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School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
October 17, 2007

I. The October 17, 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 Mrs. Penna at 6:00 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: Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Ridley Banks, Gary Eisenhuth, Richard Lucas, and Jeffrey Stewart.

Student Board Representatives Present: Bradley Brosig and Alyse Callihan.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Susan Layton and Jennifer Priest, Teachers; James Ford and Sarah Priest, Residents; Stephen Bendick, Matt Mahon, John Martin, Adam Morgart, Cody Naylor, Kaylee Tomak, Students; Lynell Grego and Lori Himes, Parent/Teacher Organization; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

Committee Agenda

1. Board

IBD-18-10/07 Student Board Representatives Report.

IBD-19-10/07 Lynell Grego and Lori Himes addressed the Board regarding the PTO.

BD-12-10/07 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2007 Board Meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-13-10/07 Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve, as read, the Second Reading of Policy No. 433.1 Grant Writing Incentive, and adopt said policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BD-14-10/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to waive the First Reading of revised Policy No. 227 Controlled Substances/ Paraphernalia. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-15-10/07	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve, as read, revised Policy No. 227 Controlled Substances/ Paraphernalia, and adopt said policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
BD-16-10/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. WHEREAS, the Ferndale Area School District is committed to delivering a quality education while being accountable to our taxpayers; and WHEREAS, that opportunities to operate more efficiently while improving services are in the best interest of the taxpayers and students; and WHEREAS, that the Common Cents program is an opportunity to receive recommendations on sharing services without any commitment to implement those recommendations; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Ferndale Area School District hereby applies on October 17, 2007 to participate in the Common Cents program to explore ways to share services with other school districts in order to improve quality and drive down costs, and be it further RESOLVED, that the Ferndale Area School District will publicly present the recommendations it receives; and be it further RESOLVED, that after receiving public comment the Ferndale Area School District will vote to approve or reject the recommendations that it receives.
IBD-20-10/07	Board Retreat Issue Update.
IBD-21-10/07	National School Boards Association Membership.
IBD-22-10/07	Discussion on Graduation Starting Time.
IBD-23-10/07	Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Barbara Penna

IBD-24-10/07	Received a bereavement thank you from the family of C. James Kocher (Linda Stufft's father).
IBD-25-10/07	Donations to District.
3.	Buildings and Grounds
BG-06-10/07	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the request of Ferndale Recreation to use the Elementary Gymnasium, tables, and chairs on November 7, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for recreation basketball sign-ups. 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-04-10/07	Vickroy Parking Lot Update.
4.	Cafeteria
	None.
5.	Education
E-10-10/07	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. -- Mathematics, Algebra II (Grades 10-11) -- Business Department, Photoshop CS2 I (Grades 11-12) -- Business Department, PowerPoint (Grade 8) -- Social Studies, Sociology (Grade 12) – Social Studies, Psychology (Grade 12)
IE-12-10/07	Michelle Lasko, an IUP student, requested to complete her clinical hours in Art education at Ferndale Area School District. She is to complete 35-40 hours between December 10, 2007 and January 11, 2008. Her cooperating teacher will be Maxine Cullen.
IE-13-10/07	Received a letter from Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, PDE, commending Ferndale Area School District for the hard work being done to deliver high quality programs to students with disabilities.
IE-14-10/07	PSSA Presentation - Edward Moran and Steven Brown.

6. Finance

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve F-08-10/97 and F-09-10/07. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks, Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.

F-08-10/07 Approve the September Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-09-10/07 Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.

IF-11-10/07 Received a letter from Renee Palakovic, PDE, substantially approving the Ferndale Area School District's 2007-2008 Consolidated Federal Programs Application.

IF-12-10/07 Decisions rendered by the Cambria County Board of Assessment:

		Before	After
Commercial Appeals:			
ALMAR Co, Inc.	Land	11,860	11,860
	Imp	187,400	187,400
	Minl		
	Totl	199,260	199,260
ALMAR Co., Inc.	Land	6,140	6,140
	Imp	20,200	20,200
	Minl		
	Totl	26,340	26,340

IF-13-10/07 Review of receipts and disbursements.

7. Personnel

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve P-24-10/07, P-25-10/07, P-26-10/07, and P-27-10/07. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks, Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.

P-24-10/07 Approve Nicholas Fabina, Jr. and Barbara Allison to the substitute support staff list.

P-25-10/07 Approve Paul Goehres to the substitute teachers list, pending certificate and clearances.

P-26-10/07	Approve the resignation of Nicholas Fabina as a Cleaner, effective October 5, 2007.
P-27-10/07	Approve the following personnel for extra pay for extra duty position: -- Elementary Language Arts Curriculum Support Chairperson - Lori Beck
8.	Student Activities
ST-16-10/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Arthur McClucas as the Head Varsity Softball Coach for the 2007-08 season, at a salary of $1,622.50, based on a 10-week season. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks, Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-17-10/07	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve pursuing a cooperative agreement with Greater Johnstown School District for Junior High and Varsity Soccer. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, and Penna. Against the motion: Jones and Vamos. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks, Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried. Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve ST-18-10/07 and ST-19-10/07. Record vote for the motion: Blue, Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Banks, Eisenhuth, Lucas, and Stewart. The motion carried.
ST-18-10/07	Approve the Ferndale Area School District Student Activities Report.
ST-19-10/07	Approve the K4 Field Trip to Westmont Fire Station at a cost of $74.75 for transportation.

8. Workshops/Conferences

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

W-21-10/07 Judith Virgin (1), School Nurse; Eileen Zankey (1), Guidance Counselor; *Pennsylvania Health Leadership Conference* in Hershey on November 2, 2007 and April 25, 2008. Cost: Travel: $146.00. Total Cost: $146.00. (District) All other costs reimbursed by Pennsylvania Department of Health.

W-22-10/07 Judith Virgin (2), School Nurse; *7th Annual Operation Immunizations Conference* in Greensburg on April 22, 2008. Cost: Registration: $35.00. Meals: $10.00. Travel: $41.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $166.00. (District)

W-23-10/07 Christine Oldham, Jennifer Gamble; *Integrated Learning: The School-to-Career Connection* at Penn State on November 5, 6, 7, 2007. Cost: Registration for each: $150.00. Lodging: $376.00. Travel: $219.00: Total Cost: $745.00. (District)

W-24-10/07 Mindie Cunningham (1), Special Education Teacher; *Inclusion Strategies* in Pittsburgh on December 4, 2007. Cost: Registration: $195.00. Meals: $10.00. Travel: $83.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $368.00. (Title IIA & District)

W-25-10/07 Jessica Dobson (1), Special Education Teacher; *Practical Strategies - Asperger's Syndrome in Home and School* in Johnstown on October 25, 2007. Cost: Registration: $155.00. Travel: $4.00. Substitute: $80.00. Total Cost: $239.00. (Title IIA & District)

W-26-10/07 Valerie Kasper (1), Reading Teacher; Lesley Miller (1), Special Education Teacher; *Middle/Secondary Literacy Network* in Ebensburg on October 25, 2007, November 8, 2007, January 24, 2008, February 28, 2008. Registration for each: $200.00. Travel: $334.00. Substitute for two for four days: $640.00. Total Cost: $1,374.00. (Project 720 & District)

W-27-10/07	Brandon Manack (1), Technology Education Teacher; *55th Annual Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania Conference* at Camp Hill on November 8, 9, 2007. Cost: Registration: $35.00. Lodging: $110.00. Travel: $129.00. Substitute: $160.00. Total Cost: $434.00. (Project 720 & District)
	The Board took a short recess at 7:35 p.m.
	The Board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.
	The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for a Board matter, a student matter, and personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:13 p.m.
VI.	Adjournment
	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. All were in favor.