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FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
November 14, 2007

I. The November 14, 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 6:07 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, Gary Eisenhuth, Richard Lucas, Jeffrey Stewart, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Edward Jones and Barbara Penna.

Student Board Representatives Present: Bradley Brosig and Alyse Callihan.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Susan Layton, Teacher; Stephen Bendick, Michael Blue, Matthew Boast, Troy Covalt, Daniel Davidson, Abby Feightner, Ryan Fuge, Stephanie Grow, Brittany Horvath, Amanda Kapcsos, John Martin, Chelsie Maschak, Cody Naylor, Ali Russell, Courtney Thompson, Kaylee Tomak, Katrina Vivis, Eric Wentz, Lauren Williams, Kim Zahoran, Students; Jamie Duplin, Debbie Eisenhuth, Theresa Eisenhuth, Frank Genovese, Patty Glessner, Bob Hamer, Christine Helsel, Gloria Rager, Kaylee Tomak, Patty Toth, Parents; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

IBD-26-11/07 Student Board Representatives Report.

IBD-27-11/07 Christine Helsel addressed the Board regarding Policy No. 123.

1. Board

BD-17-11/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-18-11/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve Sandra Chobany as Board Representative for the Dual Enrollment Committee. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-19-11/07	Mr. Eisenhuth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Grade 3 student participation in a Bullying Prevention Survey. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-20-11/07	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve Grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 student participation in the Pennsylvania Youth Survey at a cost of $600.00 for the School District. (Funded through Safe and Drug Free) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.
	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve BD-22-11/07, BD-23-11/07, BD-24-11/07, BD-25-11/07, BD-26-11/07, BD-27-11/07, and BD-28-11/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-22-11/07	Approve, as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices.
BD-23-11/07	Approve, as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students.
BD-24-11/07	Approve, as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 404 Employment of Professional Employees.
BD-25-11/07	Approve, as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 407 Student Teachers/Interns.
BD-26-11/07	Approve, as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 810 Transportation.
BD-27-11/07	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve a letter of support to the Moxham Wellness Organization for providing health awareness, fitness, and organized activities to the community. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-28-11/07	Items of discussion: -- Administrators and Board's walk around the entire District before the December 5, 2007 Reorganizational Meeting. -- Superintendent's Job Description and Evaluation. -- Board self evaluation utilizing PSBA's Standard for Effective School Governance (indicators and benchmarks)
IBD-29-11/07	Elementary and High School Highlights.
IBD-30-11/07	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee.
IBD-31-11/07	Diana Schroeder addressed the Board regarding the Bullying Prevention.
IBD-32-11/07	Consent Agenda Discussion.
IBD-33-11/07	The Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors has taken action at its September 27, 2007 Meeting to elect members who will serve on its Board by way of election through the use of the 2007 mail ballot.
3.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-07-11/07	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve the request of Ferndale Recreation to use the Ferndale Area Football Stadium on November 25, 2007 for a benefit flag football game for the Keystone Chapter of the American Red Cross. 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.
IBG-05-11/07	Vickroy Avenue Parking Lot.
4.	Cafeteria
	None.
5.	Education
	None.

6. Finance

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve F-10-11/07 and F-11-11/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.

F-10-11/07 Approve the October Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-11-11/07 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

F-12-11/07 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to appoint Carol Petry as the Lorain Borough Tax Assessor in order to make the necessary changes to Lorain's Tax Rolls. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

F-13-11/07 Mr. Lucas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve an Interdistrict Agreement with Westmont Hilltop to provide Title I services to Ferndale Area School District students attending St. Andrews. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.

IF-14-11/07 Received letter from Renee' Palakovic, PDE Division of Federal Programs. Ferndale Area School District's Title I, Title II Part A, Title V Part A and Fiscal Requirements are in compliance with current statute, regulations, and guidance released by the United States Department of Education.

IF-15-11/07 Decision rendered by the Cambria County Board of Assessment:

		Before	After
Residential Appeal:			
Thomas Cory L & Barbara A	Land	1,160	1,160
	Imp	13,740	8,170
	Minl		
	Totl	14,900	9,330

IF-16-11/07 Fund Balance Review.

IF-17-11/07 Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.

The Board took a short recess at 7:40 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. for personnel and a student matter. The Executive Session ended at 9:07 p.m.

BD-21-11/07 Approve participation in the State Management Assistance Survey. Died for lack of a motion.

BD-28-11/07 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to amend the agenda to rescind (BD-16-11/07) the Common Cents Initiative due to lack of participation from neighboring districts. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-29-11/07 Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to rescind (BD-16-11/07) the Common Cents Initiative due to lack of participation from neighboring districts. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Personnel

P-28-11/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve Christopher Barkley, Gary Hale, Damon Pulgino, and Matthew Rogerson to the substitute teachers list. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve P-29-11/07 and P-30-11/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.

P-29-11/07 Approve the resignation of Amy Kopriva, English Teacher, effective November 1, 2007.

P-30-11/07 Permission to post and advertise an English Teacher position.

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve P-31-11/07 and P-32-11/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.

P-31-11/07 Approve a six-week leave of absence for Melissa Henderson starting in mid December.

P-32-11/07 Approve Ferndale Area High School application for two workers to participate in the Americorps Program for the 2007-08 school year. They will work part-time for 6 to 8 months out of the year. The cost to the District is $2,900 per year/per worker for 900 hours of work. This averages out to $3.22 per hour for a full-time worker.

8. Student Activities

ST-20-11/07 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve Henry Eisenhuth as Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2007-08 school year, at a salary of $1,839.00, based on a 12-week season. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Gary Eisenhuth - cousin. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eisenhuth, to approve ST-21-11/07, ST-22-11/07, and ST-23-11/07. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Eisenhuth, Lucas, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Jones and Penna. The motion carried.

ST-21-11/07 Grades 7 & 8 field trip to Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Cost: Transportation - $150.00. (Paid by Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center) Two chaperones for 6 hours at $22.00 per hour - $264.00. Total Cost: $414.00.

ST-22-11/07 Grade 8 Civics class field trip to Cambria County Courthouse and Prison on December 5, and December 11, 2007. Cost: Transportation for each day: $164.00. Three substitutes for two days: $480.00. Total Cost: $808.00.

ST-23-11/07 Human Anatomy & Physiology Class field trip to St. Francis University on November 20, 2007. Transportation: $220.00 Substitutes: $160.00. Total Cost: $380.00.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-28-11/07 Melissa Henderson (1), French Teacher; *Collaborating to Meet the Academic and Linguistic Needs of ELLs* in Johnstown on November 6, 7, 2007 and April 15, 16, 2008. Cost: Meals: $20.00. Travel: $44.00. Substitute for four half-days: $160.00. Extra Pay for Extra Duty: $200.00. Total Cost: $424.00. (Title IIA & District)

W-29-11/07 Karen Soohy (6), Business Education Teacher; *CDW-G Training* in Pittsburgh on November 13, 14, 2007. Cost: Travel: $150.00. Substitute for two days: $160.00. Total Cost: $310.00. (Title IID/CFF)

W-30-11/07 Wayne Lohr (5), Federal Program Coordinator; *New Federal Program Coordinator Meeting* in Altoona on November 14, 2007. Cost: Meals: $10.00. Travel: $62.00. Total Cost: $72.00. (Title I)

W-31-11/07 Kathleen Popchak (1), Food Service Director; *USDA Commodity Processing Show* in Harrisburg on November 27, 2007. Cost: Meals: $25.00. Travel: $138.00. Total Cost: $163.00. (Cafeteria)

W-32-11/07 Steven Brown, Laryssa Bremer (1), Guidance Counselor; Daniel Burket (2), Librarian; Karen Soohy (7), Business Education Teacher; *Governor's Institute for Innovation in Education* at Penn State on December 17, 18, 19, 2007. Cost: Shared Travel: $264.00. Substitutes for two for three days: $480.00. Total Cost: $744.00. (Project 720, Title IID/CFF & District)

W-33-11/07 Wayne Lohr (6), Federal Program Coordinator; *Winter Regional Meeting* in Westmoreland on January 9, 2008. Cost: Meals: $10.00. Travel: $39.00. Total Cost: $49.00. (Title I)

W-34-11/07 Wayne Lohr (7), Federal Program Coordinator; *Title I Rural Capacity Building Consortium* in Altoona on February 5, 2008 and April 22, 2008. Cost: Meals: $20.00. Travel: $125.00. Total Cost: $145.00. (Title I)

W-35-11/07	Jennifer Gamble; Lesley Miller (2), Special Education Teacher; *Preparing Students for the Workforce of Tomorrow* in Hershey on February 5, 6, 2008. Cost: Registration for each: $165.00. Lodging for each: $130.00. Meals for each: $50.00. Travel: $370.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $1,220.00. (Project 720 & District)
W-36-11/07	Stephen Clawson (2); Daniel Endler (1); Ronald Jones (2); Christine Madison (1); Karen Soohy (8); Jessica Szymusiak (1); *Preparing Out of the Box Training* in Indiana on November 29, 2008. Cost: Meals for each: $12.00. Travel for each: $23.00. Substitutes for six: $480.00. Total Cost: $690.00. (CFF & District)
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for personnel reasons. The Executive Session ended at 9:57 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m. All were in favor.