FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
November 10, 2009

I. The November 10, 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 Mrs. Penna 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: Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Ridley Banks. Gary Eisenhuth - late.

Student Board Representatives: Present: Hannah Genovese. Absent: Ashley Smith.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Scott Shirley, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Belinda Penrod, Aide; Mike Burgess, Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team; Brittany Baumbaugh, Melanie Bremer, Chelsea Chobany, Brittany Eisenhuth, Sierra Haskins, Shardawn Lantzy, Kasey Lichtenfels, Jenny Livingston, Carly Priest, Holly Russell, Students; Melissa Garman, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

IBD-16-11/09 Mike Burgess, Ferndale Club Hockey Team, addressed the Board regarding funding for hockey.

Mr. Eisenhuth arrived at 6:11 p.m.

BD-20-11/09 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the November 10, 2009 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-21-11/09 and IW-02-11/09).

BD-21-11/09 Approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2009 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-10-11/09 Approve the request of Ferndale Girls' Basketball Travel Team (Responsible Officer Kevin Priest) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, locker rooms, and restrooms for practice on November 5, 12, 19, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 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.

BG-11-11/09 Approve the request of the March of Dimes to use the following areas of the Ferndale Area Elementary School for a March for Babies event on Sunday, May 2, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

-- Cafeteria
-- Library
-- Kitchen
-- Restrooms
-- Tables and chairs

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-11-11/09 Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-12-11/09 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

IF-08-11/09 Receipts and disbursements.

IP-09-11/09 The following have been assigned as student teachers at the Ferndale Area High School beginning in January:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject	College
Christina Mowen	Marsha Williams	Mathematics	UPJ
Casey Regina	Stephen Clawson	Mathematics	UPJ

IW-02-11/09	Rachelle Hrabosky, Grade 4, attended the *Elementary Student Assistance Program* at St. Vincent College on October 27, 28, 2009. Mrs. Hrabosky will also attend the program on December 9, 10, 2009. Cost: Registration: $350.00. Travel: $250.00. Substitute for four days: $320.00. Total Cost: $920.00. (Safe & Drug-Free) Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks. The motion carried.
IBD-17-11/09	Update from 501c3 Committee.
IBD-18-11/09	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna
IBD-19-11/09	Student Board Representatives Report.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
IE-12-11/09	Discussion of 21st Century Teaching and Learning Grant
IE-13-11/09	High School Highlights - Jennifer Reiter Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak District Highlights - Carole Kakabar
5.	Finance
IF-09-11/09	Received a letter from John Kaschak, Bureau of Audits, for Single Audit Report of Ferndale Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2008. A preliminary review of the audit report disclosed that it contained no findings related to federal awards passed through commonwealth funding agencies.

IF-10-11/09 Section 341(b) of SS Act 1 requires school boards to notify, by first class mail, the owner of each parcel of residential property within the district by December 31, 2009, of the existence of the homestead and farmstead exclusion program, the need to file an application in order to qualify for the program, and the application deadline of March 1, 2010. This function will be performed by Infocon Corporation.

IF-11-11/09 Discussion on Bussing Costs.

6. Student Activities

ST-42-11/09 Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the Grade 7 & 8 students field trip to Pasquerilla Center for a Chess presentation on November 19, 2009. No cost to District. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IST-04-11/09 Fall Sports Report - Tony Penna

- Targeted Fundraising by the Varsity Club (i.e. Advertising, Golf Tournament)
- Concession Area in the Gym
- Dave Roman Senior Camp Proposal

7. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-09-11/09 Melissa Henderson (1), French Teacher; *Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching* on April 23, 2010 at Chestnut Ridge Conference Center. Registration: $60.00. Travel: $21.00. Substitute: $40.00. Total Cost: $121.00. (Title IIA & District)

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

8. Personnel

P-36-11/09 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve Jennifer Wolfe, Johnstown, as an Elementary Instructional Aide at a stipend of $10.67 per hour, with limited benefits, effective December 1, 2009. (Position vacated by the retirement of Vickie Schmidt) Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks. The motion carried.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:28 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. All were in favor.