FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2026

I. The August 26, 2026 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held in the Board Room of the Ferndale Area School District, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown. The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Boyle at 6:01 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: Susan Boyle, Barry Himes, Kimberly Kinsey, Jason Moschgat, Justin Pavic, Richard Pavic, Kimberly Washington, Julian Wright. Absent: James McKendree

Others in attendance were Jeffrey Boyer, David Gates, Administrators; Lynn Bennett, Stephanie Mino, FAEA/Resident; Susan Sheesley, PSEA Retired; Joyce Leberknight, Resident; Kaitlyn Maddy, Recording Secretary.

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

Lynn Bennett, FAEA, advised that with the resignation of Gwen Gaviola the new High School representative will be Andrea Kreinbrook.

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, to approve BD-01-08/26 through BD-03-08/26.

BD-01-08/26 Approve the August 26, 2026 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-02-08/26 through W-01-08/26)

BD-02-08/26 Approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2026 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-01-08/26 Approve the bus runs and the following bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jake Zimmerman	Joanne Jurestovksy
Harlod Dunmeyer	Eva Gooch
Terry Crane	Doug McMahon

Ron Beachley	Bill Blasko
Bill Carthew	Anna Lucas
Vernon Mock	Tammy Gutshall
Jan Lamison	Stacey Simpson
Kate Lantzy	Mary Ann Savering

BG-02-08/26 Approve the request of Stackhouse Park, Responsible Officer Leah Johncola, to use the Elementary School Parking Lot for shuttle service to event at Stackhouse Park on Sunday August, 30, 2026 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs (pending receipt of certificate of liability insurance)

E-01-08/26 Approve the administration of the following student surveys to be conducted during the 2026-2027 school year:

-- ASVAB Test Survey
-- Bullying Surveys
-- Lifeskills (ACRP)
-- Gambling Program (Learning Lamp Survey)
-- Too Good for Drugs
-- CIPA Compliance Surveys for Internet Safety
-- PA Youth Survey

E-02-08/26 Approve an Agreement with Student Assistance Program Memorandum of Agreement between Cambria County Drug & Alcohol Program and Cambria County Behavioral Health and Development Supports Program and Ferndale Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

E-03-08/26 Renew agreements with Ignite Education Solutions for Title I services to be provided to nonpublic schools – Bishop McCort Elementary East Campus/ Bishop McCort Elementary West Campus and Johnstown Christian School for the 2026-2027 school year. (Title I)

IE-01-08/26 Pre-K3, Pre-K4 orientations were held on August 12, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

IE-02-08/26 Kindergarten orientation was held on August 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

IE-03-08/26 New student orientation for Elementary students was held on August 12, 2026, 12:30 p.m.

IE-04-08/26 New student orientation for Junior-Senior High School students was held on August 20, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

IE-05-08/26 Scheduled Opening In-Service Days for all staff are Thursday, August 20, Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

IE-06-08/26 The following are Building Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year:

Elementary	High School
Chad Eisenhuth	Rob Allison
Maggie McClintock	Samantha Dietz

Michael Kenney Amber Hearn

F-01-08/26 Approve July Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-02-08/26 Approve the General Fund Bills, as presented.

IF-01-08/26 Receipts and disbursements.

IP-01-08/26 Ferndale Area New Teacher Induction Program was held on August 18, 2026 for new teachers and mentors.

W-01-08/26 Erika Stern, JSHS Math Teacher; *IU8 Math Network*, October 15, 2026, December 08, 2026, February 23,2027, April 21,2027, IU8 Richland. Cost: Substitute for 4 days: $400.00. Total Cost: $400.00 (District)

BD-03-08/26 Approve for Mr. Jeffrey Boyer to attend the 2026 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference from October 18th, 2026 to October 20th, 2026 at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in the Poconos and all relevant costs.

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

IBD-01-08/26 Board Members review and sign Acceptable Use Policy.

2. Buildings and Grounds

IBG-01-08/26 Summer Project update given at August 19, 2026 Workshop (Dave Gates)

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. J. Pavic to approve E-04-08/26 through E-12-08/26.

E-04-08/26 Approve the updated 2026-2027 Elementary School Student Handbook.

E-05-08/26 Approve the updated 2026-2027 District Faculty Handbook.

E-06-08/26 Approve the updated 2026-2029 New Professional Induction Handbook.

E-07-08/26 Approve the new FASD 2026-2029 Mentor Handbook.

E-08-08/26 Approve the new FASD Professional Supervision and Evaluation Plan.

E-09-08/26 Approve an Agreement with IU8 STEM Outreach Center for the 2026-2027 access to hands-on STEM resources, learning experiences, and community programs.

E-10-08/26 Approve an Agreement with Ignite Education Solutions to staff the Transition Classroom located at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

E-11-08/26 Approve the amended Agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, for School-Age Education Services for the 2026-2027 school year, to accurately reflect social work services.

E-12-08/26 Approve an Agreement with Mount Aloysius College and Ferndale Area School District for Mount Aloysius students to participate in classroom observations and participation, Pre-student Teaching, and Student Teaching, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

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

IE-07-08/26 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Richard Pavic)

5. Finance

Mrs. Washington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve F-03-08/26

F-03-08/26 Approve the Mlaker Transportation 5 year pricing structure.

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

6. Personnel

Mr. J. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. R. Pavic to approve P-01-08/26 through P-09-08/26.

P-01-08/26 Approve the resignation of Gwen Gaviola as Secondary Spanish Teacher.

P-02-08/26 Approve the following extra pay for extra duty applicants for the 2026-2027 school year:

- National Honor Society/Post Prom - Molly Steiner
- Maeve Hrabosky as a mentor for Courtney Johnson, School Nurse
- Jennifer Gorzelsky as a mentor for Peters, Elementary Teacher
- Jessica Cunningham as a mentor for Krista Woodhead, Elementary Teacher

P-03-08/26 Approve Krista Woodhead, Elementary Teacher, to transfer 42.50 unused sick days to Ferndale Area School District.

P-04-08/26 Approve the request to transfer Memoree McGough from Substitute Cafeteria Worker to Elementary Cook, at a stipend of $11.00 per hour.

P-05-08/26 Approve Courtney Thompson, Johnstown, as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker, at a stipend of $10.00 per hour, pending all appropriate paperwork.

P-06-08/26 Approve the Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation.

P-07-08/26 Employ Lori Rhodes as a Secondary Spanish Teacher, Step 11 Bachelors (prorated for the 2026-2027 school year), with full benefits and transferring of verified sick days, pending receipt of all appropriate and required paperwork.

P-08-08/26 Approve an Elementary Disney Musicals in Schools Production Team Tier at $3,414.53 for the 26-27 SY to be divided equally among its team members.

P-09-08/26 Approve the following Disney Musicals in Schools Production Team Members for the 26-27 SY: Mrs. Melanie Engel, Ms. Kaitlyn Stevens, Ms. Rachelle Hrabosky, Ms. Alyssa Potasnik, and Mr. Scott Beckner. (Approximately $682.91 Per Person)

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

7. Student Activities

Mr. J. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moschgat to approve ST-01-08/26 through ST-05-08/26.

ST-01-08/26 Approve Arthur McClucas as the Varsity Baseball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year, salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-02-08/26 Approve Mackenzie (Sarka) Bloom as the Varsity Softball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year, salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

ST-03-08/26 Approve the School Van Driver Compensation, as presented.

ST-04-08/26 Post and/or advertise for the following 2026-2027 Coaching positions:

- Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach
- Varsity Softball Assistant Coach
- Junior High Baseball Head Coach
- Junior High Baseball Assistant Coach
- Junior High Softball Head Coach
- Junior High Softball Assistant Coach

ST-05-08/26 Approve to withdraw from the WestPAC Athletic Conference effective the 2027-2028 school year and beyond.

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The September Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026. The September Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. R. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. J. Pavic to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.