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Ferndale Area School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
April 18, 2007

I.	The April 18, 2007 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 is 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, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Richard Lucas. Jeffrey Stewart - late.
	Student Board Representatives Present: Richard Henry, and Kristina Strosico. Absent: Alyse Callihan.
	Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Teacher; Sarah Priest; Jason Dunbar, Stephanie Makin, Samantha Mikulsky, Matt Meyers, Mindy Niessner, Leah Weingartner, Students; Mae Altman; Linda Berkebile, Robin Berkebile, Laurie Blasko, Christie Chandler, Ebin Chandler, Gage Coval, Michelle Deffenbaugh, Jason Dunbar, Chasity Ribblett-Cummings, John Cummings; John Daily, Paula Daily, Matt Meyers, Lisa Mied, Desiree Sirko, Paula Speicher, Diane Weingartner, Parents; Scott Miles, Elementary Wrestling; Michelle Hershberger, Recording Secretary.
IBD-56-04/07	Board Pictures were taken at the April 18, 2007 Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
V.	Committees Agenda
IBD-57-04/07	Eileen Zankey and Robert Knipple, UPJ, - Project Click Save
	Jeffrey Stewart arrived at 6:47 p.m.
IBD-58-04/07	Diane Weingartner addressed the Board regarding a student matter.
IBD-59-04/07	Elementary Wrestlers addressed the Board.
IBD-60-04/07	Glenn Wagner discussed pay increases for officials and game help.

1.	Board
IBD-61-04/07	Student Board Representatives' Report.
BD-47-04/07	Mr. Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve BD-48-04/07 and BD-49-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-48-04/07	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:

300 ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

322 Gifts

600 FINANCES

601 Fiscal Objectives
602 Budget Planning
603 Budget Preparation
604 Budget Adoption
605 Tax Levy
606 Tax Collection
607 Tuition Income
608 Bank Accounts
609 Investment of District Funds
611 Purchases Budgeted
612 Purchases Not Budgeted
613 Cooperative Purchasing
614 Payroll Authorization
615 Payroll Deductions
616 Payment of Bills
617 Petty Cash
619 District Audit
622 GASB Statement 34

BD-49-04/07

Approve, as read, the Second Reading of the following revised policies and adopt said policies:

600 FINANCES

621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve BD-50-04/07 and BD-51-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-50-04/07

Approve, as modified, the First Reading of the following policies:

400 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

401 Creating a Position
406 Employment of Summer School Staff
407 Student Teachers/Interns
409 Assignment and Transfer
410 Abolishing a Position
411 Suspensions and Furloughs
414.1 HIV Infection
419 Outside Activities
420 Freedom of Speech in Noninstructional Settings
421 Political Activities
422 Gifts
425 Dress and Grooming
431 Job Related Expenses
432 Working Periods
434 Sick Leave
436 Personal Necessity Leave
451 Drug and Substance Abuse

200 PUPILS

200 Enrollment
203.1 HIV Infection
204 Attendance
205 Postgraduate Students
207 Confidential Communications of Students
208 Withdrawal from School
211 Student Accident Insurance
215 Promotion and Retention
218.2 Terroristic Threats/Acts
220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

221 Dress and Grooming
224 Care of School Property
225 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
228 Student Government
229 Student Fundraising
230 Public Performances by Students
231 Social Events and Class Trips
234 Pregnant/Married Students
236 Student Assistance Program

BD-51-04/07 Approve, as modified, the First Reading of the following revised policies:

400 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

404 Employment of Professional Employees
405 Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
413 Evaluation of Temporary Professional Employees
414 Physical Examination
424 Personnel Files
433 Professional Development
448 Unlawful Harassment

200 PUPILS

201 Admission of Students
201.1 Student Obtaining Age of Majority
202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
203 Communicable Diseases and Immunization
209 Health Examinations/Screenings
209.1 Head Lice
210 Use of Medication
210.1 Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers
212 Reporting Student Progress
213 Assessment of Student Progress
214 Class Rank
217 Graduation Requirements
218 Student Discipline
218.1 Weapons
219 Student Complaint Process
222 Tobacco Use/Possession
226 Locker Searches
226.1 Student Searches
227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
233 Suspension and Expulsion

	235 Student Rights/Surveys 237 Electronic Devices 239 Foreign Exchange Students 246 Student Wellness 247 Hazing 248 Unlawful Harassment 250 Student Recruitment 251 Homeless Students
IBD-62-04/07	Distribute policies: 100 PROGRAMS
BD-52-04/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to adopt the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Policies and Procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR 300.124 through 300.382 and Use of Funds by School District. The Policies and Procedures are implemented to fulfill the requirements of 22 Pa. Code, Chapter 14 and the regulatory requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part B. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-63-04/07	High School Highlights - Steven Brown District Highlights - Christine Oldham
IBD-64-04/07	Highlights of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee.
IBD-65-04/07	Teacher Appreciation Day was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. in the Elementary Library for the Elementary School Staff and Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 2:45 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria for the High School Staff. All Board Members are invited to attend.
IBD-66-04/07	Received a bereavement thank you from the family of Dorothy Leberknight.

2. Buildings and Grounds

BG-23-04/07 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the request of Johnstown Recreation to use the baseball/softball field for Colt Baseball Mondays through Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May 29, 2007 through July 13, 2007. 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.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

E-04-04/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the purchase and adoption of the following textbook/supporting resources for the 2007-08 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

-- *Magruder's American Government*, Prentice Hall, 2007, Grades 9-12, at an approximate cost of $5,800 (Project 720)

-- *Advanced Chemistry*, Thomson Learning, 2006, Grades 11-12, at an approximate cost of $2,937 (Project 720 - $1,500 & District - $1,437)

E-05-04/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following courses. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

-- Changing 12th Grade Psychology from a full year 1 credit course to a semester .5 credit course.

-- New Course - Sociology 12th Grade	Semester .5 credit
-- New Course - Introductory Crafts 9-12th Grade	Semester .5 credit
-- New Course - Art Appreciation 10-12th Grade	Semester .5 credit

-- Technology 7th Grade	Cycle Class
-- Word Processing 8th Grade	Cycle Class
-- Word Processing 9th Grade	Semester .5 Credit
-- Spreadsheet 10th Grade	Semester .5 Credit

E-06-04/07

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve changes to the graduation requirements. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The following are required for graduation:

- * 4 credits in English
- 7 credits in Math and Science with no more than 4 credits in either area (GJCTC students - 3 credits in Math and 3 credits in Science)
- * 4 credits in Social Studies
- 2 credits in Foreign Language
- 2.5 credits in Health and Physical Education (GJCTC students - 1 credit)
- 1 credit in Computer Science
- .5 credit for the Graduation Project
- 4 credits in Electives (student selects additional courses from among those approved for credit toward graduation by the school district, including approved vocational education courses)
- Completion of 75 points in Independent Reading (Accelerated Reader)
- Demonstration of proficiency of PA Academic Standards through either the PSSA or the FASD Local Assessment

*= Courses required for students attending the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (GJCTC)

Total number of credits for graduation: 25

5. Finance

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve F-34-04/07 and F-35-04/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

F-34-04/07 Approve the March Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-35-04/07 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-36-04/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the following 2007-2008 Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Major Medical rates. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.

	TRADITIONAL		PPO BLUE	
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
Employee Only	371.92	371.92	364.33	364.33
Employee and Child	804.61	804.61	816.92	816.92
Employee and Children	862.99	862.99	816.92	816.92
Employee and Spouse	980.29	980.29	958.28	958.28
Employee and Family	1,038.67	1,038.67	1,014.61	1,014.61
Family Major Medical	287.77	287.77		
Individual Major Medical	106.96	106.96		

F-37-04/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IF-23-04/07 Ferndale Area High School applied for a Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Grant of up to $500. The Grant will be used toward Post Prom activities.

IF-24-04/07 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

The Board took a short recess at 8:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

6.	Personnel
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve P-74-04/07 and P-75-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-74-04/07	Approve Charles Baldauf to the substitute support staff list.
P-75-04/07	Approve Allison Arcurio, Heather Becker, Amy Ergas, David Finney, Lisa Freidhoff, Cathy Garlesky, Kelly Miller, Geraldine Patterson, and Darla Trent to the substitute teachers list.
P-76-04/07	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve permission to post and advertise the Family & Consumer Science Teaching position. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-77-04/07 and P-78-04/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
P-77-04/07	Approve a Weight Room Supervisor job description.
P-78-04/07	Approve permission to post the position of a Weight Room Supervisor.
P-79-04/07	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve Dr. Rocco Mantini as the Ferndale Area School District dentist at a stipend of $4.25 per student. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
P-80-04/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve J.D. Jones as the Driver Education Teacher, pending clearances, at a stipend of $21.00 per hour. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
IP-04-04/07	Received a letter of appreciation from UPJ thanking Edward Moran for participating in the "Student Teacher Seminar."

7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve ST-35-04/07, ST-36-04/07, ST-37-04/07, and ST-38-04/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
ST-35-04/07	The second grade field trip to the 21st Pittsburgh International Children's Festival on May 16, 2007. Cost: Transportation: $850.00 Admission: $360.00 Total Cost of $1,210.00 (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)
ST-36-04/07	The fourth grade field trip to Lincoln Caverns on June 1, 2007. Cost: Transportation: $700.00. Admission: $634.50. Total Cost of $1,334.50. (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)
ST-37-04/07	The sixth grade field trip to Carnegie Museum, Carnegie Science Center, and UPMC Sportsworks on May 10, 2007. Cost: Transportation: $1,050.00 Admission: $1,029.00 Total Cost of $2,079.00 (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)
ST-38-04/07	The first grade field trip to Cresson Lake Theatre/Chuck-e-Cheese on May 10, 2007. Cost: Transportation: $380.00 Admission: $304.00 Meals: $509.15 Total Cost: $1,193.15. (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)
ST-39-04/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve permission to issue a letter of support to the PIHL for a cooperative agreement between Ferndale Area and Conemaugh Township hockey. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IST-06-04/07	The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior Prom will be held at Green Gables on Friday, May 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
IST-07-04/07	The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
IST-08-04/07	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on May 26, 2007.
IST-09-04/07	Fernstock will be held on June 5, 2007 in the Ferndale Area Elementary Gymnasium.

8.	Workshops
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following conferences/workshops. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Banks. Absent: Lucas. The motion carried.
W-39-04/07	Ridley Banks, *PSBA Regional 5 Annual Meeting* in Altoona on April 30, 2007. Cost: Registration: $18.00.
W-40-04/07	Jessica Dobson (3), *TEACCH for Autism* in Harrisburg on May 1, 2, 2007. Cost: Registration: $225.00. Lodging: $200.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $150.00. Substitute: $200.00. Total Cost: $825.00. (Title IIA)
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. for personnel and student matters. The Executive Session ended at 10:03 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. All were in favor.