FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
July 1, 2009

I. A Special Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held on July 1, 2009 in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania for the Specific Purpose of General Business. 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; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Marsha Williams, Teachers; Belinda Penrod, Aide; 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-01-07/09 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to waive the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-02-07/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve, as read, Revised Policy No. 123 Interscholastic Athletics, and adopt said policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-03-07/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to waive the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 214 Class Rank. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-04-07/09 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve, as read, Revised Policy No. 214 Class Rank, and adopt said policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-01-07/09 Received a thank you from Joyce Leberknight thanking the Administration and School Board for the engraved bell.

IBD-02-07/09 Mr. Banks read a letter from a seventh grade student acknowledging Loraine Dodson as a Guidance Counselor Aide.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-01-07/09 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the Ferndale Area School District Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks for the 2009-2010 school year. 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.

E-02-07/09 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following new courses for the High School.

PSSA Preparation Language Arts (Grade 11)	1st semester	.5 credit
PSSA Preparation Math (Grade 11)	1st semester	.5 credit
Public Speaking & Research (Grade 9) Required	semester	.5 credit

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. Finance

F-01-07/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve a contract with In-Shore Technologies, Inc. for IT Management Services for the 2009-2010 school year. 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-02-07/09 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to appoint Allison Stancombe as the Middle Taylor Tax Assessor in order to make the necessary changes to Middle Taylor's Tax Rolls, pending review by our Solicitor. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

6. Personnel

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-01-07/09 and P-02-07/09.

P-01-07/09 Rescind Item P-109-06/09 "Employ Nola Barton as an Elementary Librarian, at an annual salary of $29,440, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year."

P-02-07/09 Employ Nola Barton as an Elementary Librarian, at an annual salary of $28,700, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year.

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-03-07/09 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following personnel for the extra pay for extra duty positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

-- Audio/Video Director (Elem) - Nola Barton
-- Curriculum Support Chairperson/Math (Sec) - Robert Boyle

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-04-07/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the following for the 2009-2010 school year:

-- Health & Wellness Coordinator, Judith Virgin
-- English Language Learner (ELL) Coordinator, Lynn Bennett
-- Student Assistance Program Coordinator, Robert Boyle

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 went into an Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Executive Session ended at 7:13 P.M.

P-05-07/09	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to employ Rhonda Augustine as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Grade 2, at an annual salary of $34,000, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year. (Position was vacated by the retirement of Patricia Balagusz.) 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.
IP-01-07/09	Kathleen Rigby, Grade 4 Teacher, transferred to the Kindergarten Teacher position. (Position was vacated by the retirement of Joyce Leberknight.)
P-06-07/09	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to employ Sarah Riffle as an Elementary Teacher, assigned to Grade 4, at an annual salary of $27,500, with full benefits, effective with the 2009-2010 school year. (Position was vacated by the transfer of Kathleen Rigby.) 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-07-07/09	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the resignation of Ronald Wilson, Biology Teacher and Secondary Curriculum Support Chairperson/Science, effective July 1, 2009. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-08-07/09	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to post and advertise a Biology with Earth & Space Science/Environmental Science Teacher 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-09-07/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to modify the agenda and add a motion to create a full-time Reading Specialist position, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, and post and/or advertise the position. (This position is paid by Title I funds.) 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-10-07/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to create a full-time Reading Specialist position, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, and post and/or advertise the position. (This position is paid by Title I.) 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 went into an Executive Session at 7:22 P.M. for Student Activities. The Executive Session ended at 10:18 P.M.

7. Student Activities

ST-01-07/09 Approve _____ as the Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2009-2010 school year. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. No action taken.

ST-02-07/09 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the following as the Weight Room Supervisor, at a salary of $7.15 per hour for a maximum of 60 hours from July 1, 2009 through August 1, 2009:

- Jason Harvey
- Ryan Woodruff

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.

ST-03-07/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the Ferndale Area School District Athletic Handbook, as corrected. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

ST-04-07/09 Approve the Ferndale Area School District Athletic Coaching Agreement. No action taken.

ST-05-07/09 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve Belinda Penrod as the Varsity Cheerleading Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year, pending receipt of CPR/AED certificate. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Ford - due to fiancé. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

ST-06-07/09	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Shannon Penrod as the Junior High Cheerleading Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year, pending receipt of CPR/AED certificate. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Meekins, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Ford - due to fiancé's daughter. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
ST-07-07/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Jesse Rager as a Volunteer Varsity Golf Coach, for the 2009-2010 school year. 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-11-07/09	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to amend the agenda and add a motion to create an Act 93 position to serve as Safe Schools Coordinator, Truancy Director including in-school suspension, bus duties, lunch duties, and any other lawful duties, as well as Athletic Director. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-12-07/09	Mr. Meekins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to create an Act 93 position to serve as Safe Schools Coordinator, Truancy Director including in-school suspension, bus duties, lunch duties, and any other lawful duties, as well as Athletic Director. 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.
ST-08-07/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to amend the agenda and add a motion to advertise the position of Head Varsity Football Coach. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-09-07/09	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to advertise the position of Head Varsity Football Coach. 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.	Workshops/Conferences
	None.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.