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FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Board Room
April 16, 2008

I. The April 16, 2008 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 6:00 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, Richard Lucas, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: None.

Student Board Representatives: Absent: Bradley Brosig and Alyse Callihan.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Lori Byer, Janet Horvath, Susan Layton, Joyce Leberknight, Stephanie Mino', Irene Olson, Marjorie Pile, Lori Robertson; Amy Schmidt, Lauren Shank, Kimberly Shrift, Christy Sweeney, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Lawrence Illig, Custodian; Tony Alt, Lauren Burgan, Cecilia Cairns, Sam Cordetsky, Chris Gaydos, Jessica Gennett, Katie Jeffreys, Matt Livingston, Brandon Miller, John Miller, Chris Mattis, Anthony Niel, Danielle Rodgers, Alyssa Schrock, Jess Tighe, Leah Tomechak, Heather Waligora, Heather Weeks, Christina Williams, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

IBD-68-04/08 Student Board Representatives' Report.

1. Board

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the April 16, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

BD-82-04/08	Approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2008 Board Meeting, as presented.
IBD-72-04/08	PSBA held a Spring Legislative Meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center at 7:00 p.m.
IBD-73-04/08	Received letter from PDE confirming Ferndale Area School District's Strategic Report is in compliance with the regulations and has been properly filed. The Induction Report and Professional Education Report has been approved.
IBD-74-04/08	Teacher Appreciation Day was held on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library for the Elementary School Staff and Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 2:45 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria for the High School Staff. All Board Members were invited to attend.
BG-20-04/08	Approve the request of the PTO to use the Ferndale Area Senior High Gymnasium on April 25, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a school dance for grades 7-12. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form, receipt of clearances, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-21-04/08	Approve permission to advertise and solicit sealed bids for the sale of surplus property on Vickroy Avenue.
E-14-04/08	Approve the 2008-09 K-12 School Calendar.
E-15-04/08	Approve the 2008-09 K4 School Calendar.
E-16-04/08	Approve the implementation of the HALT! Bullying Prevention Program for the 2008-09 school year in grades 7-8.
F-31-04/08	Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-32-04/08	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-33-04/08 Approve the following 2008-2009 Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Major Medical rates. (Premiums reflect a 0% increase)

	TRADITIONAL		PPO BLUE	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Employee Only	371.92	371.92	364.33	364.33
Employee and Child	804.61	804.61	816.92	816.92
Employee and Children	862.99	862.99	816.92	816.92
Employee and Spouse	980.29	980.29	958.28	958.28
Employee and Family	1,038.67	1,038.67	1,014.61	1,014.61
Family Major Medical	287.77	287.77		
Individual Major Medical	106.96	106.96		

F-34-04/08 Approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

F-35-04/08 Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the fiscal year 2006-07.

IF-27-04/08 Received letter from Pennsylvania Department of Education informing Ferndale Area School District that the 2007-08 Consolidated Grant Application Title I Allocation is being reduced by $1,475.00.

IF-28-04/08 A Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate is scheduled for June 13, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.:

Owners	Address	Judgement Amount
John H. Wise and Pamela Macy	4 Home Street Johnstown, PA 15906	$8,990.96

IF-29-04/08 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

P-53-04/08 Approve Ian Casher, Wendy Kline, Katie Macy, Nancy Moses, Ryan Woodruff, and Kristen Zanin to the substitute teachers' list.

P-54-04/08 Approve the resignation of Edward Moran, Elementary Principal, effective June 11, 2008.

P-55-04/08 Permission to post and advertise the Elementary Principal position.

P-56-04/08	Approve Disc Substitute Personnel Solution, Kingston, PA, as a sub-registry at an approximate annual cost of $1,150 and a one-time startup fee of $500.
IP-03-04/08	Received letters of appreciation from UPJ thanking Christine Oldham, Jennifer Gamble, and Edward Moran for participating in the "Student Teacher Seminar."
ST-77-04/08	Post and/or advertise the following coaching positions for the 2008-09 school year: -- Head Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach -- Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach -- Head Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach -- Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach -- Head Boys' Junior High Basketball Coach -- Assistant Boys' Junior High Basketball Coach
ST-78-04/08	Approve the Fourth Grade students' field trip to Lincoln Caverns on May 20, 2008. Cost: Transportation and Admission: $1,279.50. (Elementary Field Trip)
ST-79-04/08	Approve the Fifth Grade students' field trip to Altoona Horseshoe Curve/Museum on May 30, 2008. Cost: Transportation and Admission: $904.00. (Elementary Field Trip)
ST-80-04/08	Approve the Sixth Grade students' field trip to IUP Planetarium on April 18, 2008. Cost: Transportation and Admission: $425.00. (Elementary Field Trip)
ST-80-04/08	Approve Emily Johnston as a Volunteer for National Honor Society.
IST-08-04/08	Due to lack of participation, Junior Varsity baseball has been cancelled. Adam Hale, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, will assist the Varsity Baseball Team.

Approve the following conferences/workshops:

W-51-04/08 Frank McCleester (1), Music Teacher; *PMEA All-State Festival* in Hershey on April 16, 17, 18, 2008. Registration: $115.00. Lodging: $425.00. Meals: $60.00. Travel: $250.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $1,010. (District)

W-52-04/08 Maxine Cullen (1), Art Teacher; *Using the Arts to Support Literacy and the PSSA* in Duncansville on April 18, 2008. Registration: $25.00. Travel: $38.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $143.00. (District)

W-53-04/08 Lynn Bennett (1), Speech Teacher; *Practical Therapy Techniques for Apraxia and Dysarthria Workshop* in Coraopolis on May 12, 2008. Registration: $195.00. Travel: $83.00. Total Cost: $278.00. (Title IIA)

W-54-04/08 Karen Soohy (10), Business Education Teacher; Janice Antal (1), Chemistry Teacher; Stephen Clawson (3), Marsha Williams (2), Mathematics Teachers; Daniel Endler (3), Ronald Jones (2), Social Studies Teachers; Kimberly Shrift (1), Jessica Szymusiak (2), English Teachers; Ronald Wilson (5), Biology Teacher; *Classroom for the Future Symposium for Coaches and Teachers* in Altoona on April 23, 2008. Cost: Travel: $185.00. Substitutes for six: $640.00. Total Cost: $825.00. (CFF & Project 720)

W-55-04/08 Judith Virgin (3), School Nurse; *Pennsylvania Department of Health Spring 2008 Health Update* in Pittsburgh on May 1, 2008. Cost: Registration: $20.00. Lodging: $90.00. Travel: $66.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $256.00. (District)

W-56-04/08 Judith Virgin (4), School Nurse; *Child Abuse Prevention Workshop* at UPJ on May 6, 2008. Cost: Registration: $40.00. Travel: $3.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $123.00. (District)

W-57-04/08 Brandon Manack (2), Technology Education Teacher; *Synergies Annual Boot Camp* at California State University on June 23-27, 2008. Registration: $495.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $60.00. Total Cost: $605.00. (Project 720)

W-58-04/08 B. Wayne Lohr (9), Federal Program Coordinator; *Program and Fiscal Compliance* in Pittsburgh on August 14, 15, 2008. Cost: Registration: $295.00. Lodging: $220.00. Meals: $75.00. Travel: $80.00. Total Cost: $670.00. (Title I)

	Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve BD-83-04/08 and BD-84-03/08. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-83-04/08	Approve, as revised, the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 517 Conduct/ Disciplinary Procedures.
BD-84-04/08	Approve, as revised, the First Reading of Policy No. 517(a) Conduct/ Dismissal Procedures.
IBD-69-04/08	Budget Workshop date.
IBD-70-04/08	High School Cameras.
IBD-71-04/08	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-17-04/08	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adopt the LifeSkills Program as the District's Substance Abuse Prevention Program at a maximum cost of $2,100. (Safe & Drug Free Schools) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
5.	Finance
IF-30-04/08	2006-07 Local Audit Review - John Kowal.
6.	Personnel
P-56-04/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve permission to post an English/Gifted Support position. (This position will replace the current English/Composition position.) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for personnel and a student matter.

Mr. Eisenhuth left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Lucas left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 8:58 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.