FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
September 19, 2007

I.	The September 19, 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 6:08 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, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth, Richard Lucas, and Jeffrey Stewart.
	Student Board Representatives Present: Bradley Brosig. Absent: Alyse Callihan.
	Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Susan Layton, Teachers; Stephen Bendick, John Martin, Students; Dennis Glessner, Ferndale Area Hockey Club; Michelle Hershberger, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-11-09/07	Student Board Representatives are Alyse Callihan and Bradley Brosig.
1.	Student Activities
IST-03-09/07	Athletic Highlights - Glenn Wagner.
ST-10-09/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve Robin Rodgers as a Junior High Cheerleading Advisor for the 2007-08 school year at a salary of $1,536.00. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: Chobany. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.

ST-11-09/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve posting and advertising the following positions. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried. -- Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, -- Head Varsity Softball Coach, -- Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
ST-12-09/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the Ferndale Area Hockey Club agreement with Ferndale Area School District. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
ST-13-09/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Thomas Callihan, Sean Glenn, Dennis Glessner, Brian Riffle, Barry Walters, Gary Eisenhuth as Volunteer Hockey Coaches for the 2007-08 season. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve ST-14-09/07 and ST-15-09/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-14-09/07	Approve the French students' field trip to Chez Gerard French Restaurant in Hopwood on October 5, 2007, at an approximate cost of $320.00. Paid by District.
ST-15-09/07	Approve Reflector Staff's field trip to Jostens Plant, State College, on October 17, 2007 at an approximate cost of $500.00 for transportation. (District)
IST-04-09/07	Booster Club Fund-raising
IST-05-09/07	Foreign Language trip - Steven Brown
2.	Board
BD-08-09/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-09-09/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve, as revised, the First Reading of Policy No. 433.1 Grant Writing Incentive. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.
BD-10-09/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to recommend the District not fully implement, at a minimum, Year One of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's new Nutrition Standards for the Competitive Foods in Pennsylvania Schools, in at least one school, in School Year 2007-08, and/or will not commit to fully implement, at a minimum, Year Two of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's new Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods in Pennsylvania Schools, in at least one school, by the beginning of the School Year 2008-09. This selection is for schools not intending to earn the additional state reimbursement rates in School Year 2007-08. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.
IBD-12-09/07	An invitation was extended to all School Board Members to attend the High School Open House on September 24, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the Elementary Open House on September 26, and 27, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
IBD-13-09/07	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna
IBD-14-09/07	Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Update - John Augustine (via video)
IBD-15-09/07	Greater Johnstown Career and Technology hosted a Joint Board Convention, including dinner and student presentations, on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
IBD-16-09/07	Budget Discussion.
	The Board took a short recess at 8:23 p.m.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for contractual and personnel. The Executive Session ended 9:15 p.m.
IBD-17-09/07	Mlaker Transportation Contract Revision.

BD-11-09/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to modify the proposed contract by Mlaker Transportation to use the current rates until the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. The second semester rates will increase to $80.00 per run for K-12 and $50.00 per run for K4. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.
3.	Buildings and Grounds Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve BG-02-09/07, BG-03-09/07, and BG-04-09/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BG-02-09/07	Approve the Cambria County Board of Elections' request to use the Ferndale Area Senior High School as a polling location for Ferndale Borough No. 2 Precinct Municipal Election on November 6, 2007 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Due to room relocations, the auditorium will be used as the polling location.
BG-03-09/07	Approve the request of the Boy Scouts of America to use the Elementary School Cafeteria and movie screen in September, October, and May for boy talks and joining nights for recruitment. 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-04-09/07	Approve the request of the Ferndale Recreation Basketball to use the Elementary School Gymnasium and basketballs from October 9 2007, through December 1, 2007 on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Elementary Recreation Travel Girls Basketball practice (Ferndale students only). 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.
IBG-02-09/07	Marketing of Vickroy Avenue lot.
BG-05-09/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve placing a for sale sign on the Vickroy Avenue lot to and review offers received between now and the October 17, 2007 Board Meeting. It should then be placed on the October Board Meeting Agenda to make a decision whether to sell the property outright or to place with a realtor. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBG-03-09/07	School Signals Update.

4.	Cafeteria
	None.
5.	Education
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve E-06-09/07 and E-07-09/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-06-09/07	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Professional Development Plan.
E-07-09/07	Approve submission of the Ferndale Area School District's Strategic Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (2007-2013): -- Chapter 4 Plan -- Educational Technology Plan -- Professional Education Plan -- Teacher Induction Plan
E-08-09/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve a Dual Enrollment Agreement between Cambria Rowe Business College and Ferndale Area School District. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-09-09/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. -- Social Studies, World Cultures and Geography (Grade 7) -- Social Studies, Civics,(Grade 8) -- Social Studies, United States History II (Grade 10) -- Social Studies, World History (Grade 11) -- Biological Sciences, Biology (Grade 10) -- Biological Sciences, Environmental Science (Grades 11-12) -- Mathematics, Geometry (Grade 9-12) -- Mathematics, Probability and Statistics (Grades 11-12) -- Mathematics, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry (Grades 11-12) – Mathematics, Calculus (Grade 12) -- Business Department, Web Design (Grades 11-12) -- Business Department/Mathematics, Personal Finance (Grade 12)
IE-10-09/07	Classroom for the Future Update.

IE-11-09/07 Received a letter from Pennsylvania Department of Education informing us that Ferndale Area School District made AYP.

6. Finance

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve F-06-09/07 and F-07-09/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.

F-06-09/07 Approve the August Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-07-09/07 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

IF-06-09/06 Review of the budget schedule:

By September 14, 2007	Budget Requisitions Distributed to Principals/Staff
By October 12, 2007	General Supply/Kurtz Requisitions Due in Elementary/Secondary Office for Review by Principals
By October 31, 2007	General Supply/Kurtz Requisition Due in Business Office
By January 3, 2008	Preliminary Budget Printing and Availability for Public Inspection
By January 13, 2008	Preliminary Budget Public Notice
By January 23, 2008	Board Meeting -- "Adoption of Preliminary/Tentative Budget"

IF-07-09/07 Received a letter from Michael Brennan, PDE, approving the Ferndale Area School District's Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2006 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.

IF-08-09/06 Received correspondence from Sandy Basom, Bureau of Food Distribution, Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the District's Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2006. Ms. Basom informed us that our program is approved and in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

IF-09-09/07 Accountability Block Grant - additional $7,517 (able to include tutoring for Grades 7 and 8)

IF-10-08/07 Real estate assessment appeals will be held as follows:

Commercial Appeals:

-- ALMAR CO Inc	September 26, 2007	11:00 a.m.
-- ALMAR CO Inc	September 26, 2007	11:30 a.m.

Residential Appeal:

-- Cory L & Barbara A Thomas	October 9, 2007	9:55 a.m.

IF-11-09/07 Decision rendered by the Cambria County Board of Assessment appeal:

		Before	After
Jerry W & Beverly M Held	Land	2,520	2,520
	Imp	11,340	4,100
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	Total	13,860	6,620

IF-12-09/07 Review of receipts and disbursements.

7. Personnel

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve P-14-09/07 and P-15-09/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

P-14-09/07 Approve Amanda Charlton, Michele Haschak, Mary Lou Johnston, Krystal Keener, Deborah Kiehart, Tiffany McKinley, Patrick Murray, Geraldine Patterson, Heather Rose, and Terry Walsh to the substitute teachers list.

P-15-09/07 Approve Patricia Cornell to the substitute support staff list.

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve P-16-09/07, P-17-09/07, P-18-09/97, P-19-09/07, P-20-09/07, P-21-09/07, P-22-09/07, and P-23-09/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.

P-16-09/07 Grant tenure to Lynn Bennett, Speech Teacher; Laura Miller and Kathleen McCreery, K4 Teachers; Christine Sweeney, Third Grade Teacher, and Christopher Theys, Family Support Teacher. They have completed three years of satisfactory service and the Induction Program and have earned the status of permanent employment within the Ferndale Area School District on a regular basis.

P-17-09/07 Approve the resignation of Christine Falger, Chemistry/Science teacher and Student Council Co-Advisor, effective October 19, 2007.

P-18-09/07 Approve the retirement resignation of Donald Joswick, Sixth Grade teacher, effective at the end of the school year.

P-19-09/07 Approve the retirement resignation of Frank Haines, English teacher, effective June 30, 2008.

P-20-09/07 Approve the following personnel for extra pay for extra duty positions:

-- Jessica Dobson as a Student Council Co-Advisor;

-- Marjorie Pile as Curriculum Support Chairperson - Primary Social Studies.

P-21-09/07 Approve Frank McCleester as an evening school monitor.

P-22-09/07 Post and advertise a long-term substitute teaching position for Business, Computer, and Information Technology for the second semester.

P-23-09/07 Approve Karen Soohy as the Classroom for the Future Coach.

8. Workshops/Conferences

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following workshops/conferences. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.

W-04-09/07 Wayne Lohr (3), Federal Programs Coordinator; *Division of Federal Programs Regional Meeting* in Pittsburgh on September 20, 2007. Cost: Meals: $20.00. Travel: $87.30. Total Cost: $107.30. (Title I and District)

W-05-09/07 Wayne Lohr (4), *Title I Rural Capacity Building Consortium Meeting* in Altoona on October 23, 2007. Cost: Travel: $62.00. (Title I)

W-06-09/07 Kathleen Popchak (1), Food Service Director; *Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods in Pennsylvania Schools* in Harrisburg on September 21, 2007. Cost: Meals: $20.00. (Cafeteria)

W-07-09/07 Karen Soohy (1), *Classroom for Future Boot Camp* in Harrisburg on September 17, 18, 19, 20, 2007, and *Classroom for the Future Meetings* in Harrisburg on October 3, 2007 and November 9, 2007; at State College on October 30, 2007. Cost: Lodging: $200.00. Meals: $100.00. Travel: $590.00. Substitute: $560.00. Total Cost: $1,450.00. (Classroom for the Future)

W-08-09/07 Steven Brown; *Classroom for Future Meetings* in Harrisburg on October 3, 2007 and November 9, 2007 and on October 30, 2007 at State College. Cost: Travel: $408.00. (Classroom for the Future)

W-09-09/07 Daniel Burket (1), Librarian; Karen Soohy (3); Business Education Teacher; *Blended Schools: Educating the Digital Native Conference* at State College on October 25, 26, 2007. Cost: Registration for each: $175.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $120.00. Substitute two for two days: $320.00. Total Cost: $890.00. (Classroom for the Future, Title IIA, and District)

W-10-09/07 Melissa Henderson (1), French Teacher; *D2L Training for ESL Testing* in Johnstown on September 17, 2007. Cost: Travel: $10.00. Substitute for a half day: $40.00. Extra Pay for Extra Duty: $60.00. Total Cost: $110.00. (Title IIA and District)

W-11-09/07	Daniel Endler (1), Ronald Jones (1), Erin Kimmel (1), Social Studies Teachers; *Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies Conference* at Valley Forge on October 11, 12, 2007. Cost: Registration for each: $80.00. Lodging for each: $40.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $160.00. Substitute for three for two days: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,150.00. (Title IIA and District)
W-12-09/07	Robert Boyle (1), Stephen Clawson (1), Marsha Williams (1), Math Teachers; *56th Annual Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference* at Valley Forge on November 8, 9, 2007. Cost: Registration for each: $130.00. Lodging for each: $242.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $160.00. Substitutes for three for two days: $480.00. Total Cost: $1,664.00. (Title IIA and District)
W-13-09/07	Rachelle Hrabosky (1), Grade 4 Teacher; Ronald Wilson (1), Science Teacher; *Hands-On Minds-On Science* in Ebensburg on October 22, 2007. Cost: Travel: $49.00. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $209.00. (Title IIA and District)
W-14-09/07	Ronald Wilson (2), Science Teacher; *How to Differentiate Science* in Ebensburg on October 24, 2007. Cost: Travel: $20.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $100.00. (Title IIA and District)
W-15-09/07	Stephanie Mino, (1), Grade 5 Teacher; Jennifer Priest (1), Grade 4 Teacher; *TEAMS Teaching Science Using Literature* in Ebensburg on October 25, 2007. Cost: Travel: $58.00. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $218.00 (Title I and District)
W-16-09/07	Ronald Wilson (3), Science Teacher; *Teaching Science Using Literature* in Ebensburg on October 26, 2007. Cost: Travel: $20.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $100.00. (Title IIA and District)
W-17-09/07	Rachelle Hrabosky (2), Grade 4 Teacher; Christy Sweeney (1), Grade 3 Teacher; *Science as an Entry Point* in Ebensburg on December 5, 2007. Cost: Travel: $58.00. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $218.00. (District)
W-18-09/07	Stephanie Mino (2), Grade 5 Teacher; Ronald Wilson (4), Science Teacher; *Bringing Science to Life* in Ebensburg on December 6, 2007. Cost: Travel: $49.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $209.00. (Title IIA and District)

W-19-09/07	Jennifer Priest (2), Grade 4 Teacher; Christy Sweeney (2), Grade 3 Teacher; *Math & Science Connections* in Ebensburg on February 26, 2008. Cost: Travel: $58.00. Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $218.00. (Title I and District)
W-20-09/07	Lori Byer (1), Grade 6 Teacher; *Dealing with Disabilities in the Regular Classroom* in Altoona on October 19, 2007. Cost: Registration: $197.00. Travel: $45.00. Substitutes: $80.00. Total Cost: $322.00. (Title I and District)
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. All were in favor.