FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 18, 2012

I. The January 18, 2012 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: Susan Bailey, Ridley Banks, Sandra Chobany, Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: None.

Student Board Representatives: Absent: Elizabeth Chobany and Ashlee Grow.

Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Administrators; Robert Boyle, At-Risk Coordinator; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Susan Layton, Teacher; Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

IBD-30-01/12 Pennsylvania School Board Association proclaimed the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Certificates and cakes were presented to Board Members.

BD-28-01/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to reaffirm the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance/Code of Conduct. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IBD-31-01/12	New Board Member Training: Pam Price, PSBA Senior Consultant, will be conducting a new board member orientation workshop at GJCTC on January 23-24, 2012. This workshop is presented in a four module format over two evenings. The topics include: board roles, legal responsibilities, student achievement, and a public school financial overview. The workshops will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. Light refreshment will be provided. There is no obligation to attend all four sessions, but it is recommended. (Attending are Ridley Banks, Susan Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Dale Harrison, Wayne Meekins, Richard Pavic, Barbara Penna, Stephen Thompson, and Carole Kakabar)
IBD-32-01/12	Distribution of Statement of Financial Interest Forms - Board Members and Administrators.
BD-29-01/12	Mrs. Penna made a motion, second by Mr. Jones, to approve the January 18, 2012 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-30-01/12 through IP-03-01/12).
BD-30-01/12	Approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2011 Board Meeting, as presented.
BG-11-01/12	Approve the request of the Ferndale Wrestling Team (Responsible Officer Scott Miles) to use the Elementary Gymnasium on January 4, 11, 25, 2012 and February 1, 8, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for wrestling matches. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-12-01/12	Approve the request of the Ferndale Recreation Basketball Team (Responsible Officer Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Elementary Gymnasium on Sundays from January 15, 2012 through March 18, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for practices for 5th & 6th grade students. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.
BG-13-01/12	Approve the request of the Ferndale Recreation Basketball Team (Responsible Officer Mark Wissinger, Jr.) to use the Junior High Gymnasium on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from January 20, 2012 through March 30, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for practices for 5th & 6th grade students. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

BG-14-01/12 Approve the request of the Ferndale Recreation Basketball Boosters (Responsible Officer Dale Harrison) to use the Elementary Gymnasium, restrooms, chairs, tables, microphone, PA System, scoreboard/clock for an Elementary Tournament on March 2, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; March 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; March 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.

IC-03-01/12 Received correspondence from Michelle Troutman, Bureau of Food Distribution, Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the District's Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2010. Ms. Troutman informed us that our program is approved and in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

IE-29-01/12 The following have been assigned as student teachers (UPJ) in the Ferndale Area Elementary School from January 4, 2012 to February 24, 2012:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Grade
Dawn Kirkwood	Kathleen Rigby	K
Nicole Hudak	Judith Walsh	1
Sara Molchany	Susan Pudliner	2
Christina Nolan	Janet Russell	2
Jayme Brooks	Christy Sweeney	3
Marley Kozar	Rachelle Hrabosky	4

IE-30-01/12 The following have been assigned as a student teacher (IUP) in the Ferndale Area Elementary School from January 23, 2012 to May 9, 2012:

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	
Amanda Stefanik	Lynn Bennett	Speech-Language Pathology

F-19-01/12 Approve the December Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-20-01/12 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-16-01/12 Review of receipts and disbursements.

P-60-01/12	Approve Robert Gunby, Heather Harteis, and Felix Moreno to the substitute teachers list.
P-61-01/12	Approve Gary Kinsey to the substitute support staff list.
IP-03-01/12	Posting an Elementary Cook position (Vacated by the transfer of Patricia Cornell to the High School Cook position). Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
BD-31-01/12	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve, as read, the Second Reading of Revised Policy No. 227 Attachment, Reasonable Suspicion - Drug and/or Alcohol Testing of Individual Students and Consent Forms of Parent/Guardian to Administration of Testing, and adopt said policy. (Note: There is no change to Policy No. 227 Controlled Substances/ Paraphernalia) The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
IBD-33-01/12	State of District Address - Carole Kakabar.
2.	Buildings and Grounds None.
3.	Cafeteria None.
4.	Education
IE-31-01/12	Negotiations will begin to determine the 2012-13 Health Care Benefits and salary increments for the professional education staff.
IE-32-01/12	High School Highlights - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle Elementary Highlights - William Brotz
IE-33-01/12	Student Board Representatives Report.
5.	Finance
IF-17-01/12	Received a letter of resignation from Jennifer Vamos, Brownstown Borough Tax Collector, effective November 30, 2011.

F-21-01/12 Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to appoint Kathleen Farkas as Brownstown Borough Tax Collector for Ferndale Area School District real estate and per capita taxes. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

6. Personnel

IP-61-01/12 Results of the Act 24 (Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form) required background check and action to be taken.

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve P-62-01/12, P-63-01/12, and P-64-01/12.

P-62-01/12 Approve the resignation of Richard Hiner as a High School Cleaner.

P-63-01/12 Employ David Hodos as a High School Cleaner, at a stipend of $7.25 per hour, effective December 16, 2011.

P-64-01/12 Employ Tonia Mitchell as a full time Cook at the Junior-Senior High School, at a stipend of $7.40 per hour. (90-day probation period up January 10, 2012.)

Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for personnel.

The Executive Session ended at 8:40 p.m.

7.	Student Activities
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve ST-39-01/12 and ST-40-01/12
ST-39-01/12	Approve the resignation of Christine Stiffler as Junior High Cheerleading Advisor, effective the end of the 2011-12 school year.
ST-40-01/12	Approve Paul Byer as the Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach, effective January 19, 2012, pending CPR/AED certificate.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
8.	Workshops/Conferences
	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the following conferences/workshops:
W-08-01/12	Anthony Penna, Sr.; *State Athletic Directors Conference*; on March 20, 21, 22, 2012 in Hershey. Cost: Registration: $345.00. (District) Travel, Lodging, Meals and other expenses will be paid by the individual.
	Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Banks, Chobany, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Pavic, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
VI.	Adjournment
	The February Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.
	Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All were in favor.