FASD
Ferndale Area School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
August 15, 2007

I.	The August 15, 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 6:04 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, Sandra Chobany, Gary Eisenhuth, Richard Lucas, Barbara Penna, Jeffrey Stewart, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Edward Jones. Greg Blue - late.
	Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney David Novak; Lori Byer, Donald Joswick, Teachers; Michelle Hershberger, Recording Secretary.
IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association
IBD-02-08/07	Craig Mlaker, Mlaker Transportation, Inc., addressed the Board. A new bus was available for inspection at 6:00 p.m.
V.	Committees Agenda
1.	Board
IBD-03-08/07	Michael Stohon, In-Shore Technologies, presented the new Ferndale Area School District's website.
	Mr. Blue arrived at 6:23 p.m.
IBD-04-08/07	Patty Glessner, Football Boosters, addressed the Board regarding football jerseys.
BD-01-08/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to pay the remaining balance up to $800 for the football jerseys purchased and partially paid by the Ferndale Area Football Booster Club. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: Banks. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

IBD-05-08/07	Ferndale Area Hockey Club Agreement.
BD-02-08/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2007 Board Meeting and July 23, 2007 Special Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-03-08/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Ridley Banks as the PSBA Voting Delegate. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-04-08/07	Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the Ferndale Area School District's Emergency Operations Plan for submission to Cambria County Emergency Management. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-05-08/07	Mr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to ratify any and all actions of the Joint Operating Committee since the last Joint Board resolution. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for student activities, personnel, Board matter, and contract matter. The Executive Session ended at 7:59 p.m.
BD-06-08/07	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to deny the Ferndale Area Education Association Grievance (#03-06-07). Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
BD-07-08/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the Ferndale Area School District Reciprocal Agreement with Westmont Hilltop School District for Emergency Evacuation Site. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-06-08/07	A Board Retreat will be held in the Ferndale Area Board Room on Friday, September 14, 2007 and Saturday, September 15, 2007.
IBD-07-08/07	Christine Oldham and John Cammerata, American Red Cross, have been chosen as the Cambria County Business & Education Consortia Co-Chairs.
IBD-08-08/07	Received a bereavement thank you for the floral arrangement from the family of Anthony Salvia (Lori Beck's father).

IBD-09-08/07	Received thank you cards from Gary Burnheimer, Donna Freiben, and Patricia Reinbold.
IBD-10-08/07	Received a thank you card from Ferndale United Methodist Church for the use of the Vickroy Avenue lot for their Vacation Bible School.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
IBG-01-08/07	Discussion on Vickroy Avenue lot.
BG-01-08/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to declare the Vickroy Avenue lot property unnecessary surplus land. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
3.	Cafeteria
	None.
4.	Education
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve E-03-08/07, E-04-08/07, and E-05-08/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
E-03-08/07	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Chapter 4 Plan to be placed on public display.
E-04-08/07	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Teacher Induction Plan.
E-05-08/07	Approve the Ferndale Area School District's Technology Plan.
IE-02-08/07	Received letter from PDE approving the 2007-2010 Ferndale Area School District's Special Education Plan.
IE-03-08/07	Summer school and enrollment - Jennifer Gamble.
IE-04-08/07	Enrollment - Edward Moran.
IE-05-08/07	K4 orientation will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

IE-06-08/07 Kindergarten orientation will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

IE-07-08/07 An orientation for new students entering the Elementary School will be held on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

IE-08-08/07 An orientation for new students entering the High School will be held at the Ferndale Area High School Auditorium on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

IE-08-08/07 The following have been assigned as student teachers in the Ferndale Area School District for the 2007-08 school year:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	
Nick Lynn	Ronald Jones	Fall Term
Bill Steuart	Frank Haines	Fall Term
Eric Yacko	Steven Clawson	Spring Term
Krystal Jerley	Frank Haines	Spring Term

5. Finance

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve F-02-08/07 and F-03-08/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

F-02-08/07 Approve the June and July Treasurer's Reports, as presented.

F-03-08/07 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-04-08/07 Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve participation in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 2007-08 Teacher Induction Program at a cost of $150 per participant for first-year teachers and $50 per participant for second-year teachers. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

F-05-08/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to appoint Anita M. Smith as the Ferndale Borough Tax Assessor in order to make the necessary changes to Ferndale's Tax Rolls. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IF-01-08/07 The District applied for and received an additional $30,000 from Title I Reallocation Funds.

IF-02-08/07	The Elementary School applied for and received an Academic Achievement Award for $2,076.
IF-03-08/07	Year 3 Project 720 application has been approved in the amount of $77,000.
IF-04-08/07	A real estate assessment appeal will be held as follows: Commercial Appeal - Jerry W. & Beverly M. Held Tuesday, August 21, 2007, 1:30 p.m.
IF-05-08/07	Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.
6.	Personnel
P-05-08/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following names to the substitute teachers list: James Allison, Dennis Altimore, Jane Bennese, Ginnifer Burns, Thomas Byrne, Catherine Chessa, Ashley Chalich, Stephen Cotchen, Kirby Croft, Patricia Dinsmore, Patricia Dolence, Traci Duso, Amy Sue Eash, Clair Eash, David Finney, Cathy Garlesky, Ryan George, Marie Goff, Melissa Kaim, Deborah Kesslak, Sharon Kieta, Katy Kolasa, Kathleen Larkin, Gregory Ludwig, Lynn Mandel, Kimberly Marley, Michael Meketa, Elaine Metzler, Michael Mirobelli, Jill Mitchell, John Nibert, Joanna Nieves, Linda Olenik, Lori Patterson, Dana Pfeil, Catherine Rager, Michael Rager, Jennifer Ray, Francine Ressler, Kenneth Salem, Diana Schad, Alicia Schweitzer, Monica Shedlock, John Stigers, Heather Szekeresh, Donald Wozniak, and Dennis Zahurak. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve P-06-08/07, P-07-08/07, P-08-08/07, P-09-08/07, P-10-08/07, and P-11-08/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
P-06-08/07	Approve the resignation of Tammy Rodgers as an Art Teacher, effective August 15, 2007.
P-07-08/07	Approve the following mentors for the 2007-08 school year at a stipend of $623.00 each: -- Frank McCleester for Brandon Manack, Technology Education Teacher;

-- Karen Soohy for Lauren Shank, Family & Consumer Science Teacher;

-- Patricia Balagusz for Jessica Korenoski, Second Grade Teacher;

-- Donald Joswick for Kathleen Rigby, Class-size Reduction Teacher.

P-08-08/07 Approve a Family Medical Leave for Amy Kopriva, English Teacher, beginning August 27, 2007.

P-09-08/07 Employ Deborah Pearce as an Instructional Aide, at a stipend of $80.00 per day, based on a 7 ½ hour workday, with limited benefits, starting with the 2007-08 school year.

P-10-08/07 Employ Nicholas Fabina as a Cleaner, at a stipend of $7.15 per hour, with limited benefits, effective June 11, 2007 (pending FBI Clearance).

P-11-08/07 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions:

-- High School Arts Curriculum Support Chairperson - Frank McCleester

-- High School English Curriculum Support Chairperson - Frank Haines

P-12-08/07 Mr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to create the position of an Evening School Monitor at a cost of $2,302. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

P-13-08/07 Approve the Superintendent's Job Description. No action taken.

7. Student Activities

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve ST-05-08/-07, ST-06-08/07, ST-07-08/07, and ST-08-08/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.

ST-05-08/07 Approve the following coaches for the 2007-08 school year.

Stephen Clawson as Head Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $2,637.50, based on a 10-week season;

	Joseph Arcurio as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of $1,212.50, based on a 10-week season;
	Arthur McClucas as Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, at a salary of $1,323.00, based on a 12-week season;
	Kelli Mostoller as Head Junior High Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $2,707.75, based on an 11-week season;
	Theresa Kessler as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach, at a salary of $1,344.75, based on an 11-week season.
ST-06-08/07	Approve Gary Eisenhuth as a Volunteer 7th and 8th Grade Football Coach, pending clearances.
ST-07-08/07	Approve Earl Berkebile, III as a Volunteer Football Coach, pending clearances.
ST-08-06/07	Approve Earl Berkebile, III as a substitute Weight Room Supervisor, at a salary of $7.15 per hour from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
ST-09-08/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve permission to pursue a cooperative agreement with a local school for Junior High and Varsity Girls' Soccer for the 2008-09 school year. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IST-01-08/07	The game of the week, Conemaugh Valley at Ferndale Area, is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
IST-02-08/07	Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following workshops/conferences. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Lucas, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Banks and Eisenhuth. Absent: Jones. The motion carried.
W-01-08/07	Ridley Banks; *2007 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference* in Hershey on October 2 through October 5, 2007. Registration: $295.00 (District)

W-02-08/07	Gary Eisenhuth; *Zeroing in on Student Discipline Workshop* in Altoona on September 6, 2007. Registration: $89.00. *Show Me the Results Workshop* in Pittsburgh on September 11, 2007. Registration: $89.00. (District)
W-03-08/07	Wayne Lohr (1), Federal Program Coordinator; *PA Title I Improving School Performance* in Pittsburgh on January 27 through January 30, 2008. Registration: $220.00. Meals: $55.00. Travel: $65.00. Total Cost: $340.00. (Title I)
W-04-08/07	Wayne Lohr (2), Federal Program Coordinator *39th PA Federal Program Coordinator Conference* in Hershey on April 13 through April 16, 2008. Registration: $150.00. Lodging: $390.00. Meals: $75.00. Travel: $150.00. Total Cost: $765.00. (Title I)
VI.	Adjournment
	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. All were in favor.