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FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
August 20, 2008

I. The August 20, 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 6:10 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, Gary Eisenhuth, James Ford, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Richard Lucas.

Student Board Representatives: Ashley Smith. Absent: Bradley Brosig.

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

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

BD-02-08/08 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Ridley Banks as the PSBA Voting Delegate. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-04-08/08 Joseph Corle recognition.

IBD-05-08/08 Discussion regarding Board Retreat.

IBD-06-08/08 A welcome back breakfast was held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria. All Board Members were invited to attend.

2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-01-08/08	Received PDE approval for PlanCon Part J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs, for Ferndale Area Elementary School/District Administration Office.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
E-10-08/08	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District for the 2008-09 school year: -- English, Creative Writing (Grades 11-12) -- English, PSSA RWSL 9 (Grade 9) -- Computer Lab Instruction (Grade 3) -- Computer Lab Instruction (Grade 4) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IE-01-08/08	Summer School Review - Jennifer Reiter
IE-11-08/08	Start of School Year Initiatives -- High School - Steven Brown/Jennifer Reiter -- Elementary - Justin Zahorchak
BD-03-08/08	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the August 20, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Ford - Item P-14-08/08 only. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
BD-04-08/08	Approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2008, July 7, 2008, August 6, 2008 Board Meetings, as presented.
IBD-03-08/08	Matthew Schmidt, former student, makes good with NCAA champs.

BG-02-08/08	Approve the request of the Ferndale Hockey Club Team to use the Junior High Gymnasium, locker rooms, and restrooms Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 1, 2008 through February 26, 2009 for dry land hockey practice from 6:00 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.
BG-03-08/08	Approve the Cambria County Board of Elections' request to use the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough No. 2 Precinct General Election on November 4, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
IE-06-08/08	K4 orientation was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
IE-07-08/08	Kindergarten orientation was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
IE-08-08/08	An orientation for new students entering the Elementary School was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 12:00 noon.
IE-09-08/08	An orientation for new students entering the High School was held at the Ferndale Area High School Auditorium on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
F-01-08/08	Approve the June and July Treasurer's Reports, as presented.
F-02-08/08	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
IF-02-08/08	Receipts and disbursements.
P-13-08/08	Approve the following to the substitute teachers' list: Megan Maser, Shaina Parkins, Stacey Peterman, Ashley Rubal, Kathleen Wagner, James Allison, Dennis Altimore, Karen Arcurio, Christopher Barkley, Robert Barrett, Judith Burns, Thomas Byrne, Ian Casher, Catherine Chessa, Patricia Dinsmore, Patricia Dolence, Traci Duso, Amy Sue Eash, Clair Eash, David Finney, Ryan George, Anna Gibbs, Marie Goff, Michele Haschak, Melissa Kaim, Deborah Kesslak, Deborah Kiehart, Sharon Kieta, Brad King, Kathleen Kirwan, Katy Kolasa, Lynn Mandel, Kimberly Marley, Thomas Menna, Nancy Moses, John Nibert, Linda Olenik, Geraldine Patterson, Damon Pulgino, Michael Rager, Barbara Rosenberg, Diana Schad, Heather Szekeresh, Matthew Szymusiak, Alicia Schweitzer, Donald Wozniak, and Dennis Zahurak

P-14-08/08	Approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions for the 2008-09 school year: -- Stage Manager - Brandon Manack -- Audio/Video Director - Elementary - Kristen Kasprzyk -- Forensics - Junior High - Susan Leftwich -- Newspaper Advisor - Susan Leftwich -- Curriculum Support Chairperson - HS Arts - Frank McCleester -- Cheerleader Advisor - Varsity - Belinda Penrod (from August 20, 2008 through the end of the 2008-09 school year) -- Elementary Yearbook Advisor - Maxine Cullen -- Curriculum Support Chairperson - HS English - Jessica Szymusiak -- Cheerleader Advisor, Junior High - Shannon Penrod, pending clearances
ST-08-08/08	Approve Gary Eisenhuth as a Volunteer Football Coach, for the 2008-09 school year, pending clearances.
ST-09-08/08	Approve Emily Johnston as a Volunteer for National Honor Society, for the 2008-09 school year.
ST-10-08/08	Approve Shawn Furfari as 7th & 8th Grade Football Coach, for the 2008-09 school year, at a salary of $1,459.50, based on a 14-week season, pending clearances.
5.	Finance
F-03-08/08	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve participation in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 2008-09 Teacher Induction Program at a cost of $150 per participant for first-year teachers. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
IF-03-08/08	Federal and State Grant Programs update.
IF-04-08/08	2007-08 Summary of services provided to Ferndale Area by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8/2008-09 Service Value

6. Personnel

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-15-08/08, P-16-08/08, P-17-08/08, and P-18-08/08. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: Ford - Item P-17-08/08 only. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-15-08/08 Transfer Kathleen Wojnarowski from Special Education Teacher to the High School Emotional Support and Autistic Support Teacher. (Position was vacated by Jessica Dobson.)

P-16-08/08 Employ Joshua Mottillo as a Business, Computer, and Information Technology Teacher, for a one semester long term substitute, with the semester two contingent upon satisfactory evaluation, pending clearances,

P-17-08/08 Employ Loraine Dodson as an Instructional Aide, one-year term, for the Guidance Department at a stipend of $10.67 per hour, with limited benefits.

P-18-08/08 Continue shared contracted services with Conemaugh Township School District for a School Psychologist (Jane Jugan) for the 2008-2009 school year, at 35% of her contracted salary and benefits package.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Executive Session ended at 8:12 p.m.

P-20-08/08 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to suspend the rules and add to the agenda to approve Kathleen Wojnarowski for the 2008-09 school year to have oversight of the District's Special Education Program up to 15 days at the curriculum rate. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-21-08/08 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Kathleen Wojnarowski for the 2008-09 school year to have oversight of the District's Special Education Program up to 15 days at the curriculum rate. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

P-19-08/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Jessica Buday as a Learning Support Teacher, at a salary of $26,000 with full benefits, effective with the 2008-09 school year, pending clearances. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
IP-01-08/08	Michelle Koposko, Family Support/ Emotional Support Teacher, will oversee the Elementary Autistic Support Program.
IP-02-08/08	Teachers and Support Staff Surveys.
7.	Student Activities
IST-01-08/08	Band Uniforms.
IST-02-08/08	Football Program.
IST-03-08/08	Belinda Penrod gave an update on the Cheerleading Program.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the following workshops/conferences. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Banks - Item W-06-08/08 only. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
W-03-08/08	Robert Boyle (1) Mathematics Teacher; Mindie Cunningham (1), Special Education Teacher; *PSSA Math Workshop* on September 25, 2008 in Duncansville. Cost: Travel: $47.00. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $207.00. (Title IIA)
W-04-08/08	Steven Brown; Robert Boyle (2) Mathematics Teacher; Mindie Cunningham (2), Special Education Teacher; Valerie Kasper (1), English Teacher; Lisa Rivard (1), English Teacher; Kathleen Wojnarowski (1), High School Emotional Support and Autistic Support Teacher; *PVAAS District Team Consultation* on October 3, 2008 in Altoona. Cost: Travel: $116.00. Substitutes: $400.00. Total Cost: $516.00. (Title IIA)
W-05-08/08	Carole Kakabar; *Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators* on September 24, 25, 2008 in Harrisburg. Cost: Registration: $180.00. Lodging: $95.00. Travel: $180.00. Total Cost: $455.00.

W-06-08/08	Ridley Banks; *2008 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference* on October 14-17, 2008 in Hershey. Cost not to exceed $315.00.
W-07-08/08	Carole Kakabar, Steven Brown, Justin Zahorchak, Kathleen Wojnarowski (2), High School Emotional Support and Autistic Support Teacher; *Getting Results Workshop* on September 5, 2008 in Duncansville. Cost: Registration for each: $20.00. Travel: $47.00. Total Cost: $127.00. (District)
W-08-08/08	Scott Beckner (1), Grade 5 Teacher; Lori Byer, (1), Grade 6 Teacher; *PSSA Math Workshop* on September 23, 2008 in Duncansville. Cost: Travel: $47.00. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $207.00. (Title II)
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All were in favor.