FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026

I. The September 22, 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 6:00 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: Susan Boyle, Barry Himes, Kimberly Kinsey, Richard Pavic via telephone; Kimberly Washington, Julian Wright. Absent: James McKendree, Jason Moschgat, Justin Pavic

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

V. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

VI. Committees Agenda

1. Board

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. R. Pavic, to approve BD-04-09/26 through BD-06-09/26.

IBD-02-09/26 Review New Policy No. 810.3 School Vehicle Drivers (David Gates)

BD-04-09/26 Approve the First Reading of New Policy No. 810.3 School Vehicle Drivers.

BD-05-09/26 Approve the September 22, 2026 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-05-09/26 through W-15-09/26)

BD-06-09/26 Approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2026 Board Meeting, as presented.

BG-03-09/26 Approve the following as bus drivers for Mlaker Transportation, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year:

-- Jody Eller
-- Marcell Leggans
-- River Dorn

BG-04-09/26 Approve the request of "Ferndale Recreation," Responsible Officer Owen Hofecker, to use the Senior High Gymnasium/Elementary Gymnasium, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Locker Rooms, Restrooms for FAES sports (boys and girls basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball) September 2026 through September 2027, times will vary, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-05-09/26 Approve the request of "Ferndale PTO," Responsible Officer Katrina Kauert, to use the Elementary Gymnasium, tables, chairs, and microphone for Trunk or Treat, October 24, 2026, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

F-04-09/26 Approve the August Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-05-09/26 Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-02-09/26 Receipts and disbursements.

ST-06-09/26 Approve field trip for 70 Junior and Senior students to Penn Highlands Community College for College Fair on September 15, 2026. Total Cost: Transportation: $200.00 (District)

ST-07-09/26 Approve field trip for 65 Junior and Senior students to 1st Summit Arena for My Ascension Screening on September 23, 2026. Total Cost: Transportation: $400.00 (District)

ST-08-09/26 Approve field trip for 8 students to Saint Francis University for PBIS Summit on October 13, 2026. Total Cost: Substitute for two: $200.00 (District)

ST-09-09/26 Approve field trip for 45 Junior and Senior students to Penn State University Park on October 28, 2026. Total Cost: Transportation (2 buses): $979.60 (District)

ST-10-09/26 Approve field trip for 20 Chemistry II and Anatomy & Physiology students to Saint Francis University for STEAM Day on November 24, 2026. Cost: Transportation: $300.00. Substitute for two: $200.00. Total Cost: $500.00 (District)

ST-11-09/26 Approve field trip for 7 Spanish 3 & 4 students to Hispanic Flamenco Ballet and Restaurant in Pittsburgh on March 18, 2027. Cost: Admission/Food: $360.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $460.00 (District)

ST-12-09/26 Approve field trip for 40 Probability & Stats students to Duquesne University on December 15, 2026. Total Cost: Substitute for 2: $200.00 (District)

IST-02-09/26 Grades 4, 5, and 6 to visit the Incline Plane, September 24, 2026

IST-03-09/26 Grades 1, 2, and 3 to visit the Incline Plane, September 25, 2026

IST-04-09/26 Grades PK3, PK4, and K to visit the Incline Plane, October 1, 2026

Approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-02-09/26 Michelle Sendek, Elementary Art Teacher; *IU8 Art Network;* October 22, 2026, Johnstown. Cost: Registration: $25.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $125.00. (District)

W-03-09/26 Amy Mykut, Elementary Principal; MTSS Manuals & Mentors; September 24, 2026, October 27, 2026, February 24, 2027, IU8 Altoona, Duncansville, Ebensburg. Cost: Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $171.76. Total Cost: $216.76. (District)

W-04-09/26 Leigh Ann Dunn, Special Education Teacher:

-- *Gifted Network*; November 16, 2026, IU8 Richland. Cost: Registration: $25.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $125.00 (District)

-- *Gifted Network*; February 18, 2027, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Registration: $25.00. Mileage: $70.00. Substitute: $100.00. Total Cost: $ 195.00 (District)

W-05-09/26 Maeve Hrabosky, MTSS Coordinator:

-- *MTSS Manuals & Mentors*; September 24, 2026, October 27, 2026, February 24, 2027, IU8 Altoona, Duncansville, Ebensburg. Cost: Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $171.76. Total Cost: $216.76. (Title I)

-- *Winning with your MTSS Framework;* October 1, 2026, March 3, 2027, April 13, 2027, IU8 Altoona, Duncansville, Richland. Cost: Meals: $45.00. Mileage: $145.92. Total Cost: $190.92 (Title I)

-- *Math Network*; October 15, 2026, December 8, 2026, February 23, 2027, April 21, 2027, IU8 Richland. Cost: Meals: $60.00. Mileage: $48.64. Total Cost: $108.64. (Title I)

-- *Coaching Network*; September 17, 2026, October 22, 2026, November 17, 2026, December 17, 2026, January 20, 2027, February 19, 2027, March 25, 2027, April 29, 2027, May 13, 20267, IU8 Duncansville. Cost: Meals: $135.00. Mileage: $574.56. Total Cost: $709.56. (Title I)

W-06-09/26 Theresa Wolf, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable; *Federal Programs Fall Regional Workshop*, October 27, 2026, IU8 Altoona. Cost: Mileage: $75.00. (District)

W-07-09/26 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education; Adam Barbe, School Psychologist; *Law That Works For You*, Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus, October 23, 2026. Cost: Registration for two: $500.00. Mileage for two: $664.36. Total Cost: $1,164.36 (District)

W-08-09/26 Sutton Barron, Director of Special Education; Adam Barbe, School Psychologist; *ASPP 2026 Fall Conference,* Harrisburg, November 18-19, 2026. Cost: Registration for two: $505.00. Lodging for two: $220.00. Mileage for two: $635.60. Total Cost: $1,360.60 (District)

W-09-09/26 Lori McGough, Food Service Director; *Pittsburgh Regional Food Service Directors Meeting*, September 18, 2026, Cranberry. No cost to the District.

W-10-09/26 Molly Steiner, Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Counselor; *Heal Young Minds,* Virtual, November 13, 2026. Total Cost: Registration: $99.00. (District)

W-11-09/26 Kaitlyn Maddy, Secretary to the Superintendent; *Data Quality Network Meetings*, September 16, 2026, September 23, 2026, October 21, 2026, November 18, 2026, IU8 Richland, Duncansville. (No cost to the District)

W-12-09/26 Krista Woodhead, 6th Grade ELA Teacher; *TDA: IU8*, October 7, 2026, October 19, 2026, November 9,2026, Duncansville. Total Cost: Mileage: $56.55 (District)

W-13-09/26 Jeffrey Boyer, Superintendent; PDE 2026 SAS Institute Conference; Hershey; December 6-8, 2026. PDE assigned discounted rates and all other appropriate associated costs. (District)

W-14-09/26 Brenda Hart, Payroll Clerk, *School ERP Pro - PA On-site User Group Meeting*, September 30, 2026, IU8 Ebensburg. Total Cost: Mileage: $20.00 (District)

W-15-09/26 Madison Crum, Special Education Teacher:

-- *Helping Students Who Have or May Have ADHD*; October 29, 2026, Virtual. Total Cost: Substitute: $100.00 (District)

-- *AS/ES Support Network*; October 14, 2026, December 16, 2026, January 27, 2027, March 17, 2027, IU8 Richland. Total Cost: Substitute for four days: $400.00 (District)

BD-06-09/26 Approve the revised Organizational Chart, as presented.

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

IBD-03-09/26 Voting of PSBA candidates for the Offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Insurance Trustees, School Board Secretaries. (Barry Himes)

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

The following were presented at the September 16, 2026 Board Workshop:

IE-08-09/26 Discussion on 8th grade Exploratory French Class (Dane Domonkos)

IE-09-09/26 District-wide Highlights (Dane Domonkos, Amy Mykut, Bernard Conway, Sutton Barron, Adam Barbe)

IE-10-09/26 GJCTC Joint Operating Committee Highlights (Richard Pavic)

IE-11-09/26 Safe Touches, Smarter Parents, Safer Kids (Amy Mykut, Alexandra Shugars)

5. Finance

None.

6. Personnel

Mr. Himes made a motion, seconded by Mr. R. Pavic to approve P-10-09/26 through P-11-09/26.

IP-01-09/26 Kimberly Karcher as a mentor for Lori Rhodes, Spanish Teacher

P-10-09/26 Approve the resignation of Christina Fosbrink as the Digital Marketing Specialist.

P-11-09/26 Approve reimbursement of tuition for the Business Manager related to a Certificate in Business, Computer, and Information Technology (BCIT) and a Master's Degree in Education.

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

7. Student Activities

Mrs. Washington made a motion, seconded by Mr. R. Pavic to approve ST-13-09/26 through ST-14-09/26.

IST-01-09/26 Elementary Athletic Updates (Sarah Riffle), presented at the September 16, 2026 Board Workshop.

IST-05-09/26 Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports.

ST-13-09/26 Approve the Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School Student Activities and Athletics General Ledger Reports.

ST-14-09/26 Approve Rebecca Dernar, Johnstown, as an eSports Coach for the 2026-2027 school year, salary is based on the Coaches Contract.

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

8. Workshops/Conferences

None.

The October Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026. The October Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. R. Pavic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. All in favor.