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School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
December 5, 2007

I. The December 5, 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 6:03 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, James Ford, Edward Jones, Richard Lucas, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth - late.

Mr. Eisenhuth arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Student Board Representatives Present: Bradley Brosig. Absent: Alyse Callihan.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Kristen Kasprzyk, Teacher; Dennis Glessner, Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team; Gloria Rager; Charnell Day, Lukas Farber, Matthew Mahon, Amanda Pribulsky, Axel Walin, Samatha Way, Students; Michelle Hershberger, Recording Secretary

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

Election of Temporary President

Section 402 of the Pennsylvania School Code " . . . there shall be elected from the holdover members a temporary president, and the secretary of the Board shall act as secretary of such meeting."

BD-30-12/07 Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Richard Lucas to serve as Temporary President of the Board.

BD-31-12/07 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-32-12/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to elect Richard Lucas as Temporary President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-35-12/05 Mr. Lucas administered the Oath of Office to the new Board Members. Section 321 of the Pennsylvania School Code (Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos):

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties of my office as Board Member of the Ferndale Area School District, CAMBRIA County, with fidelity.

Nomination of President

BD-33-12/07 Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks to serve as President of the Board.

BD-34-12/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of President

BD-35-12/07 Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to elect Ridley Banks as President of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-36-12/07 Amanda Pribulsky addressed the Board requesting use of the High School Gymnasium for a Charity Volleyball Tournament to benefit Strides Against Breast Cancer.

IBD-37-12/07 Student Board Representatives Report.

IBD-38-12/07 Dennis Glessner, Ferndale Hockey Club Team, addressed the Board to request funding for the 2007-08 hockey season.

Mr. Blue left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Nomination of Vice President

BD-36-12/07 Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Barbara Penna to serve as Vice President of the Board.

BD-37-12/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Election of Vice President

BD-38-12/07 Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to elect Barbara Penna as Vice President of the Board. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Penna. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

Nomination of PSBA Liaison

BD-39-12/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion to nominate Ridley Banks as PSBA Liaison.

BD-40-12/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-41-12/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to elect Ridley Banks as PSBA Liaison. Record vote for the motion: Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Banks. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

BD-42-12/07

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following Meeting Dates. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 175 of the 1974 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Ferndale Area Board of Education will be held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15905, on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as follows, except for the months of March, May, and June and the annual Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008:

BOARD MEETING

DAY	DATE
Wednesday	January 16, 2008
Wednesday	February 20, 2008
Wednesday	March 12, 2008
Wednesday	April 16, 2008
Wednesday	May 7, 2008
Wednesday	June 11, 2008
Wednesday	August 20, 2008
Wednesday	September 17, 2008
Wednesday	October 15, 2008
Wednesday	November 19, 2008
Wednesday	December 3, 2008

	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the December 5, 2007 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.
BD-43-12/07	Approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented.
BD-44-12/07	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices, adopt said policy.
BD-45-12/07	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students, and adopt said policy.
BD-46-12/07	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 404 Employment of Professional Employees, and adopt said policy.
BD-47-12/07	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 407 Student Teachers/Interns, and adopt said policy.
BD-48-12/07	Approve, as read, the Second Reading of revised Policy No. 810 Transportation, and adopt said policy.
BD-49-12/07	Waive the First Reading of revised Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities.
BD-50-12/07	Approve, as read, revised Policy No. 122 Extracurricular Activities, and adopt said policy.
BD-51-12/07	Approve the Superintendent's Job Description.
BD-52-12/07	Approve the Superintendent's Evaluation.
BD-53-12/07	Approve participation in the Olweus Bullying Prevention Delayed Implementation Program for Junior High students.

BG-09-12/07	Approve the request of the March of Dimes to use the following areas of the Ferndale Area Elementary School for a March for Babies event on Sunday, April 27, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 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. -- Cafeteria -- Kitchen, refrigerator -- Library -- Restrooms -- Tables and chairs -- Microphone
BG-10-12/07	Approve the request of Ferndale Hockey Club to use the High School Gymnasium for a Valentine Dance on Friday, February 15, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 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.
F-14-12/07	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.
F-15-12/07	Approve authorization of the Administration to submit grant proposals for federal and state government agencies and to all other funding sources for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
F-16-12/07	Authorize a new set of Bank Depository signatures, if needed, for the newly-elected officers.
IF-18-12/07	Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.
P-33-12/07	Approve Julie Roof, Stephen Slatcoff, Elaine Metzler, and Barbara Rosenberg to the substitute teachers list.
P-34-12/07	Grant tenure to Arthur McClucas, Health & Physical Education Teacher. Mr. McClucas has completed three years of satisfactory service, the Induction Program, and has earned the status of permanent employment within the Ferndale Area School District on a regular basis.
IP-01-12/07	Received a letter of appreciation from UPJ thanking Jennifer Gamble for participating in the "Student Teacher Seminar."
ST-24-12/07	Approve the resignation of Arthur McClucas, Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.

ST-25-12/07	Approve Gerald Murphy as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2007-08 season, at a salary of $1,251, based on a 12-week season (pending clearances).
ST-26-12/07	Approve the French students' field trip to Murrysville to attend an Etienne Concert on April 18, 2008, at a cost of $300.00 for transportation.
ST-27-12/07	Approve the Scholastic Scrimmage Team's field trip to Penn State Outreach Building on January 22, 2008, at a cost of $450.00 for transportation.
ST-28-12/07	Approve posting (advertise, if necessary) of the following coaching positions for the 2008-09 school year: -- Head (1) /Assistant (4) Varsity Football Coaches -- Head (1) /Assistant (2) 7th/8th Football Coaches -- Head (1) /Assistant (1) Girls' Junior High Basketball Coaches -- Head (1) /Assistant (1) Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coaches -- Head (1) Golf Coach
ST-29-12/07	Approve Angela Burnheimer as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach, pending clearances.
IST-06-12/07	The annual school picnic is scheduled at Idlewild Park on May 24, 2008.
W-37-12/07	Kimberly Reighard (1); Health & Physical Education teacher; *Health Education Assessment Project Workshop* on December 11 & 12, 2007, February 29, 2008 in State College. Cost: Registration for each: $75.00. Travel: $24.00. Substitutes for three days: $240.00. Total Cost: $339.00. (Title IIA & District)
IBD-39-12/07	PSBA Board Self-Assessment - discussion.
IBD-40-12/07	House Bill 1841 - statewide health insurance program for schools.
IBD-41-12/07	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna.
2.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-08-12/07	Approve permission to advertise and solicit sealed bids for the sale of surplus property on Vickroy Avenue. No action taken.

IBG-06-12/07 Report from H.F. Lenz regarding the High School wall cracks.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

IE-15-12/07 Ferndale Area School District received the Keystone Achievement Award for meeting Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years.

5. Finance

F-17-12/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adopt the following Resolution. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Pursuant to Act 1 of Special Session 2006, the Ferndale Area School District hereby certifies that it shall not increase any tax used for the support of the school district by a rate greater than the index of 6.8%.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of School Directors, hereby certifies that it:

i. Shall not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

ii. Shall comply with the budgeting procedures set forth in 24 P.S. §6-687 for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets; and

Shall by limiting its tax rate to no greater than the index have sufficient funds to balance its final budget, unless permitted by applicable law and done in accordance with applicable said law. If said clause is not permitted by PDE, then said clause is eliminated.

F-18-12/07 Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the distribution of $8,000 to the Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team for the 2007-2008 school year to purchase insurance and to pay league fees with the stipulation that proof of insurance is provided in the form of an invoice. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

F-19-12/07 Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the tentatively adopted 2008-2009 Greater Johnstown Area Career and Technology Center/AVTS Joint Operating Committee General Fund Secondary Budget, as follows.

General Fund Secondary Budget: $3,390,434

Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

IF-19-12/07 Pursuant to sec. 613 et. seq. of the Real Estate Tax Sale Law of 1947, as amended, the following were given notice that the County of Cambria Tax Claim Bureau has agreed to sell, at Private Sale, the realty for $100.00 and the Tax Claim Bureau has approved such price. They may petition the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County and request it to disapprove said sale within forty-five days after this notice. If such petition is filed, a hearing in court will be held thereon.

Owner:	Property Location	Assessed Value
Louise and Darryl Kosanovich 211 Brendel Street Johnstown, PA 15906	405 Willis	$4,540

6. Personnel

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-35-12/07 and P-36-12/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

P-35-12/07 Approve the resignation of Christine Madison as Biology/Science Teacher, effective February 1, 2008.

P-36-12/07 Post and advertise a Biology/General Science teaching position.

7. Student Activities

ST-30-12/07 Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to amend the agenda and add a motion to approve the proposal by Amanda Pribulsky to hold a Volleytine's Day Tournament to benefit Strides Against Breast Cancer. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

ST-31-12/07 Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to amend the agenda and add a motion to approve the proposal by Amanda Pribulsky to hold a Volleytine's Day Tournament to benefit Strides Against Breast Cancer, with District providing insurance. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

W-38-12/07 Approve Joseph Arcurio (1), Stephen Clawson (3), Arthur McClucas (1), Coaches; *Coaches Clinic* in Monroeville on January 11, 2008. Cost: Registration for two: $140.00. Shared Lodging: $170.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $130.00. Substitute for two: $160.00. Total Cost: $750.00. (District) The motion died for lack of a motion.

W-39-12/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Jessica Dobson (2); Kathleen Wojnarowski (1); Special Education teachers; *Powerful Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Parents* in State College on February 1, 2008. Cost: Registration for each: $185.00. Shared Lodging: $150.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Shared Travel: $87.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $787.00. (District) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, and Penna. Against the motion: Lucas and Vamos. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion carried.

The Board took a short recess at 7:44 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for personnel and a student issue. The Executive Session ended at 8:51 p.m.

F-20-12/07

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the following Resolution of the Greater Johnstown Area Vocational-Technical School Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center:

WHEREAS, by Deed dated the 31st day of October, 1968, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", the Greater Johnstown Area Vocational-Technical School, now, aka, the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, conveyed the school property to the Greater Johnstown Area Vocational-Technical School Building Authority; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 53 Pa C.S. Section 5622 the Board of said Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center is desirous that said property be returned to the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center and its participating School Districts;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Greater Johnstown Area Vocational-Technical School Building Authority is hereby directed to reconvey said school property to the Greater Johnstown Area Vocational-Technical School aka Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center and each of its member districts pursuant to 24 P.S. Section 18-1850.11 (11).

Record vote for the motion: None. Against the motion: Banks, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Ford, Jones, Lucas, Penna, and Vamos. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue. The motion was denied. The Board requested Attorney Walsh approach Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center's Solicitor to provide consideration in writing.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 9:27 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. All were in favor.