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Ferndale Area School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
May 9, 2007

I.	The May 9, 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 6:10 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 and Jeffrey Stewart.
	Student Board Representatives Present: Alyse Callihan, Richard Henry, and Kristina Strosico.
	Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney David Novak, Solicitor; Amy Schmidt, Teacher; John Daily, Ann Kelly, Ebin Chandler-Christie; Michelle Deffenbaugh, Ferndale Wrestling; Michelle Hershberger, Recording Secretary.
	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-67-05/07	Michelle Deffenbaugh, Ferndale Wrestling, addressed the Board.
1.	Board
IBD-68-05/07	Student Board Representatives' Report.

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-53-05/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to nominate Robert Vamos as Board Treasurer for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2007.

BD-54-05/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-55-05/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to elect Robert Vamos as Board Treasurer for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, at a stipend of $1,200 per year, effective July 1, 2007. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Vamos. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.

Mr. Vamos stated that he is deferring the stipend of $1,200 back to the district.

BD-56-05/07 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve BD-57-05/07 and BD-58-05/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-57-05/07 Approve, as modified, the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said 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-58-05/07	Approve, as modified, the Second Reading of the following revised policies and adopt said 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
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve BD-59-05/07 and BD-60-05/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-59-05/07	Approve, as read, the First Reading of the following policies:
	100 Strategic Plan
	103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
	104 Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices
	106 Guides for Planned Instruction
	107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
	108 Adoption of Textbooks
	110 Instructional Supplies
	111 Lesson Plans

	112 Guidance Counseling 113 Special Education 113.1 Discipline of Students With Disabilities 114 Gifted Education 116 Tutoring 117 Homebound Instruction 122 Extracurricular Activities 124 Summer School 125 Adult Education 130 Homework 137 Home Education Programs (Home Schooling) 140 Charter Schools 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes 146 Student Services
BD-60-05/07	Approve, as revised, the First Reading of the following revised policies: 102 Academic Standards 105 Curriculum Development 105.1 Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students 105.2 Exemption from Instruction 109 Resource Materials 113.2 Behavior Support 115 Vocational Technical Education 118 Independent Study 121 Field Trips 123 Interscholastic Athletics 127 Assessments 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students 138 Limited English Proficiency Program 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Schools 142 Migrant Students
IBD-69 -05/07	Highlights of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee.
IBD-70 -05/07	A District Door Monitor Volunteer was discussed.
IBD-71 -05/07	Flashing school speed signs were discussed.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for student activities. The Executive Session ended at 7:12 p.m.

2.	Student Activities
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the following coaches for the 2007-08 season. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-40-05/07	Approve Jason Harvey as Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a salary of $1,940.00, based on a 16-week season.
ST-41-05/07	Approve George Ambroe as Head Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $3,079.00, based on a 16-week season.
ST-42-05/07	Approve Arthur McClucas as Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a salary of $1,860.00, based on a 16-week season.
ST-43-05/07	Approve Mark Wissinger as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, at a salary of $5,583.75, based on a 15-week season.
ST-44-05/07	Approve Thomas Kegg as Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,938.75, based on a 15-week season.
ST-45-05/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Mae Beth Altman as Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a salary of $2,133.75, based on a 15-week season. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: Eisenhuth. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-46-05/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Sarah Priest as Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,698.75, based on a 15-week season. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: Eisenhuth. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-47-05/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Erin Kimmel as Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,146.75 based on an 11-week season. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.

ST-48-05/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Joseph Arcurio as the Weight Room Supervisor, at a salary of $7.15 per hour, based on a 5-week period of time. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-49-05/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve pay increases for officials and game help, as presented at the April 18, 2007 Board Meeting and allowing the Athletic Director to use his discretion when to have additional officials used. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve ST-50-05/07 and ST-51-05/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-50-05/07	Approve the Spanish III and IV students' field trip to Rey Azteca Restaurant in Richland on May 23, 2007. Cost: Transportation: $80.00. (District)
ST-51-05/07	Approve the kindergarten students' field trip to Storybook Forest, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and Jumpin Jungle on May 18, 2007. Cost: Transportation: $340.00 Admission: $510.00 Total Cost: $850.00. (Elementary Fund-raiser Account)
IST-10-05/07	Cross country.
IST-11-05/07	The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior Prom was held at Green Gables on Friday, May 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
IST-12-05/07	The Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
IST-13-05/07	The annual school picnic was scheduled at Idlewild Park on May 26, 2007.
IST-14-05/07	Fernstock will be held on June 5, 2007 in the Ferndale Area Elementary Gymnasium.
IST-15-05/07	Graduation will be held at the Johnstown Career and Technology Center on June 7, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

3. Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve BG-24-05/07 and BG-25-05/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BG-24-05/07 Approve the request of Ferndale United Methodist Church to use the Vickroy Avenue lot for a market place for Children's Vacation Bible School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from June 18, 2007 through June 23, 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.

BG-25-05/07 Approve the request of Ferndale Borough Recreation Commission to use the school district facilities as follows. 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.

a. Athletic and Practice Fields and Scoreboard/Clock:
   Flag and Tackle Football
   August 4, 2007 - October 28, 2007

b. Elementary Gym and Scoreboard/Clock:
   Elementary Wrestling
   November 12, 2007 - March 30, 2008
   Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

   Elementary Basketball
   December 4, 2007- March 30, 2008
   Tuesdays and Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
   Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

   Elementary Day:
   February 9, 2008
   8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

c. High School Gym:
   Jr./Sr. High Basketball
   November 3, 2007 - January 26, 2008
   Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. to noon

4. Cafeteria

None.

5.	Education
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve E-07-05/07 and E-08-05/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-07-05/07	Approve the K-12 2007-08 School Calendar, as presented.
E-08-05/07	Approve the K4 2007-08 School Calendar, as presented.
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve E-09-05/07 and E-10-05/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-09-05/07	Approve the Ferndale Area School District 2007-2010 Special Education Plan and submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
E-10-05/07	Approve the graduation of the Ferndale Area School District seniors who completed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Ferndale Area School District's graduation requirements, as attached.
E-11-05/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve permission to offer a summer school for grades 7-12 for remediation and enrichment. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-12-05/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the amended motion for permission to offer a summer school for grades 7-12 for remediation and enrichment, at an approximate cost of $10,000 to the district. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
E-13-05/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve permission to replace Saturday School with Evening School. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-14-05/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the amended motion for permission to replace Saturday School with Evening School, at an approximate cost of $9,000 to the district. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.

E-15-05/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve Title I Interdistrict Agreement between the Greater Johnstown School District and Ferndale Area School District. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
6.	Finance
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve F-38-05/07 and F-39-05/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
F-38-05/07	Approve the April Treasurer's Report.
F-39-05/07	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
F-40-05/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the 2007-2008 school year Preliminary Budget as presented, using the District's Fund Balance and a property tax increase of 2.75 mills (to 55.75 mills) to balance the budget. The estimated remaining Fund Balance at June 30, 2008 ($466,953) shall be classified as Unreserved, Designated for Debt Repayment. The Preliminary Budget proposed $9,901,123 in Expenditures and $8,893,076 in Revenues. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
F-41-05/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve printing the 2007-2008 Final Budget as well as having it available for public inspection. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
F-42-05/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve a resolution to authorize three installment payments (August 31, 2007, October 31, 2007, December 31, 2007) of Real Estate taxes, as per Act 1. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

F-43-05/07

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded Mr. Jones, 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, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.

-- *Civics in America*, McDougal Littell, 2003, Grade 8, at a cost of $2,748.90 (District)

- *World Cultures & Geography*, McDougal Littell, 2007, Grade 7, at a cost of $5,530.95 (District)

- *American History Beginnings through Reconstruction*, McDougal Littell, 2008, Grade 8, at a cost of $2,316.30 (District)

-- *Introduction to Psychology*, McDougal Littell, 2001, Grade 12, at a cost of $970.20 (Project 720)

-- *Introduction to Sociology*, McDougal Littell, 2002, Grade 12, at a cost of $970.20 (Project 720)

- *The Americans Reconstruction - 21st Century*, McDougal Littell, 2007, Grade 10, at a cost of $3,222.45 (Project 720)

- *World History - Patterns of Interaction;* McDougal Littell, 2007, Grade 11, at a cost of $3,272.40 (Project 720)

IF-25-05/07

Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

7.

Personnel

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-81-05/07 and P-82-05/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-81-05/07

Approve Sharon Sarosi to the substitute support staff list.

P-82-05/07

Approve the following names to the substitute teachers list:

Nichole Bishop, Stephanie Horner, Daniel Kiser, Jennifer Ray, Timothy Rosa

P-83-05/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Brandon Manack as a Technology Education Teacher at a salary of $35,000 with full benefits, effective with the 2007-08 school year. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
P-84-05/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to employ Charles Baldauf as a Cleaner, at a stipend of $6.25 per hour with limited benefits, effective March 30, 2007. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve P-85-05/07, P-86-05/07, and P-87-05/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
P-85-05/07	Post vacant Elementary Teaching positions.
P-86-05/07	Post and/or advertise any staffing vacancy through the summer months.
P-87-05/07	Post all applicable extra-duty positions.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following workshops/conferences. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Eisenhuth, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Lucas and Stewart. The motion carried.
W-41-05/07	Kathleen Popchak (2), Food Service Director; *Healthy Edge Building Healthy Meals Workshop* on June 14, 15, 2007 at Beaver Valley IU 27. Registration: $200.00. Lodging: $100.00. Meals: $50.00. Travel: $95.00. Total Cost: $445.00.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:22 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. All were in favor.