FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
December 3, 2008

I.	The December 3, 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 6:05 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, Richard Lucas, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth.
	Student Board Representatives: Bradley Brosig and Ashley Smith.
	Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Jennifer Reiter, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Robert Boyle, Daniel Burket, Lori Byer, Valerie Kasper, Stephanie Mino, Ronald Wilson, Teachers; Alisha Baxter, Katie Dorchak, April Eisenhuth, Ashley Eisenhuth, Alex Firm, Elizabeth Griffith, Danielle Hall, Haylie Homway, Jill Jung, Alexandra Ratliff, Jamie Rosequist, Lindsey Thomas, Leah Weingartner, Students; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
IBD-24-12/08	State of District Address.
IBD-25-12/08	Set Goals for Board of Directors/District.
IBD-26-12/08	Student Board Representatives Report.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. for a Board matter. The Executive Session ended at 7:00 p.m.

Election of Temporary President

Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . there shall be elected from the holdover members a temporary president, and the secretary of the Board shall act as secretary of such meeting."

BD-19-12/08 Mr. Blue made a motion to nominate Barbara Penna to serve as Temporary President of the Board.

BD-20-12/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to close nominations. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-21-12/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Barbara Penna as Temporary President of the Board. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Nomination of President

BD-22-12/08 Mrs. Chobany made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks to serve as President of the Board.

BD-23-12/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to close nominations. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of President

BD-24-12/08 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Ridley Banks as President of the Board. 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.

Nomination of Vice President

BD-25-12/08 Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Barbara Penna to serve as Vice President of the Board.

BD-26-12/08 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to close nominations. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of Vice President

BD-27-12/08 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to elect Barbara Penna as Vice President of the Board. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Nomination of PSBA Liaison

BD-28-12/08 Mrs. Penna made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks as PSBA Liaison.

BD-29-12/08 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of PSBA Liaison

BD-30-12/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to elect Ridley Banks as PSBA Liaison. 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.

Nomination of Vo-Tech Representative

BD-31-12/08 Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Barbara Penna as Vo-Tech Representative.

BD-32-12/08 Mr. Blue made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks as Vo-Tech Representative.

BD-33-12/08 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to close nominations. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of Vo-Tech Representative

BD-34-12/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to elect Barbara Penna, to serve as a Vo-Tech Representative for a three-year term, effective December 3, 2008 through December 7, 2011. 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-35-12/08 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to elect Ridley Banks, to serve as a Vo-Tech Representative for a three-year term, effective December 3, 2008 through December 7, 2011. 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-35A-12/08 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the resignation of Robert Vamos as Board Member and Board Treasurer, effective January 20, 2009. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-35B-12/08

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following Board/District goals:

1. Fiscal responsibility from the District's perspective.

2. Stabilize the Administration and climate at the Junior/Senior High School.

3. Bring the District in compliance with mandates.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-36-12/08

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the following Meeting Dates.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 175 of the 1974 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Ferndale Area Board of Education will be held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15905, on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as follows, except for the months of May and the annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, except as otherwise advertised.

BOARD MEETING

DAY	DATE
Wednesday	January 21, 2009
Wednesday	February 18, 2009
Wednesday	March 18, 2009
Wednesday	April 15, 2009
Wednesday	May 13, 2009
Wednesday	June 17, 2009
Wednesday	August 19, 2009
Wednesday	September 16, 2009

	Wednesday	October 21, 2009
	Wednesday	November 18, 2009
	Wednesday	December 2, 2009

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-37-12/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the December 3, 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-38-12/08 Approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2008 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-10-12/08 Approve the request of the Ferndale 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Travel Team to use the Elementary Gymnasium, Locker Rooms, and Restrooms for basketball practice on December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008 (Saturdays) from 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

F-15-12/08 Approve the November Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-16-12/08 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-17-12/08 Approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

F-18-12/08 Authorize a new set of Bank Depository signatures, if needed, for the newly-elected officers.

IF-18-12/08 Review of receipts and disbursements.

ST-29-12/08	Approve posting (advertise, if necessary) of the following coaching positions for the 2009-10 school year: -- Head (1) /Assistant (4) Varsity Football Coaches -- Head (1) /Assistant (2) 7th/8th Football Coaches -- Head (1) /Assistant (1) Junior High Girls' Basketball Coaches -- Head (1) /Assistant (1) Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coaches
IBD-27-12/08	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-11-12/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the request of the PTO to use the Junior High Gymnasium, (or the Senior High Gymnasium if available and approved by the Athletic Director), microphone, and scoreboard/clock for a Dodge ball Tournament on January 10, 2009 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Use of facilities is pending receipt of completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. 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.
IBG-02-12/08	Joe Corle's Sign.
IBG-03-12/08	Weight Room Project Update.
3.	Cafeteria None.
4.	Education None.

5. Finance

F-19-12/08 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve US Netcom as a Parent/Employee Telecommunication Notification System at an annual cost of $300 for 2005 number of completed calls under this system for this school year 2008-09. 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-20-12/08 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the request of Russell J. Heiple, ESQ, as Solicitor representing Brownstown Borough, to exonerate the 2008 real estate property taxes for the following parcel:

Control Number	07-8188
Map Number	07-008.–109.000
Municipality	Brownstown Borough
Description	45 x 100 Trlr
Address	405 Willis Street

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.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:52 p.m.

6. Personnel

P-54-12/08 Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to employ Christa Harper as a Secondary Special Education Teacher, at a prorated annual salary of $28,500 with full benefits, effective December 18, 2008, or release of her current employer. Continued employment for 2009-2010 and beyond is contingent upon passing the Secondary English praxis. 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.

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-55-12/08 and P-56-12/08. 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-55-12/08 Approve Joshua Mottillo, Business, Computer, and Information Technology Teacher, to continue as a long-term substitute for semester two of the 2008-09 school year.

P-56-12/08 Approve Elaine Metzler as a long-term substitute teacher for Jessica Korenoski, Grade 3 teacher.

P-57-12/08 Mrs. Chobany, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to appoint John Kowal, Business Manager, as the Right-To-Know Officer for Ferndale Area School District, effective immediately. The Right-To-Know Officer has four tasks:

1. Receive requests submitted to the agency.
2. Direct requests to other appropriate persons within the agency or to appropriate persons in another agency.
3. Track the agency's progress in responding to requests.
4. Issue interim and final responses under The Right-To-Know Law Act 3 of 2008.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-58-12/08 Mrs. Penna, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Jessica Sklinar to the substitute teachers' list. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops/Conferences

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following conferences/workshops.

W-17-12/08 Ronald Wilson (1); Science Teacher; *Science Assessment Forum* in Hershey on December 3, 2008. Registration: $85.00. Lodging: $100.00. Meals: $30.00. Travel: $160.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $455.00. (District)

W-18-12/08 B. Wayne Lohr (3); Federal Programs Coordinator; *A/CAPA Spring Conference* in Hershey on March 18-20, 2009. Registration: $205.00. Lodging: $446.00. Meals: $15.00. Travel: $150.00. Total Cost: $816.00. (District)

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.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor.