FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting
March 25, 2026

I. The March 25, 2026 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, 445 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. R. Pavic at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Moment of Contemplation

Notice is given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board to be conducted in this room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes consent to the taping of any individual who comments.

Please note Policy No. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings is posted on the bulletin board in the Board Room.

IV. Roll Call: Present: Barry Himes, Kimberly Kinsey, Jason Moschgat, Justin Pavic via telephone; Richard Pavic, Kimberly Washington, Julian Wright. Absent: Susan Boyle, James McKendree,

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, William Brotz, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Stephanie Mino, FAEA/Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; John Augustine, GJCTC Director; Josh Byers, Tribune Democrat; Kaitlyn Maddy, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

The Board held an Executive Session for personnel on March 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

IBD-12-03/26 Student Board Representatives Report.

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. J. Pavic, to approve BD-46-03/26 through BD-48-03/26.

BD-46-03/26 Approve as read the Second Reading of the following policies and adopt said policies:
-- Revised Policy No. 204 Attendance
-- Revised Policy No. 218.1 Weapons
-- Revised Policy No. 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products
-- Revised Policy No. 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

-- Revised Policy No. 233 Suspension and Expulsion
-- Revised Policy No. 237 Electronic Devices
-- Revised Policy No. 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children
-- Revised Policy No. 610 Purchase Subject to Bid Quotation
-- Revised Policy No. 611 Purchases Budgeted
-- Revised Policy No. 805.1 Relations With Law Enforcements Agencies
-- Revised Policy No. 805.2 School Security Personnel

BD-47-03/26 Approve moving the September 15, 2026 Board Workshop Meeting to Wednesday September 16, 2026 and the September 23, 2026 Board Voting Meeting to Tuesday September 22, 2026, due to Mr. Boyer attending the Intermediate Unit 2026 Superintendent Conference.

BD-48-03/26 Approve the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-49-03/26 through W-70-03/26).

BD-49-03/26 Approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting and the March 18, 2026 Special Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-17-03/26 Approve the request of Burban Hills Baseball, Responsible Officer Art McClucas, to use the Senior High Gymnasium and Baseball Screens/Nets for Burban Hills baseball team practices, will coordinate with AD for gym availability, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements)

BG-18-03/26 Approve Christy Hershberger as a temporary bus driver for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

F-25-03/26 Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-26-03/26 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-22-03/26 Receipts and disbursements.

IF-23-03/26 The Business Manager entered into a contract with Snyder Brothers from April 2026 to March 2029 to purchase natural gas at a sales price equal to Nymex Last Day Settle plus $.10 per City Gate Dth. Estimated renewal price of $4.04 compared to the Peoples Gas Price to Compare of $4.51 resulting in an estimated savings of $5,400 per year. We expect actual renewal gas costs to be lower by layering in NYMEX hedges later in the year.

IF-24-03/26 The Business Manager entered into a contract with WGL Energy from April 2026 to April 2028 to purchase electricity at a rate of 10.839 cents/kWh plus PA GRT, net 11.519 cents/kWh. Estimated annual savings versus Penelec Price to Compare of 12.16 cents/kWh is $7,500.

ST-71-03/26 Approve National Junior Honor Society trip to The Villa Crest: Horizons Personal Care Home, Johnstown, March 17, 2026. Cost: Transportation: $170.00 (District)

ST-72-03/26 Approve FAHS Band Member to participate at the Regional Band Festival at Penns Valley High School, March 18-20, 2026. Cost: Registration $80.00. Transportation: $60.00 (sharing bus with neighboring schools). Student's Hotel: $80.00. Director's Food: $80.00. Director's Hotel: 300.00. Director's Mileage: $150.00. Substitute for Two Days: $200.00. Total Cost: $950.00 (District)

ST-73-03/26 Approve Forensics to participate in the Forensics Competition at Commonwealth University, Bloomsburg on March 20-21, 2026. Cost: Registration: $125.00. Transportation: $500.00. Lodging for Four: $1,500.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $2,225.00 (District)

ST-74-03/26 Approve the PreK 3 & 4 students field trip to Johnstown Children's Museum on April 30, 2026. Cost: Transportation: $200.00 (District)

ST-75-03/26 Approve the Kindergarten students field trip to Vale Wood Farms in Loretto on April 28, 2026. Cost: Admission: $256.00. Transportation: $350.00. Total Cost: $606.00 (District Field Trip Fund)

ST-76-03/26 Approve the First Grade students field trip to Living Treasures on May 8, 2026. Cost: Admission: $489.00. Transportation: $310.00. Total Cost: $799.00 (District Field Trip Fund)

ST-77-03/26 Approve the Second Grade students field trip to Camp Sequanta on May 14, 2026. Cost: Admission: $558.25. Transportation: $365.00. Total Cost: $923.25 (District Field Trip Fund)

ST-78-03/26 Approve the Third Grade students field trip to Somerset Historical Society on May 7, 2026. Cost: Transportation: $400.00. Substitute Nurse: $150.00. Total Cost: $550.00 (District)

ST-79-03/26 Approve the Fourth Grade students field trip to Old Bedford Village on May 13, 2026. Cost: Admission: $588.00. Transportation: $500.00. Total Cost: $1,088.00 (District Field Trip Fund)

ST-80-03/26 Approve the Fifth Grade students field trip to Fort Ligonier on May 19, 2026. Cost: Transportation: $350.00 (District)

ST-81-03/26 Approve the Sixth Grade students field trip to Acrisure Stadium on May 12, 2026. Cost: Admission: $380.00. Transportation: $1,115.00. Total Cost: $1,495.00 (District)

ST-82-03/26 Approve the Independent Living Class (Juniors and Seniors) trip to the Ferndale Elementary School on April 9th, 2026. Cost: Transportation: $135.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $235.00 (District)

ST-83-03/26 Approve PAHS Band Member to participate in the PMEA All-State Band Festival and Conference at Kalahari Conference Center on April 22 - 25, 2026. Cost: Student Registration, Hotel, Food: $425.00. Registration Fee: $195.00. Director's Hotel: $550.00. Director's Food: $100.00. Director's Mileage: $320.00. Total Cost: $1,590.00 (District)

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-61-03/26 Amy Mykut, Elementary Principal; Lynn Bennett, Speech Teacher; Lauren Ozog, First Grade Teacher, *PATTAN Positive Classroom Behavior Supports,* March 11, 2026, Virtual, No Cost to District.

W-62-03/26 Alexandra Shugars, Elementary Guidance Counselor, *The 2026 PSCA Virtual Spring Conference,* March 13, 2026, Virtual. Cost: Registration: $25.00 (District)

W-63-03/26 Leigh Ann Dunn, Madison Crum; Special Education Teachers; *Youth Mental Health First Aid,* March 24, 2026, IU8 Duncansville. Cost: Meals: $15.00. Mileage: $78.68. Substitute for two: $200.00. Total Cost: $293.68 (District)

W-64-03/26 Mallory Peters, Special Education, *Inside the Classroom: Teacher's Secrets to Structuring Success for all Students,* March 25,2026, Virtual. Cost: Substitute (half-day): $50.00 (District)

W-65-03/26 Lori McGough, Food Service Director, *PRFSD Monthly Meeting*, April 17, 2026, Irwin. No Cost to District.

W-66-03/26 Brenda Hart, Payroll Clerk, *PSERS 2026 Employer Spring Workshop,* April 29, 2026, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Mileage: $20.00 (District)

W-67-03/26 Dave Gates, Business Manager, *2026 PA FPC Annual Conference,* May 17-20, 2026, Erie. Cost: Registration: $550.00. Lodging: $468.00. Mileage: $275.00. Total Cost: $1,293.00 (District)

W-68-03/26 Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent, *2026 Superintendent Conference*, September 23-25, 2026, Gettysburg.

W-69-03/26 Theresa Wolf, Accounts Payable/Receivable, *Tyler Pro Pennsylvania User Group Meeting*, April 22, 2026, IU8 Ebensburg. Cost: Mileage: $21.75 (District)

W-70-03/26 Theresa Wolf, Accounts Payable/Receivable, *PA Federal Programs Conference,* May 17-20, 2026, Erie. Cost: Registration: $600.00. Lodging: $320.00. Mileage: $250.00. Total Cost: $1,170.00 (District)

Record vote for the motion: Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, J. Pavic, R. Pavic, Washington, Wright. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle, McKendree. The motion carried.

IBD-13-03/26 Election of Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Washington, to approve E-37-03/26 through E-39-03/26.

E-37-03/26 Approve Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions, Johnstown, Aide for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year:

-- Special Education Aide, HS – Keenan Koeller

E-38-03/26 Approve R.E.A.C.H. to bring Charlie, Certified Therapy Dog, in the Ferndale Area Schools, as per agreement.

E-39-03/26 Approve 2026-2027 Agreement with ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 for continued collaboration with the PA Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program.

Record vote for the motion: Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, J. Pavic, R. Pavic, Washington, Wright. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle, McKendree. The motion carried.

IE-30-03/26 District-wide Highlights (William Brotz, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-31-03/26 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Richard Pavic)

5. Finance

Mrs. Washington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve F-27-03/26 through F-28-03/26.

F-27-03/26 Approve to amend, Resolution adopted on 02/25/2026, the Public School Facility Improvement Grant amount to $4,121,912.03.

F-28-03/26 Approve the 2026-2027 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget.

Record vote for the motion: Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, J. Pavic, R. Pavic, Washington, Wright. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Boyle, McKendree. The motion carried.

IF-24-03/26 Finance/Budget Discussion (David Gates)

6. Personnel

None.

7. Student Activities

IST-06-03/26 Winter Sports Review and Spring Sports Preview by Stephen Clawson was presented during the March 18, 2026 Workshop Meeting.

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Himes, to approve ST-84-03/26 through ST-96-03/26.

Approve the following coaches for the 2025-2026 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

ST-84-03/26 Shawn Szarka, Johnstown, Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach.

Approve the following coaches for the 2026-2027 season, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

ST-85-03/26 Joey Camut, Johnstown, Head Junior High Volleyball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-86-03/26 Brian Boone, Johnstown, Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-87-03/26 Matthew Reckner, Windber, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-88-03/26 Steven Grove, Johnstown, Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-89-03/26 Sarah Riffle, Johnstown, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-90-03/26 Gary Kinsey, Johnstown, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-91-03/26 Daniel Alderton, Johnstown, Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-92-03/26 Dawn Wolfe, Patton, Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-93-03/26 Tonia Mitchell, Johnstown, Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-94-03/26 Katie McGough, Johnstown, Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach. Salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-95-03/26 Jessica Rager, Johnstown, Volunteer Varsity Girls Swim Coach.

ST-96-03/26 Post and/or advertise for the following 2026-2027 Coaching positions:
--Boys Junior High Basketball Head Coach

--Boys Junior High Basketball Assistant Coach
--Junior High Cheerleading Coach

Record vote for the motion: Himes, Kinsey, Moschgat, J. Pavic, R. Pavic, Washington, Wright. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Kinsey - (ST-90-03/26, spouse). Absent: Boyle, McKendree. The motion carried.

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The April Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The April Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. J. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.