FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 16, 2008

I. The January 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 6:09 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, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth and Richard Lucas.

Student Board Representatives Present: Bradley Brosig and Alyse Callihan.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Stephen Clawson and Susan Layton, Teachers; Dennis Glessner, Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team; Lauren Birch, Patricia Gable, Amanda Myers, and Lisa Rutter, Other; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 7:05 p.m.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

IBD-43-01/08 January was School Director Recognition Month.

IBD-44-01/08 Online grading - Michael Stohon.

IBD-45-01/08 Stephen Clawson addressed the Board regarding Junior Varsity Baseball Coaching Positions.

ST-55-01/08 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the following:

1) Create two Junior Varsity Baseball Coaching positions. Salary shall be $500, based on a six-week season,

2) Add the positions to the Coaches' Agreement, and

3) Post the positions.

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

1. Student Activities

ST-56-01/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the request of the Varsity Baseball Team to have a pre-season scrimmage double header in Hagerstown, Maryland on Saturday, March 22, 2008. Cost: Transportation: Bus - $350.00. Coach - $525.00. (District) (Boosters will pay for upgrade for Coach.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

ST-57-01/08 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the K4 students field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on April 18, 2008. Cost: Transportation: $1,250.00. Admission: $216.00. Total Cost: $1,466.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve ST-58-01/08 and ST-59-01/08. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Ford. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

ST-58-01/08 Approve Melody Walters as an Assistant Softball Coach for the 2007-08 season, at a salary of $1,132.50, based on a 10-week season.

ST-59-01/08 Approve James Ford as a Volunteer Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, pending clearances.

IST-07-01/08	Cooperative Tennis was discussed.
ST-60-01/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve a Cooperative Tennis Agreement (Boys and Girls, Grades 9-12) with Greater Johnstown School District. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.
2.	Board
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the January 16, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.
BD-54-01/08	Approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2007 Board Meeting and the December 11, 2007 Special Board Meeting, as presented.
BD-55-01/08	Approve the resignation of Michelle Hershberger as Recording Board Secretary, effective December 6, 2007.
BD-56-01/08	Approve posting and/or advertising the position of Recording Board Secretary.
BD-57-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 323 Tobacco Use or Possession.
BD-58-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 423 Tobacco Use or Possession.
BD-59-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 523 Tobacco Use or Possession.
BD-60-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 328 Administrator/ Supervisor Compensation Package.
BD-61-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 333 Professional Development.
BD-62-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 334 Sick Leave.
BD-63-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 337 Vacation.

BD-64-01/08 Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 338 Sabbatical Leave.

BD-65-01/08 Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 338.1 Compensated Professional Leaves.

BD-66-01/08 Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 339 Uncompensated Leave.

BD-67-01/08 Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 536 Personal Necessity Leave.

IBD-42-01/08 2007-08 School Bus Driver Roster - John Kowal.

Gregory Beale	Kristy McCullough
Walter Carney	Craig Mlaker
Brian Dugan	Ellen Schatz
Donald Eash	James Schatz
Ervin Hoover	Douglas Seeley
Daniel Horvath	Robert Sigg
Kathy Lantzy	Fred Tittle
Robert Lichtenfels	Raymond Yoder

BG-11-01/08 Approve the request of the Ferndale Club Hockey Team to use the High School Cafeteria, Kitchen, and Restrooms for a Pancake Sausage Breakfast on February 23, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 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.

E-12-01/08 Approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District for the 2008-09 school year:

-- Family and Consumer Sciences (Grade 8)
-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Interior Design (Grades 9-12)
-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Basic and Regional Foods and Nutrition (Grades 9-12)
-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Advanced and Foreign Foods and Nutrition (Grades 10-12)
-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Independent Living (Grade 11)
-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Development (Grades 11-12)

IE-16-01/08 The following have been assigned as student teachers in the Ferndale Area School District for the 2007-08 school year:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject	College	Term
Lisa Rivard	Kimberly Shrift	English	St. Francis	Spring
Melissa Roesch	Kathy Wojnarowski	Special Education	St. Francis	Spring

F-21-01/08 Approve the November and December Treasurer's Reports, as presented.

F-22-01/08 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-23-01/08 Approve obtaining, from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, taxpayer information to use in enforcing the local tax on earned income. Total cost of $200 to be borne by Central Tax Bureau.

IF-20-01/08 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

P-39-01/08 Approve the following names to the substitute teachers' list: Robert Barrett, Miriam Daisley, Shelley Helsel, Joshua Hetrick, Theodora Pappas, Sarah Priest, and Maria Strandquest.

IP-02-01/08 Laryssa Bremer, Secondary Guidance Counselor, will be on a leave of absence beginning approximately February 14, 2008 for approximately seven weeks.

ST-32-01/08 Approve the resignation of Henry Eisenhuth as Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.

ST-33-01/08 Approve the resignation of Gerald Murphy as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach

ST-34-01/08 Approve Thomas Kegg as the Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $517.00 for the remaining 2007-08 school year (4 weeks)

ST-35-01/08 Approve Arthur McClucas as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, at a salary of $465.00 for the remaining 2007-08 school year (4 weeks)

	Approve the following coaching positions for the 2008-09 school year:
ST-36-01/08	Approve Joseph Arcurio as Head Varsity Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-37-01/08	Approve Theodore Helsel, Jr. as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-38-01/08	Approve Matthew Belskey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-39-01/08	Approve Ryan Woodruff as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-40-01/08	Approve Jason Harvey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. (Salary to be split with Earl Berkebile)
ST-41-01/08	Approve Earl Berkebile as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. (Salary to be split with Jason Harvey)
ST-42-01/08	Approve George Ambroe as the Head Junior High Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-43-01/08	Approve Arthur McClucas as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-44-01/08	Approve Eric Blue as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-45-01/08	Approve Thomas Kegg as the Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-46-01/08	Approve Erin Kimmel as an Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-47-01/08	Approve Kimberly Reighard as the Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-48-01/08	Approve Kelli Mostoller as an Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.
ST-49-01/08	Approve Ronald Wilson as the Head Golf Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.

ST-50-01/08	Approve Alan Homan as a Volunteer Football Coach, pending clearances.
ST-51-01/08	Approve Douglas Lohr as an Assistant Hockey Coach for the 2007-2008 season.
ST-52-01/08	Approve a Cooperative Soccer Agreement with Greater Johnstown School District.
ST-53-01/08	Approve the Student Council's field trip to the Lutheran Home on February 12, 2008. Cost: $80.00 for transportation.
ST-54-01/08	Approve the Spanish II, III, and IV students' field trip to Somerset High School on April 18, 2008 to hear a guest speaker from Argentina. Cost: Transportation: $168.00. (District)
	Approve the following workshops/conferences:
W-40-01/08	James Ford; *New Board Member Orientation: I'm a New School Board Member, Now What?* in Altoona on January 29, 2008; *Budget Basics for School Boards* in Altoona on February 27, 2008; *The Board's Role in Promoting Student Growth and Achievement* in Altoona on March 26, 2008; *It's the Law* in Altoona on April 29, 2008. Total Cost: Registration: $325.00. (District)
W-41-01/08	B. Wayne Lohr (8), Federal Program Coordinator; *PAFPC Conference Presentation Preparation* in Altoona on January 17, 2008. Total Cost: Transportation: $62.00. (Title I)
W-42-01/08	Steven Brown; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Excellence Conference* in Hershey on February 10, 2008. Cost: Registration: $135.00. Travel: $145.00. Total Cost: $280.00. (District)
W-43-01/08	Karen Soohy (9), Business Education Teacher; *Pennsylvania Educational Technology Excellence Conference* in Hershey on February 9, 10, 11, 12, 2008. Cost: Registration: $150.00. Lodging: $300.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $100.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $760.00. (CFF-Title IID)
IBD-46-01/08	Board Retreat Discussion.
IBD-47-01/08	Report on GJCTC property transfer resolution - Attorney Walsh.
IBD-48-01/08	Student Board Representative Report.

IBD-49-01/08	Distribute Statement of Financial Interest forms to Board Members and Administrators.
3.	Buildings and Grounds
	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve BG-12-01/08 and BG-13-01/08. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.
BG-12-01/08	Approve the request of the Junior Olympic Volleyball Team to use the High School Gymnasium for volleyball practice from January through March on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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.
BG-13-01/08	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Basketball Boosters to use the High School Cafeteria and Kitchen on Sunday, February 17, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. 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.
4.	Cafeteria
	None.
5.	Education
IE-17-01/08	Elementary Tutoring/High School Helpers - Edward Moran and Steven Brown.
IE-18-01/08	Habitat for Hounds.

6. Finance

IF-21-01/08 The Almar Company - Assessment Appeal.

F-24-01/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to authorize the County to accept the settlement as proposed by the Almar Company. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

IF-22-01/08 A Sheriff's Sale will be held for the following:

Abdullah Y. Alyahya, Christine Alyahya, and Mark Nash	March 14, 2008 9:30 a.m.
339 Kennard Street Johnstown, PA 15906	Judgement Amount: $21,171.11

7. Personnel

P-40-01/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Lauren Birch as a 7/8 Grade Science Teacher, at a prorated salary of $25,000 with full benefits, effective immediately. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

P-41-01/08 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to employ Susan Leftwich as a 7/8 Grade English Teacher, at a prorated salary of $25,000 with full benefits, effective immediately. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

P-42-01/08 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and Process. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.

IP-03-01/08 Deborah Pearce, High School Instructional Aide, will be transferring to the Business Education Department as a substitute teacher for Karen Soohy for the second semester.

8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, second by Mr. Blue, to approve the following conferences/workshops. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.
W-44-01/08	Lori Beck (1), Reading Teacher; *Increasing Success of Title I Students: Reading and Writing Strategies* in State College on February 8, 2008. Cost: Registration: $195.00. Meals: $10.00. Travel: $83.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $368.00. (Title I)
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Executive Session ended at 9:13 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. All were in favor.