
BG-09-10/09	Approve the request of Ferndale Recreation (Responsible Officer Kevin Priest) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, restrooms, and scoreboard/ clock for the Ferndale Recreation Elementary Basketball program beginning December 1, 2009 through April 5, 2010 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.
F-09-10/09	Approve the September Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-10-10/09	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
IF-05-10/09	Receipts and disbursements.
P-33-10/09	Approve Cheryl Becker, Ethel Carney, Lisa Downey, Timothy Kelly, Kimberly Mangus, Timothy McDevitt, Nicolette Roles, Jay Stoltz, and Richard Uzelac to the substitute teachers list.
P-34-10/09	Grant tenure to Tiffany Guy, Grade 1 Teacher, and Veronica Shorto, Grade 6 Teacher. They have completed three years of satisfactory service, the Induction Program, and have earned the status of permanent employment within the Ferndale Area School District on a regular basis.
IST-02-10/09	The Juniors and Seniors who were interested in Health Careers attended the 2009 HealthQuest program at Mount Aloysius College on October 19, 2009. Transportation: $150.00. (District)

IST-03-10/09	The Environmental Science class visited the 1889 Park in Sidman on October 21, 2009. Transportation and tickets: $178.00 - Paid by PTO. Cost: Substitute: $80.00 - Paid by District.
IW-01-10/09	On October 9, 2009, Daniel Endler (1), Ronald Jones (1), Ronald Lasko (1), Social Studies Teachers; attended the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies in Johnstown. Registration: $380.00. Shared Mileage: $10.00. Substitutes for three: $240.00. Total Cost: $630.00. (District)
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
BD-16-10/09	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to change the November 18, 2009 Board Meeting to November 10, 2009. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve BD-17-10/09 and BD-18-10/09.
BD-17-10/09	Waive the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 609 Investment of District Funds.
BD-18-10/09	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of Revised Policy No. 609 Investment of District Funds, and adopt said policy.
	Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
IBD-12-10/09	Ferndale Area School District Board of Directors Goals for the 2009-2010 school year: -- Address the aging physical plant of the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School -- Make fiscally sound decisions -- Promote a positive educational climate for teaching and learning
IBD-13-10/09	Summary of the PSBA Conference.
IBD-14-10/09	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna

IBD-15-10/09	Mike Kane, Community Foundation of the Alleghenies, and Steve Purich provided an overview of the Great Conemaugh Valley Intervention Project and how it will benefit the Ferndale Area School District.
BD-19-10/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to endorse Ferndale Area School District's involvement with the great Conemaugh Valley Intervention. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-07-10/09	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District for the 2009-2010 school year: -- 7th Grade Family and Consumer Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grade 7) -- 8th Grade Family and Consumer Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grade 8) -- Basic Foods and Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grades 9-12) -- Interior Design, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grades 9-12) -- Advanced Foods and Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grades 10-12) – Independent Living, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grades 10-12) -- Child Development, Family and Consumer Sciences (Grades 11-12) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-09-10/09	Discussion of student scholarships.

IE-10-10/09 High School Highlights - Jennifer Reiter
Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak
District Highlights - Carole Kakabar

5. Finance

IF-06-10/09 Received notification from the Department of Education that the 2010-2011 Act 1 base index for allowable property tax increases is 2.9%. The adjusted index for Ferndale Area School District is 4.5%. Ferndale Area School District current tax millage is 63.0 which allows a maximum tax increase of 2.8 mills for 2010-2011 to comply with the requirements of Act 1 of 2006.

IF-07-10/09 Final State Basic Education Funding Budget Allocation for the District:

- 2009-2010 Total Basic Education Funding $5,244,953
- 2009-2010 Dollar Increase $369,671
- 2009-2010 Percent Increase 7.58%

6. Student Activities

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve ST-38-10/09, ST-39-10/09, ST-40-10/09, and ST-41-10/09.

ST-38-10/09 Approve students on the Advisory Panel attendance at Project ClickSafe at UPJ on October 29, 2009. Cost: Transportation:$83.00. (District)

ST-39-10/09 Approve Juniors and Seniors attendance at the Careers in Demand Showcase at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center on November 12, 2009. Cost: Transportation $83.00. Total Cost: $83.00. (District)

ST-40-10/09 Approve the Spanish III and IV students' trip to Costa Rica, June 21, 2010 through June 28, 2010. Cost: $1,800 per student. No cost to District. (Paid by fundraising.)

ST-41-10/09 Approve Sophia Harrison, Johnstown, as a Volunteer Cheerleading Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

7. Workshops/Conferences

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve the following workshops/conferences.

W-03-10/09 Jennifer Reiter; Daniel Burket (1), Librarian; *Introduction to Video Conference Integration* on November 5, 2009 in Altoona. Cost: Registration for each: $50.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $180.00. (District)

W-04-10/09 Robert Boyle (1), Stephen Clawson (1), Marsha Williams (1), Math Teachers; *Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference* on November 5, 6, 2009 in Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration for each: $110.00. Shared Lodging: $242.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $70.00. Substitutes for three for two days: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,272.00. (District)

W-05-10/09 Lynn Bennett (1), Speech; Kathleen Wojnarowski (2), Special Education; *PaTTAN Assistive Technology Expo* on November 12, 2009 in Altoona. Cost: Meals for each: $10.00. Shared Travel: $55.00. Total Cost: $75.00. (District)

W-06-10/09 B. Wayne Lohr; *Title I Improving School Performance* on January 31, February 1, 2, 3, 2010 in Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration: $335.00. Lodging: $385.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $82.50. Total Cost:$852.50. (Title I)

W-07-10/09 B. Wayne Lohr; *41st Annual PAFPC Conference* on March 21, 22, 23, 24, 2010 in Hershey. Cost: Registration: $300.00. Lodging: $485.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $165.00. Total Cost: $1,000.00 (Title I)

W-08-10/09 Brandon Manack (1), Technology Education; *57th Annual Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania Conference* on November 5, 6, 2009 in Camp Hill. Cost: Registration: $85.00. Meals: $40.00. Travel: $74.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $359.00. (District)

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

8.	Personnel
IP-07-10/09	Recognize Nola Barton as the Gifted Support Teacher for Elementary students.
IP-08-10/09	Recognize Dan Burket as the Gifted Support Teacher for Secondary students.
P-35-10/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Tiffany Guy as the Elementary Bullying Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year at a stipend of $300. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
	The Board took a short recess at 8:00 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:10 p.m.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for personnel.
	Mr. Blue left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
	The Executive Session ended at 9:25 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. All were in favor.