FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Board Room
February 20, 2008

I.	The February 20, 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 6:03 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, James Ford, Edward Jones, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth. Richard Lucas and Barbara Penna - late.
	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; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Karen Soohy, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Kathleen Popchak, Food Service Director; Michael Stohon, In-Shore Technologies; Amanda Fitz, Jesse Gary, Heather Koehler, Dennis McClafferty, Students; James Popchak, Resident; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
IBD-50-02/08	Board Pictures were taken at the February 20, 2008 Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
IBD-51-02/08	Student Board Representatives' Report.
	Mr. Lucas arrived at 6:07 p.m.
	Mrs. Penna arrived at 6:08 p.m.
IBD-52-02/08	Safe and Drug Free Schools - Judith Virgin.
IBD-53-02/08	The 10,000 Step Challenge: Staff Wellness - Stephanie Mino.
IBD-54-02/08	Technology Update - Michael Stohon and Karen Soohy.

IBD-55-02/08	PDE - Coordinated Review Effort/School Meals Initiative Review Audit - Kathy Popchak
1.	Board Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the February 20, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.
BD-68-02/08	Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2008 Board Meeting and the February 7, 2008 Special Board Meeting, as presented.
BD-69-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 323 Tobacco Use or Possession, and adopt said policy.
BD-70-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 423 Tobacco Use or Possession, and adopt said policy.
BD-71-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 523 Tobacco Use or Possession, and adopt said policy.
BD-72-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 328 Administrator/ Supervisor Compensation Package, and adopt said policy.
BD-73-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 333 Professional Development, and adopt said policy.
BD-74-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 334 Sick Leave, and adopt said policy.
BD-75-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 337 Vacation, and adopt said policy.
BD-76-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 338 Sabbatical Leave, and adopt said policy.
BD-77-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 338.1 Compensated Professional Leaves, and adopt said policy.
BD-78-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 339 Uncompensated Leave, and said policy.

BD-79-02/08	Approve as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 536 Personal Necessity Leave, and said policy.
BG-14-02/08	Approve the request of the Cambria County Board of Elections Office to use the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough No. 2 General Primary Election on April 22, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
BG-15-02/08	Approve the request of the National Honor Society to use the Ferndale Area High School Cafeteria, Kitchen, and Restrooms for a Spaghetti Dinner on March 9, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
BG-16-02/08	Approve the request of Junior Olympic Volleyball to use the Ferndale Area High School Gymnasium and Restrooms for a Volleyball Clinic for Grades 4, 5, & 6 on March 1, 2008 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. 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-17-02/08	Approve the request of Ferndale Girls' Volleyball to use the Ferndale Area High School and Middle School Gymnasiums, Locker Rooms and Restrooms for a Volleyball Tournament on April 26, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
F-25-02/08	Approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-26-02/08	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
P-43-02/08	Approve Jessica Buday, Brad King, Thomas Menna, Randy Rokita, William Stuart, Becky Bickford, and Carol McKool to the substitute teachers' list.
P-44-02/08	Approve the following mentors: – Daniel Burket for Lauren Birch, Science Teacher -- Kathleen Wojnarowski for Susan Leftwich, English Teacher -- Ronald Wilson for Janice Antal, Chemistry Teacher
P-45-02/08	Approve Ronald Wilson as Curriculum Science Chairperson (Grades 7-12) beginning the second semester of the 2007-08 school year.
P-46-02/08	Approve the resignation of Melissa Rzasa, Elementary Teacher, effective April 11, 2008.

ST-67-02/08	Approve the resignation of Joseph Arcurio as the Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective February 14, 2008.
ST-68-02/08	Approve Ronald Wilson as the Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2007-08 season, at a salary of $1,372, based on a 10-week season.
ST-69-02/08	Approve the Foods II & Foods III students' field trip to IUP Culinary School on February 22, 2008. Cost: Transportation: $290.00. (District)
ST-70-02/08	Approve the Senior Class' field trip to Bottleworks/Senior Life Center in Johnstown on February 22, 2008. Cost: Transportation: $160.00. (District)
W-46-02/08	Steven Brown, *Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines Workshop* on March 12, 2008 in Johnstown. Cost: Registration: $199.00. Travel: $10.00. Total Cost: $209.00. (District)
W-47-02/08	Belinda Penrod, Elementary Aide (1), *The Heights of Delight: Fostering a Lover of Reading Conference* on April 4, 2008 at St. Francis College. Registration: $70.00. Travel: $16.00. Total Cost: $86.00. (District)
W-48-02/08	Jessica Dobson (4); Kathleen Wojnarowski (1); *Helping the Child or Adolescent with Mental Health Issues Succeed at School* on March 14, 2008 in Monroeville. Cost: Registration for each: $149.00. Meals for each: $25.00. Substitute for one: $80.00. Shared Travel: $60.00. Total Cost: $488.00. (District)
W-49-02/08	John Kowal, *PASBO Commonwealth Budget Seminar* on February 21, 2008 in Pittsburgh. Cost: Registration: $75.00. Meal: $20.00. Travel: $100.00. Total Cost: $195.00. (District)
IBD-56-02/08	District Highlights - Christine Oldham.
IBD-57-02/08	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Talking Points Regarding GJCTC Future Costs - Barbara Penna.
IBD-58-02/08	A letter along with a check for reimbursement for cleaning and the replacement of two folding tables was sent to Ferndale United Methodist Church following the January evacuation.
IBD-59-02/08	High School monitors were discussed.

IBD-60-02/08 Ferndale Bridge Rehabilitation was discussed.

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-07-02/08 Pedestrian crossing signs for Clay Street have been received by Ferndale Borough.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-13-02/08 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District for the 2008-09 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

-- Technology Education, Introduction to Technology (Grade 7)
-- Technology Education, Exploring Technology (Grade 8)
-- Technology Education, Expanding Technology (Grades 9-12)
-- Technology Education, Advanced Technology (Grades 10-12)
-- Technology Education, Manufacturing Enterprise (Grades 11-12)
-- Technology Education, 3D Solids and Parametric Modeling (Grades 11-12)
-- Technology Education, Architectural Drafting and Design (Grades 11-12)
-- Technology Education, Engineering Design and Development (Grade 12)

IE-19-02/08 Congratulations to the Junior/Senior High students for receiving a bronze medal designation by U.S. News and World Report for the 2005-06 school year.

IE-20-02/08 The following seniors and juniors have accepted the invitation to join the Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society:

Jessica Tighe
Katrina Vivis
Catherine Bennett
Bradley Brosig
Rachel Dorchak
Kayla Kohler
Kaitlyn McMullen
Alexandra Ratliff
Leah Weingartner
Taylor Wyar
Cayla Zahoran

Inductions will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the Ferndale Area High School Auditorium.

IE-21-02/08 Discipline Committee - Edward Moran.

IE-22-02/08 The Dual Enrollment Grant was submitted on February 14, 2008.

5. Finance

F-27-02/08 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the purchase and adoption of the following textbooks for the 2008-09 school year, at a cost of $3400.50. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

-- *Technology: Shaping Our World, 6th Ed.* Goodheart-Willcox Company, 2008, Grades 7-8, at a cost of $1,650.00 (Project 720)

-- *Expanding Technology: Engineering and Design*, Glencoe/McGraw Hill, 2008, Grades 9-12; at a cost of $1,086.75 (Project 720)

-- *Advanced Technology*: *Technology,* Goodheart-Willcox Company, 2008, Grades 9-12; at a cost of 663.75 (Project 720)

IF-24-02/08 Received a letter from Connie Derr, PDE, approving Ferndale Area School District's Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2006 as being substantially in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

IF-25-02/08 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

6. Personnel

P-47-02/08 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to provide the Superintendent with the required notice of intent to renew and extend her contract for an additional five (5) years from July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2013, and terms of renewal. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

IP-04-02/08 Received a letter from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 thanking B. Wayne Lohr for presenting at the Improving School Performance Conference.

7.	Student Activities
IST-07-02/08	Greater Johnstown School District did not approve the Ferndale Area School District's request for a cooperative sponsorship of Boys'/Girls' Soccer and Tennis.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	None.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for personnel, a student matter, and a contractual matter. The Executive Session ended at 9:55 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.