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FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting
Board Room
August 6, 2008

I. A Special Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held on August 6, 2008 in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania for the Specific Purpose of General Business. 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, Sandra Chobany, Gary Eisenhuth, James Ford, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Greg Blue. Richard Lucas - late.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, Steven Brown, John Kowal, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Lori Byer, Susan Layton, Teachers; Belinda Penrod, Aide; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

1. Personnel

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve P-02-08/08 and P-03-08/08. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue and Lucas. The motion carried.

P-02-08/08 Approve the resignation of Jessica Dobson, Special Education Teacher, effective not later than September 20, 2008.

P-03-08/08 Post and/or advertise a Special Education Teacher position.

P-04-08/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the resignation of Amy Spangler, Guidance Counselor, effective not later than October 5, 2008. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-05-08/08 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the retirement resignation of Karen Soohy, Business Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2009. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board went into an Executive Session for personnel reasons at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Lucas arrived at 6:07 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 7:35 p.m.

The Board took at short recess at 7:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

P-06-08/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lucas, to employ Christine Eash (Sabo) as an Elementary Teacher, at a salary of $26,000 with full benefits, effective with the 2008-09 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-07-08/08 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following mentors for the 2008-09 school year, at a stipend of $654.00.

-- Kimberly Shrift for Lisa Rivard, English Teacher;

-- Stephanie Mino for Scott Beckner, Fifth Grade Teacher;

-- Jennifer Priest for Christine Eash (Sabo), Fourth Grade Teacher.

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

P-08-08/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Sarah Riffle (Priest) as a Special Education Aide (vacated by Scott Beckner, Grade 4) at a stipend of $10.67 per hour with limited benefits, effective with the 2008-09 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-11-08/08

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda to create and post a one-year term Instructional Aide assigned to the Guidance Department, at a stipend of $10.67 per hour. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: Ford. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-12-08/08

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to create and post a one-year term Instructional Aide assigned to the Guidance Department, at a stipend of $10.67 per hour. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: Ford. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-09-08/08

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Ferndale Area Elementary and High School application to participate in the Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps Program. The Elementary will have two workers that will work full time from August 25, 2008 through August 21, 2009. The High School will have one worker that will work from August 25, 2008 through June 12, 2009. The cost to the District is $6,100 per year/per worker for 1700 hours of work. This averages out to $3.59 per hour for a full-time worker. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-10-08/08

Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions for 2008-09 school year.

-- Varsity Cheerleader Advisor - Belinda Penrod (August 11, 2008 through August 20, 2008)

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

2. Board

IBD-02-08/08

Received a bereavement thank you from Ridley Banks. (Wife - Trudy)

3.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-01-08/08	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the request of Ferndale Recreation to use the Football Stadium, Varsity Field, practice fields for Ferndale Junior Jackets (Pee Wee) Football League K-6 practice and league games from August 9, 2008 to November 8, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 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. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
4.	Cafeteria
	None.
5.	Finance
IF-01-08/08	Received a letter from Michael Brennan, PDE, approving the Ferndale Area School District's Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2007 as being in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and Commonwealth policy.
6.	Student Activities
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve the following coaches for the 2008-09 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
ST-01-08/08	Theresa Kessler, Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $1,597.75, based on an 11-week season;
ST-02-08/08	Christine Eash, Assistant Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $1,146.75, based on an 11-week season;
ST-03-08/08	Stephen Clawson, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $2,737.50, based on a 10-week season;
ST-04-08/08	Ronald Wilson, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $1,452.50, based on a 10-week season;
ST-05-08/08	Arthur McClucas, Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, at a salary of $1,722.50, based on a 10-week season;

ST-06-08/08	Melody Walters Assistant Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, at a salary of $1,212.50, based on a 10-week season;
ST-07-08/08	Ronald Wilson, Head Varsity Golf Coach, at a salary of $2,004.75, based on an 11-week season.
7.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following workshops/conferences. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
W-01-08/08	Jennifer Gamble; *Standards-Based IEPs* in Pittsburgh on August 19, 2008. Cost: Meals: $25.00. Travel: $100.00. Total Cost: $125.00. (District)
W-02-08/08	Steven Brown; *Using Data to Plan Strategically for Improvement* in Altoona on September 9, 16, 30, 2008. Cost: Registration: $250.00. Travel: $170.00. Total Cost: $420.00. (District)
8.	Education
IE-02-08/08	Special Education possible re-alignment of services.
IE-03-08/08	Received a letter from JARI thanking Ferndale Area School District for participating in the School Fair for Lockheed.
IE-04-08/08	Update on transportation and fuel cost.
IE-05-08/08	Update on PSSA.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All were in favor.