



FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
March 20, 2013

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| 2 | | I. | The March 20, 2013 Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board | 2 |
| 3 | | | was held in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth | 3 |
| 4 | | | Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Meeting was called to order by | 4 |
| 5 | | | Mr. Meekins at 6:01 p.m. | 5 |
| 6 | | II. | Pledge of Allegiance | 6 |
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| 8 | | | Notice was given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board | 8 |
| 9 | | | conducted in the Board Room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes | 9 |
| 10 | | | consent to the taping of any individual who comments. Please turn off or | 10 |
| 11 | | | silence all electronic devices and refrain from use during the meeting. | 11 |
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| 13 | | III. | Roll Call: Present: Susan Bailey, Sandra Chobany, Melissa Garman, | 13 |
| 14 | | | Dale Harrison, Edward Jones, Wayne Meekins, Stephen Thompson, and | 14 |
| 15 | | | Patricia Wilson. Absent: Richard Pavic. | 15 |
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| 17 | | | Student Board Representatives: Elizabeth Chobany and Taylor Harrison. | 17 |
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| 19 | | | Others in attendance were Carole Kakabar, William Brotz, John Kowal, | 19 |
| 20 | | | Brian McDermott, Robert Boyle, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh, | 20 |
| 21 | | | Solicitor; Susan Layton, Stephanie Mino, Susan Pudliner, Teachers; | 21 |
| 22 | | | Judith Virgin, School Nurse; Ronald Hagans, Garrett Harrison, Ashley | 22 |
| 23 | | | Herring, Emile Horner, Michaela Litterine, Robert Maticic, Alicia | 23 |
| 24 | | | McClafferty, Jillian Ratliff, Nathan Saylor, Jared Sefcik, Genevie Shaffer, | 24 |
| 25 | | | Sage Smith, Devin Vickroy, Dylan Zelenski, Students; Gary Pudliner, | 25 |
| 26 | | | Joseph Sefcik, Parents; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary. | 26 |
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| 28 | | IV. | Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association | 28 |
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| 30 | IBD-29A-03/13 | | Susan Layton, FAEA, thanked the Administration for the critical incident | 30 |
| 31 | | | response training that was presented by INPAX on the March 18 Act 80 | 31 |
| 32 | | | day. | 32 |
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| 34 | | V. | Committees Agenda | 34 |
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| 36 | | 1. | Board | 36 |
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| 38 | IBD-29-03/13 | | Board pictures for the yearbook were taken at 5:30 p.m. before the Board | 38 |
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| 1 | BD-51-03/13 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the | 1 |
| 2 | | March 20, 2013 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items (BD-52-03/13 | 2 |
| 3 | | through IST-13-03/13). | 3 |
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| 5 | BD-52-03/13 | Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2013 Board Meeting, as | 5 |
| 6 | | presented. | 6 |
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| 8 | BG-10-03/13 | Approve the request of Ryan Durham to use the Senior High Gymnasium | 8 |
| 9 | | for a Winners Circle Basketball Academy on March 23, 30, 2013; April 6, | 9 |
| 10 | | 13, 20, 27, 2013; May 4, 2013, providing that no conflicts occur with | 10 |
| 11 | | District programs. (Received insurance and completed use of facilities | 11 |
| 12 | | form certifying compliance with clearance requirements.) | 12 |
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| 14 | IBG-05-03/13 | The Varsity Cheerleading Team held a fundraiser for cheerleading on | 14 |
| 15 | | April 6, 2013 in the Senior High Gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. to | 15 |
| 16 | | 4:00 p.m. | 16 |
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| 18 | IBG-06-03/13 | FASD National Honor Society requested the use of the Senior | 18 |
| 19 | | High/Junior High gymnasiums, two classrooms, kitchen, restrooms for | 19 |
| 20 | | post prom on May 10, 11, 2012 from 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. | 20 |
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| 22 | IE-42-03/13 | Recognized the District's profile of services FASD received from | 22 |
| 23 | | Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for 2011-12 at a District contribution of | 23 |
| 24 | | \$1,036.21. | 24 |
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| 26 | IE-43-03/13 | Representatives from Representative Toomey's Office, Representative | 26 |
| 27 | | Rothfus' Office, and IU8 visited our Elementary School on Wednesday, | 27 |
| 28 | | March 14 to learn about our Americorp Program, meet our current and | 28 |
| 29 | | former Americorp workers and talk to students. | 29 |
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| 31 | IE-44-03/13 | On Thursday, March 28, 2013, students and staff were dismissed one hour | 31 |
| 32 | | early for Easter break. All schools and offices will be closed Friday, | 32 |
| 33 | | March 29, through Monday, April 1, for Easter break. Schools resume | 33 |
| 34 | | Tuesday, April 2. | 34 |
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| 36 | IE-45-03/13 | Grant Awarded! Mrs. Eileen Zanke, Elementary Guidance Counselor, | 36 |
| 37 | | wrote and was awarded the First Book AB Grant worth \$3,045.00 to | 37 |
| 38 | | purchase a book for every student in grade K4-6 to take home, read for | 38 |
| 39 | | pleasure, and keep. | 39 |
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| 41 | F-18-03/13 | Approve the February Treasurer's Report, as presented. | 41 |
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| 43 | F-19-03/13 | Approve the General Fund and Cafeteria Bills, as presented. | 43 |
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| 45 | IF-15-03/13 | Receipts and disbursements. | 45 |

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| 1 | P-40-03/13 | Approve Brian Donnell, Eric Dreikorn, Nina Griffith, Martin Vrabel to | 1 |
| 2 | | the substitute teachers' list. | 2 |
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| 4 | IST-13-03/13 | The Jess Ambroe Classic Hockey fundraiser netted \$7,502.25 for | 4 |
| 5 | | Chelsea's Hope and Lafora Research. This is a three year total of | 5 |
| 6 | | \$21,018.23 raised. | 6 |
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| 8 | | Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, | 8 |
| 9 | | Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. | 9 |
| 10 | | Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried. | 10 |
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| 12 | IBD-30-03/13 | PSBA held its Spring Legislative Meeting at the Forest Hills High School | 12 |
| 13 | | Auditorium on April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Discussions focused on | 13 |
| 14 | | pension reform, charter school reform and basic education funding in | 14 |
| 15 | | 2013-14. RSVP Patti Craig by Monday, March 25, 2013. | 15 |
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| 17 | IBD-31-03/13 | The March 26, 2013 scheduled meeting of the Joint Operating Committee | 17 |
| 18 | | for the GJCTC was cancelled in lieu of attendance at the PASBO Health | 18 |
| 19 | | Insurance Presentation to School Board Members on March 26, 2013 | 19 |
| 20 | | from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the GJCTC Cafeteria. | 20 |
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| 22 | IBD-32-03/13 | Distributed the 2013 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board Ballot for the | 22 |
| 23 | | election of Board of Directors. | 23 |
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| 25 | 2. | Buildings and Grounds | 25 |
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| 27 | IBG-07-03/13 | February 24, 2013 Tribune Democrat article "Ferndale Against | 27 |
| 28 | | Consolidation" | 28 |
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| 30 | 3. | Cafeteria | 30 |
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| 32 | | None. | 32 |
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| 34 | 4. | Education | 34 |
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| 36 | IE-46-03/13 | March 18, 2013 Act 80 Teacher Inservice Day review - Carole Kakabar. | 36 |
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| 38 | IE-47-03/13 | Education Spotlight - MSP SEEDS - Stephanie Mino. | 38 |
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| 40 | IE-48-03/13 | Legislative Update on - (Carole Kakabar) | 40 |
| 41 | | -- Governor's Budget | 41 |
| 42 | | -- Pension Reform | 42 |
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| 1 | IE-49-03/13 | Highlights of the Joint Operating Committee - Sandra Chobany/ Stephen Thompson | 1 |
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| 4 | IE-50-03/13 | Highlights | 4 |
| 5 | | -- Elementary - William Brotz | 5 |
| 6 | | -- High School - Brian McDermott/Robert Boyle | 6 |
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| 8 | IE-51-03/13 | Student Board Representatives Report. | 8 |
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| 10 | E-05-03/13 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, approve the 2013-2014 K-12 School Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. | 10 |
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| 14 | 5. | Finance | 14 |
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| 16 | F-20-03/13 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to approve the 2013-2014 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 General Fund Budget. | 16 |
| 17 | | Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. | 17 |
| 18 | | Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried. | 18 |
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| 22 | | The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for personnel and litigation. The Executive Session ended at 7:34 p.m. | 22 |
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| 25 | 6. | Personnel | 25 |
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| 27 | P-41-03/13 | Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to transfer Janine Cipollina from an Elementary Special Education Aide to a long-term Secondary Special Education teacher, at a stipend of \$100.00 per day, effective March 25, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year. (Vacated by the resignation of Chelsea Cover.) Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried. | 27 |
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| 36 | IP-09-03/13 | Posted a long-term Special Education Aide position. (Vacated by the transfer of Janine Cipollina). | 36 |
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| 39 | P-42-03/13 | Mr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to post and/or advertise for the position of General Maintenance/Custodian at the Junior/Senior High School, (to be vacated by the retirement of Larry Illig). Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried. | 39 |
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P-43-12/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garman, to employ Kathryn Petrosky, Johnstown, as a Kitchen Utility Worker, at a stipend of \$7.25 per hour (90-day probation period ended March 6, 2013). Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

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Student Activities

IST-14-03/12

Update on the Assistant Varsity Football Coach vacancies - Carole Kakabar.

ST-51-03/12

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to post and/or advertise the following coaches for the 2013-2014 school year (posted annually on April 1);

- Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
- Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
- Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
- Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
- Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
- Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
- Head Varsity Cheerleader Advisor
- Head Junior High Cheerleader Advisor

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

ST-52-03/13

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to approve Paul Byer as an Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, for the 2012-13 school year, at a salary of \$1,392.50, based on a 10-week season. Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried.

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| 2 | | ST-53-03/13 and ST-54-03/13. | 2 |
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| 4 | ST-53-03/13 | Approve Gary Kinsey as a Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach for the | 4 |
| 5 | | 2012-2013 school year. | 5 |
| 6 | ST-54-03/13 | Approve Gary Pudliner as a Volunteer Assistant Junior High Baseball | 6 |
| 7 | | Coach for the 2012-2013 school year. | 7 |
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| 9 | | The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. | 9 |
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| 12 | | ST-55-03/13, through ST-58-03/13. | 12 |
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| 14 | ST-55-03/13 | Approve the senior class field trip to Hersheypark on May 17, 2013. | 14 |
| 15 | | Cost: Tickets and transportation: \$40.00 each. (The cost of the trip will | 15 |
| 16 | | be paid by each individual student, using fund raising monies and/or | 16 |
| 17 | | personal funds.) Substitutes: \$160.00 (Paid by District) | 17 |
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| 19 | ST-56-03/13 | Approve the French students (Classes 1-2) field trip to Franklin Regional | 19 |
| 20 | | High School in Murrysville for an Etienne Concert on May 3, 2013. Cost: | 20 |
| 21 | | \$35.00 per student. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each individual | 21 |
| 22 | | student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.) | 22 |
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| 24 | ST-57-03/13 | Approve the French students (Classes 1-2) field trip to Pittsburgh - | 24 |
| 25 | | Gateway Clipper on May 22, 2013. Cost: \$70.00 per student. (The cost | 25 |
| 26 | | of the trip will be paid by each individual student, using fund raising | 26 |
| 27 | | monies and/or personal funds.) | 27 |
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| 29 | ST-58-03/13 | Approve the Spanish II, III, IV class field trip to tour the Cathedral of | 29 |
| 30 | | Learning and a Spanish restaurant in Pittsburgh on March 22, 2013. Cost: | 30 |
| 31 | | \$35.00 - \$40.00 per student. (The cost of the trip will be paid by each | 31 |
| 32 | | individual student, using fund raising monies and/or personal funds.) | 32 |
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| 34 | | Record vote for the motion: Bailey, Chobany, Garman, Harrison, Jones, | 34 |
| 35 | | Meekins, Thompson, and Wilson. Against the motion: None. Abstained: | 35 |
| 36 | | None. Absent: Pavic. The motion carried. | 36 |
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| 38 | 8. | Workshops/Conferences | 38 |
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| 42 | | The April Board Meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. | 42 |
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VI.

Adjournment

Mrs. Garman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All were in favor.

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