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FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
May 7, 2008

I.	The May 7, 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 6:02 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. Richard Lucas - 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, Teacher; Carole Kakabar; Mark Dill, Daniel Haupt, Evan Krupa, Andrew Shaffer, Jamie Sipes, Samantha Way, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
IBD-75-05/08	Student Board Representatives' Report.
1.	Board
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the May 7, 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-85-05/08	Approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2008 Board Meeting and the May 5, 2008 Special Board Meeting, as presented.

BD-86-05/08	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of Revised Policy No. 517 Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, and adopt said policy.
BD-87-05/08	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 517 (a) Conduct/ Dismissal Procedures, and adopt said policy.
BG-22-05/08	Approve the request of Ferndale Borough to use the High School Auditorium and equipment to hold a public meeting on June 10, 2008 or June 12, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be for Ferndale Borough residents concerning separation of sewage lines. 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-23-05/08	Approve the request of Johnstown Recreation to use the baseball field for Colt Baseball games from May 27, 2008 through July 3, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to dark. 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.
IC-01-05/08	National School Lunch - Coordinated Review Effort.
E-19-05/08	Approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District: -- Family & Consumer Sciences, Family & Consumer Sciences (Grade 7) -- Mathematics, Algebra I (Grades 8-9) -- Reading, Reading 7 (Grade 7) -- Reading, Reading 8 (Grade 8) -- Reading, Reading 9 (Grade 9) -- Social Studies, U.S. History I (Grade 9) -- Social Studies, American Government (Grade 12) -- Business Education, Accounting I (Grades 10-12) -- Business Education, Accounting II (Grades 11-12) -- English, Advanced English 11 (Grade 11) -- English, English 12 (Grade 12) -- English, College English (Grade 12)
E-20-05/08	Approve the graduation of the Ferndale Area School District seniors who completed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Ferndale Area School District's graduation requirements.

F-36-05/08 Approve the April Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-37-05/08 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-38-05/08 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following Family & Consumer Science textbooks/software for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of $5,931.98. (Project 720)

Interior Design (Grades 9-12)

-- *Housing Decisions*, Goodheart-Willcox, 2006, at a cost of $1,044.00

-- *Housing Decisions Teacher's Resource CD*, Goodheart-Willcox, 2006, at a cost of $150.00

-- *Better Homes and Gardens - Interior Design Software*, Better Homes and Gardens, at a cost of $1,416.00

-- *Color Schemes Made Easy Book*, Better Homes and Gardens, at a cost of $19.00

Child Development (Grades 11-12)

-- *The Developing Child*, Glencoe, McGraw-Hill, 2006, at a cost of $1,080.00

-- *The Developing Child: Activity Manual*, Glencoe, 2006, at a cost of $240.00

-- *The Developing Child: Student Activity Manual - Teacher Annotated Ed.,* Glencoe, 2006, $22.00

Independent Living (Grade 11)

-- *Consumer Education and Economics*, Glencoe, McGraw-Hill, 2008, at a cost of $1,150.00

-- *Consumer Education and Economics Study Activity Manual*, Glencoe, McGraw-Hill, 2008 at a cost of $250.00

-- *Consumer Education and Economics, Study Activity Manual, Teacher Annotated Edition*, Glencoe, 2008, at a cost of $22.98

F-39-05/08 Approve the purchase and adoption of the following Social Studies textbooks/supporting resources for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of $18,832.23. (District)

-- *Here We Go*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Kindergarten, at a cost of $567.00;

-- *All Together*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Grade 1, at a cost of $1,398.00;

-- *People and Places*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Grade 2, at a cost of $1,048.50;

-- *Communities*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Grade 3, at a cost of $3,580.00;

-- *Regions*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Grade 4, at a cost of $2,934.25;

-- *United States*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Grade 5, at a cost of $4,182.50;

-- *The World*, Scott Foresman, 2008, Grade 6, at a cost of $4,056.00.

IF-30-05/08 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300 and Use of Funds by School District.

IF-31-05/08 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

P-58-05/08 Approve Kristi Kindya, Adrianne Millinder, and Carla Swartz to the substitute teachers' list.

P-59-05/08 Approve a contract to John Kowal for the periods from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with the salary increases for each year to be as follows - for the periods from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, a 2% raise in effect from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; for the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, with a 2% raise in effect for the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; and July 1, 2010 though June 30, 2011, with a 2% raise in effect for the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

1. All other benefits shall remain the same as in the administrators benefit package.

IP-04-05/08 The following has been assigned as a student teacher in the Ferndale Area School District for the fall term:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	College
Jessica Sklinar	Ronald Wilson	St. Francis

ST-81-05/08 Approve the First Grade students' field trip to the Cresson Lake Theatre and Vale Wood Farm in Loretto on May 9, 2008. Cost: Transportation and admission: $999.00. (Elementary Field Trip)

ST-82-05/08 Approve the Second Grade students' field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on May 29, 2008. Cost: Transportation, admission, and pavilion rental: $1,411.00. (Elementary Field Trip)

ST-83-05/08 Approve the Sixth Grade students' field trip to the Pittsburgh National Aviary and the Carnegie Museum on May 28, 2008. Cost: Transportation and admission: $2,149.00. (School District)

ST-84-05/08 Approve the Seventh Grade students' field trip to the Environmental Education Recourse and Development Center in St. Michael on May 20, 2008. Cost: Transportation and Substitutes: $700.00. (High School Account)

ST-85-05/08 Approve the Eighth Grade students' field trip to the Environmental Education Recourse and Development Center in St. Michael on May 16, 2008. Cost: Transportation and Substitutes: $700.00. (High School Account)

ST-86-05/08 Approve the Kindergarten students' field trip to Storybook Forest, Jumpin' Jungle, and Mister Rogers' Neighborhood on May 21, 2008. Cost: Transportation and admission: $805.00. (Elementary Field Trip Account)

ST-87-05/08 Approve the Spanish III and IV students' field trip to Rey Azteca Restaurant in Richland on May 28, 2008. Cost: Transportation: $80.00. (District)

IST-09-05/08 The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior Prom was held at Green Gables on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

IST-10-05/08 The Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

IST-11-05/08	The annual school picnic was held at Idlewild Park on Saturday, May 24, 2008.
IST-12-05/08	Fernstock was held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 in the Ferndale Area Elementary Gymnasium.
IST-13-05/08	Graduation was held at the Johnstown Career and Technology Center on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
IST-14-05/08	Received a letter from Conemaugh Township School District granting permission for any interested student-athlete of Conemaugh Township Area School District (Grades 6-12) to participate as a member of Ferndale Area School District's Hockey program through a co-operative agreement.
	Approve the following conferences/workshops:
W-59-05/08	B. Wayne Lohr (1), Federal Program Coordinator; *Title I Rural Capacity Building Consortium* on October 16, 2008, February 12, 2009, and April 21, 2009. Transportation: $100.00. (Title I)
	Mr. Lucas arrived at 6:06 p.m.
IBD-76-05/08	Sandra Chobany, Board Member, discussed the following:
	-- Junior High Reading
	-- Accelerated Reading Points
	Election of Treasurer
	Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first day of July following such election."
	Nomination for Board Treasurer.
BD-88-05/08	Mrs. Penna made a motion, second by Mrs. Chobany, to nominate Robert Vamos as Board Treasurer for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2008.
BD-89-05/08	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-90-05/08	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Robert Vamos as Board Treasurer for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2008. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Vamos. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.
BD-91-05/08	Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve, as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 828 Fraud. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-92-05/08	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve, as amended, the Ferndale Area School District's Discipline Code. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-77-05/08	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
	None.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-18-05/08	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Summer School, June 16, 2008 through July 25, 2008, for Grades 7-12 as proposed with 3 teachers scheduled, with a minimum registration of 15 students. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: Lucas and Vamos. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth. The motion carried.

5.	Finance
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve F-40-05/08 and F-41-05/08. 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.
F-40-05/08	Approve the 2008-2009 school year Preliminary Budget as presented, using the District's Fund Balance and a property tax increase of 3.75 mills (to 59.5 mills) to balance the budget. The estimated remaining Fund Balance at June 30, 2009 ($424,207) shall be classified as Unreserved, Designated for Debt Repayment. The Preliminary Budget proposed $10,165,864 in Expenditures and $9,170,603 in Revenues.
F-41-05/08	Approve printing the 2008-2009 Final Budget as well as having it available for public inspection.
6.	Personnel
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-60-05/08, P-61-05/08, and P-62-05/08. 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.
P-60-05/08	Post an Elementary Teacher position.
P-61-05/08	Post all applicable extra-duty positions.
P-62-05/08	Amend the agenda and add posting and advertising a Grade 7/8 English Teacher position.
7.	Student Activities
	None.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	None.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. for personnel and a student matter. The Executive Session ended at 7:45 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All were in favor.