FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Board Room
March 12, 2008

I.	The March 12, 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 Mrs. Penna 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: Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Ridley Banks and Gary Eisenhuth. Richard Lucas - late.
	Student Board Representatives: Bradley Brosig. Absent: Alyse Callihan.
	Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney David Novak; Susan Layton, Teacher; Dennis Glessner, Ferndale Club Hockey Team, Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
IBD-61-03/08	Student Board Representatives' Report.
	Mr. Lucas arrived at 6:04 p.m.
IBD-62-03/08	Dennis Glessner - Ferndale Club Hockey Team, addressed the Board regarding a cooperative hockey agreement between Conemaugh Township School District, Berlin-Brothersvalley School District, and Ferndale Area School District.
1.	Board
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the March 12, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks and Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

BD-80-03/08	Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2008 Board Meeting, as presented.
BD-81-03/08	Approve, as read, the Revised Policy No. 227 Attachment, Reasonable Suspicion - Drug and/or Alcohol Testing of Individual Students and Consent Forms of Parent/Guardian to Administration of Testing.
BG-18-02/08	Approve the request of Ferndale Baseball League to use the Baseball/Softball Field and Concession Stand for Youth Baseball games and practices from April 1, 2008 through mid-July 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to dark on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to dark on weekends. 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-19-02/08	Approve the request of Senior High Volleyball to use the Senior High School and Junior High Gymnasiums for a Dodgeball Tournament on April 11, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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.
F-28-03/08	Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.
F-29-03/08	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
F-30-03/08	Approve the 2008-2009 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget.
IF-26-03/08	Review of receipts and disbursements.
P-48-03/08	Approve Karen Arcurio, Jack Bassett, Marilyn Clemons, Anna Gibbs, Marcee Gindlesperger, Becky Lough, Matthew Szymusiak, and Bonnie Warren the substitute teachers' list.
P-49-03/08	Grant tenure to Daniel Endler, Social Studies Teacher. Mr. Endler has completed three years of satisfactory service, the Induction Program, and has earned the status of permanent employment within the Ferndale Area School District on a regular basis.
ST-71-03/08	Approve Mark Wissinger as Athletic Director at an annual salary of $9,000, effective immediately. (Salary will be prorated through June 30, 2008.)

	Approve the following coaches for the 2007-08 school year:
ST-72-03/08	Adam Hale as a Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $500.00, based on a six-week season (pending clearances).
ST-73-03/08	Richard Rutledge as a Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $500.00, based on a six-week season (pending clearances).
ST-74-03/08	Approve the Third Grade field trip to Somerset Historical Society on May 23, 2008. Cost: Transportation and Admission: $728.00. (District)
ST-75-03/08	Approve the Envirothon Teams field trip to Duman Lake County Park on May 1, 2008. Cost: Transportation: $265.00. (District)
	Approve the following conferences/workshops:
W-50-03/08	Jennifer Gamble; *Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Workshop* in Pittsburgh on March 17, 2008. Cost: Travel: $100.00. (District)
IBD-63-03/08	Elementary Highlights - Edward Moran High School Highlights - Steven Brown
IBD-64-03/08	Ferndale in Wales Project.
IBD-65-03/08	The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Teacher Induction Banquet is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Imperial Room, Ebensburg. A Board Member is invited to attend.
IBD-66-03/08	A Board Retreat will be rescheduled at a later date.
IBD-67-03/08	Andrews & Beard Law Offices will hold an Education Law Seminar at the Blair County Convention Center on March 26, 2008, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Board Members and Administrators are invited to attend. RSVP by March 20, 2008.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.

4. Education

IE-23-03/08 State Graduation Requirements - Letter read by Edward Jones, Board Secretary.

IE-24-03/08 Jessica Szymusiak has been nominated as a Keystone Technology Integrator. This is a requirement of CFF.

IE-25-03/08 Revised K4-12 2007-2008 School Calendar:

Cancellations (Snow Days)	Make-Up Days
Thursday, December 13, 2007	Monday, February 18, 2008
Wednesday, January 2, 2008	Friday, May 23, 2008
Friday, February 1, 2008	Thursday, March 20, 2008
Tuesday, February 12, 2008	Monday, March 24, 2008
Friday, February 22, 2008	Monday, June 9, 2008

The In-Service Day originally scheduled on Thursday, June 5, 2008 will be moved to Friday, June 6, 2008.

5. Finance

None.

6. Student Activities

ST-76-03/08 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve permission to issue a letter of support to the PIHL for a cooperative agreement between Ferndale Area School District, Conemaugh Township School District, and Berlin-Brothersvalley School District for grades 6-12 hockey. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. for personnel and a student matter. The Executive Session ended at 8:05 p.m.

8. Personnel

P-50-03/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the resignation of Christine Oldham, Superintendent, effective upon a mutually agreed date. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks and Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

P-51-03/08 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lucas, to amend the agenda to post and advertise the position of Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-52-03/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve posting and advertising the position of Superintendent. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks and Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.