



FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 19, 2011

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6	I.	The January 19, 2011 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 6:05 p.m.	6
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8	II.	Pledge of Allegiance	8
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10		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.	10
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12	III.	Roll Call: Present: Ridley Banks, Greg Blue, James Ford, Melissa Garman, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Barbara Penna, and Stephen Thompson. Absent: Sandra Chobany - late.	12
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16		Student Board Representatives: Absent: Hannah Genovese and Ashley Grow.	16
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19		Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, John Kowal, Brian McDermott, Justin Zahorchak, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, Solicitor; Robert Boyle, Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Teachers; Judith Virgin, School Nurse, Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.	19
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24	IV.	Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association	24
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26		Sandra Chobany arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m.	26
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28	IBD-33-01/11	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.	28
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32	V.	Committees Agenda	32
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34	1.	Board	34
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36	BD-33-01/11	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the January 19, 2011 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-34-01/11 through IP-07-01/11).	36
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40	BD-34-01/11	Approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2010 Board Meeting, as presented.	40
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BG-09-01/11

Approve the request of the Ferndale Little League Baseball, (Responsible Officer Robert Vamos) to use the Elementary School from January 17, 2011 to January 31, 2011 on Mondays - Fridays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for baseball signups. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

BG-10-01/11

Approve the request of the Zach Sanna, Nate Davidson, and Ben Speicher, Senior Project (Responsible Officer Jeff Detwiler) to use the Elementary Gymnasium on February 25, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a basketball camp for grades 4-6. Use of facilities is providing that no conflicts occur with District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.)

F-18-01/11

Approve the December Treasurer's Report, as presented.

F-19-01/11

Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented.

IF-13-01/11

Review of receipts and disbursements.

IF-14-01/11

A Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate is scheduled for March 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.:

Owners	Address	Amount
Susan R. Sidor	688 Messenger Street	\$35,385.19

IF-15-01/11

Received Audit Report from Ed Cernic, Jr., Cambria County Controller for the following Tax Collectors:

Carol Petry	Lorain Borough
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No major concerns were raised based upon their review, therefore there are no written comments included in the report.

P-48-01/11

Approve Heather Hrivank, Lindsay Mock, and Christopher Rokita to the substitute teachers list:

P-49-01/11

Approve Jennifer DeMarchi, Betty Fabina, Sara Keith, Tonia Mitchell, Donald Thomas to the substitute support staff list.

IP-06-01/11

Ethel Carney, Johnstown, is substituting for Melissa Henderson, French teacher, during a 4 to 6 weeks leave of absence, effective January 6, 2011, at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

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IP-07-01/11

Brandi Ambrose, Kristyn Dudinack, Nina Griffith, Mimi Peters, and Kasi Winters, UPJ students, will do field practicum at the elementary school. The students will come in one full day per week from February 7, 2011 through April 8, 2011.

Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

IBD-34-01/11

State of the District Address - Carole Kakabar.

IBD-35-01/11

Distribution of Statement of Financial Interest Forms.

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Buildings and Grounds

None.

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Cafeteria

IC-01-01/11

The 90 day probation period for the Elementary Kitchen Utility position (Lori McGough) will end February 10, 2011. A recommendation will be presented at the February 16, 2011 Board Meeting.

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Education

E-08-01/11

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve an agreement for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year with the Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP) for the following services as needed and requested by the District:

- a. Brief Counselor
- b. Satellite Outpatient Services
- c. School Base Social Worker

Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

IE-20-01/11

Presentation of Keystone Awards for making adequate yearly progress two years in a row on the PSSA Assessments (2008-09, 2009-10) in both the Elementary School and Junior-Senior High School.

1	IE-21-01/11	High School Highlights - Brian McDermott	1
2		Elementary Highlights - Justin Zahorchak	2
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4	IE-22-01/11	Student Board Representatives Report.	4
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6	5.	Finance	6
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10	6.	Student Activities	10
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12		Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the	12
13		following coaches for 2010-2011 spring sport season (ST-23-01/11	13
14		through ST-30-01/11.	14
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16	ST-23-01/11	Stephen Clawson as the Head Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of	16
17		\$3,072.50, based on a 10-week season;	17
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19	ST-24-01/11	James Rubal as an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of	19
20		\$1,312.50, based on a 10-week season;	20
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22	ST-25-01/11	Adam Hale as an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of	22
23		\$696.25, based on a 10-week season; (split position with Michael	23
24		Harrison)	24
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26	ST-26-01/11	Michael Harrison as an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a salary of	26
27		\$576.25, based on a 10-week season; (split position with Adam Hale)	27
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29	ST-27-01/11	Gary Kinsey as a Junior High Baseball Coach, at a salary of \$500.00	29
30		based on a 6-week season;	30
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32	ST-28-01/11	Arthur McClucas as the Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, at a salary of	32
33		\$1,942.50 based on a 10-week season;	33
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35	ST-29-01/11	Melody Walters as the Assistant Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, at a salary	35
36		of \$1,392.50, based on a 10-week season;	36
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38	ST-30-01/11	Theresa Kessler as the Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach, at a	38
39		salary of \$1,795.75, based on an 11-week season.	39
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41		Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones,	41
42		Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: Chobany ST-27-	42
43		01/11 only. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.	43
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ST-31-01/11

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve Kaitlin Urban as a Volunteer Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 season, effective January 20, 2011. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

IST-11-01/11

Shawn Furfari and David Schleich are the Weight Room Supervisors through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve ST-32-01/11 and ST-33-01/11.

ST-32-01/11

Approve the Spanish III and IV students' trip to Costa Rica the summer of 2011. Cost: \$1,846 per student. Expenses covered through fundraisers and individual students. No cost to District.

ST-33-01/11

Approve the Scholastic Team's attendance at the Blairsville High School on April 9, 2011 for a scholastic scrimmage competition. Cost: Registration: \$125.00. Transportation: \$230.00. Total Cost: \$355.00. (District)

Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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Workshops/Conferences

Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve the following workshops/conferences:

W-23-01/11

Anthony Penna, Sr., George Ambroe, Shawn Furfari, Gary Kinsey, Michael Harrison, Donald Robertson; Coaches; *2011 Nike Coach of the Year Clinic* in Pittsburgh on February 25, 2011. Cost: Registration for six: \$500.00. Shared Lodging: \$550.00. Meals: \$180.00. Substitute: \$80.00. Total Cost: \$1,310.00. (District)

Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: Penna - due to husband. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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Personnel

IP-08-01/11

Update on Secondary Administration status - Carole Kakabar.

P-50-01/11

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to appoint Robert Boyle as At-Risk Coordinator at the Junior-Senior High School from January 20, 2011 through the end of the school year and not beyond August 31, 2011, at which time the position will be eliminated as a bargaining unit position, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Ferndale Area Education Association; compensation is at Mr. Boyle's current teaching salary with payment for additional required time (extra hours) at \$25.00 per hour (curriculum rate). Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve P-51-01/11 through P-56-01/11.

P-51-01/11

Appoint Crystal Keim as a long-term substitute for Robert Boyle, Mathematics, from January 20, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

P-52-01/11

Appoint Thomas Menna as a full-time Secondary Special Education Aide at the Junior-Senior High School, effective January 20, 2011, at a stipend of \$12.00 per hour, with limited benefits, pending receipt of current Act 34, Act 151, and FBI clearances. (Vacated by the retirement of Maryann Rizzuto.)

P-53-01/11

Approve Veronica Shorto as a mentor for Jessica Taranto, Sixth Grade Teacher, for the second semester of the 2010-11 school year and the first semester of the 2011-12 school year.

P-54-01/11

Approve Ethel Carney as a long-term substitute in the vacant Americorp position at the Junior-Senior High School, effective on/after February 7, 2011 through the end of the school year, at a stipend of \$12.00 per hour. (Vacated by Angela Scipioni.)

P-55-01/11

Approve the request of Carol Hanik, Cook, for a medical leave of absence to the end of the 2010-11 school year.

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P-56-01/11

Approve Joshua Mottillo and Christa Harper as Detention Monitors (Tuesdays).

Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, 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 board, buildings and grounds, and personnel. The Executive Session ended at 8:28 p.m.

P-57-01/11

Consider the request of Cherie Verdenburgh, Dishwasher, for a leave of absence from January 6, 2011 to January 2, 2012. Died for lack of a motion.

BG-11-01/11

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to amend the agenda and add a motion to authorize Robert T. Scheeren, Architect, Indiana, conduct a Feasibility Study of the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

BG-12-01/11

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to authorize Robert T. Scheeren, Architect, Indiana, conduct a Feasibility Study of the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Garman, Jones, Meekins, Penna, and Thompson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

BD-35-01/11

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meekins, to approve the resignation of James Ford, Board Member, Dale Borough, Region 2, effective January 20, 2011. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

VI.

Adjournment

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All were in favor.