



FERNDALÉ AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 16, 2008

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I. The January 16, 2008 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 6:09 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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.

III. Roll Call: Present: Ridley Banks, Greg Blue, Sandra Chobany, James Ford, Edward Jones, Barbara Penna, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Gary Eisenhuth and Richard Lucas.

Student Board Representatives Present: Bradley Brosig and Alyse Callihan.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, Steven Brown, Jennifer Gamble, John Kowal, Edward Moran, Administrators; Attorney James Walsh; Stephen Clawson and Susan Layton, Teachers; Dennis Glessner, Ferndale Area Club Hockey Team; Lauren Birch, Patricia Gable, Amanda Myers, and Lisa Rutter, Other; Patricia Craig, Recording Secretary.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. for personnel. The Executive Session ended at 7:05 p.m.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

IBD-43-01/08 January was School Director Recognition Month.

IBD-44-01/08 Online grading - Michael Stohon.

IBD-45-01/08 Stephen Clawson addressed the Board regarding Junior Varsity Baseball Coaching Positions.

1	ST-55-01/08	Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vamos, to approve the	1
2		following:	2
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4		1) Create two Junior Varsity Baseball Coaching positions. Salary shall	4
5		be \$500, based on a six-week season,	5
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7		2) Add the positions to the Coaches' Agreement, and	7
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9		3) Post the positions.	9
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11		Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna,	11
12		and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent:	12
13		Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.	13
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15	1.	Student Activities	15
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17	ST-56-01/08	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to approve the request	17
18		of the Varsity Baseball Team to have a pre-season scrimmage double	18
19		header in Hagerstown, Maryland on Saturday, March 22, 2008. Cost:	19
20		Transportation: Bus - \$350.00. Coach - \$525.00. (District) (Boosters will	20
21		pay for upgrade for Coach.) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue,	21
22		Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None.	22
23		Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.	23
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25	ST-57-01/08	Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to approve the K4	25
26		students field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo on April 18, 2008. Cost:	26
27		Transportation: \$1,250.00. Admission: \$216.00. Total Cost: \$1,466.00.	27
28		(District) Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford,	28
29		Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None.	29
30		Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.	30
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32		Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve	32
33		ST-58-01/08 and ST-59-01/08. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue,	33
34		Chobany, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None.	34
35		Abstained: Ford. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.	35
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37	ST-58-01/08	Approve Melody Walters as an Assistant Softball Coach for the 2007-08	37
38		season, at a salary of \$1,132.50, based on a 10-week season.	38
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40	ST-59-01/08	Approve James Ford as a Volunteer Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball	40
41		Coach, pending clearances.	41
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1	IST-07-01/08	Cooperative Tennis was discussed.	1
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3	ST-60-01/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve a	3
4		Cooperative Tennis Agreement (Boys and Girls, Grades 9-12) with	4
5		Greater Johnstown School District. Record vote for the motion: Banks,	5
6		Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion:	6
7		None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion	7
8		carried.	8
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10	2.	Board	10
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12		Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve the	12
13		January 16, 2008 Board Meeting Consent Agenda items. Record vote for	13
14		the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos.	14
15		Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and	15
16		Lucas. The motion carried.	16
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18	BD-54-01/08	Approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2007 Board Meeting and the	18
19		December 11, 2007 Special Board Meeting, as presented.	19
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21	BD-55-01/08	Approve the resignation of Michelle Hershberger as Recording Board	21
22		Secretary, effective December 6, 2007.	22
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24	BD-56-01/08	Approve posting and/or advertising the position of Recording Board	24
25		Secretary.	25
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27	BD-57-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 323 Tobacco	27
28		Use or Possession.	28
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30	BD-58-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 423 Tobacco	30
31		Use or Possession.	31
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33	BD-59-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of revised Policy No. 523 Tobacco	33
34		Use or Possession.	34
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36	BD-60-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 328 Administrator/ Supervisor Compensation Package.	36
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39	BD-61-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 333 Professional	39
40		Development.	40
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42	BD-62-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 334 Sick Leave.	42
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44	BD-63-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 337 Vacation.	44
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1	BD-64-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 338 Sabbatical Leave.	1
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3	BD-65-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 338.1 Compensated Professional Leaves.	3
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6	BD-66-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 339 Uncompensated Leave.	6
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9	BD-67-01/08	Approve as read, the First Reading of Policy No. 536 Personal Necessity Leave.	9
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12	IBD-42-01/08	2007-08 School Bus Driver Roster - John Kowal.	12
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14		Gregory Beale	14
15		Walter Carney	15
16		Brian Dugan	16
17		Donald Eash	17
18		Ervin Hoover	18
19		Daniel Horvath	19
20		Kathy Lantzy	20
21		Robert Lichtenfels	21
22		Kristy McCullough	22
23		Craig Mlaker	23
24		Ellen Schatz	24
25		James Schatz	25
26		Douglas Seeley	26
27		Robert Sigg	27
28		Fred Tittle	28
29		Raymond Yoder	29
30	BG-11-01/08	Approve the request of the Ferndale Club Hockey Team to use the High School Cafeteria, Kitchen, and Restrooms for a Pancake Sausage Breakfast on February 23, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Use of facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form, receipt of clearances, and providing that no conflicts occur with District programs.	30
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33	E-12-01/08	Approve the following Planned Instruction for Ferndale Area School District for the 2008-09 school year:	33
34		-- Family and Consumer Sciences (Grade 8)	34
35		-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Interior Design (Grades 9-12)	35
36		-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Basic and Regional Foods and Nutrition (Grades 9-12)	36
37		-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Advanced and Foreign Foods and Nutrition (Grades 10-12)	37
38		-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Independent Living (Grade 11)	38
39		-- Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Development (Grades 11-12)	39
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1	IE-16-01/08	The following have been assigned as student teachers in the Ferndale Area School District for the 2007-08 school year:	1
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4		<u>Student Teacher</u> <u>Cooperating Teacher</u> <u>Subject</u> <u>College</u> <u>Term</u>	4
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6		Lisa Rivard Kimberly Shrift English St. Francis Spring	6
7		Melissa Roesch Kathy Wojnarowski Special St. Francis Spring	7
8		Education	8
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10	F-21-01/08	Approve the November and December Treasurer's Reports, as presented.	10
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12	F-22-01/08	Approve the General Fund and Hot Lunch Bills, as presented.	12
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14	F-23-01/08	Approve obtaining, from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, taxpayer information to use in enforcing the local tax on earned income. Total cost of \$200 to be borne by Central Tax Bureau.	14
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18	IF-20-01/08	Receipts and disbursements were reviewed.	18
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20	P-39-01/08	Approve the following names to the substitute teachers' list: Robert Barrett, Miriam Daisley, Shelley Helsel, Joshua Hetrick, Theodora Pappas, Sarah Priest, and Maria Strandquest.	20
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24	IP-02-01/08	Laryssa Bremer, Secondary Guidance Counselor, will be on a leave of absence beginning approximately February 14, 2008 for approximately seven weeks.	24
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28	ST-32-01/08	Approve the resignation of Henry Eisenhuth as Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.	28
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31	ST-33-01/08	Approve the resignation of Gerald Murphy as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach	31
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34	ST-34-01/08	Approve Thomas Kegg as the Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, at a salary of \$517.00 for the remaining 2007-08 school year (4 weeks)	34
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37	ST-35-01/08	Approve Arthur McClucas as the Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach, at a salary of \$465.00 for the remaining 2007-08 school year (4 weeks)	37
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1		Approve the following coaching positions for the 2008-09 school year:	1
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3	ST-36-01/08	Approve Joseph Arcurio as Head Varsity Football Coach. Salary is	3
4		pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	4
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6	ST-37-01/08	Approve Theodore Helsel, Jr. as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach.	6
7		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	7
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9	ST-38-01/08	Approve Matthew Belskey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach.	9
10		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	10
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12	ST-39-01/08	Approve Ryan Woodruff as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary	12
13		is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	13
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15	ST-40-01/08	Approve Jason Harvey as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is	15
16		pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. (Salary to be split with	16
17		Earl Berkebile)	17
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19	ST-41-01/08	Approve Earl Berkebile as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Salary is	19
20		pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract. (Salary to be split with	20
21		Jason Harvey)	21
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23	ST-42-01/08	Approve George Ambroe as the Head Junior High Football Coach.	23
24		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	24
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26	ST-43-01/08	Approve Arthur McClucas as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach.	26
27		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	27
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29	ST-44-01/08	Approve Eric Blue as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach. Salary is	29
30		pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	30
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32	ST-45-01/08	Approve Thomas Kegg as the Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach.	32
33		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	33
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35	ST-46-01/08	Approve Erin Kimmel as an Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball	35
36		Coach. Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	36
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38	ST-47-01/08	Approve Kimberly Reighard as the Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach.	38
39		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	39
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41	ST-48-01/08	Approve Kelli Mostoller as an Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach.	41
42		Salary is pending the outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	42
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44	ST-49-01/08	Approve Ronald Wilson as the Head Golf Coach. Salary is pending the	44
45		outcome of the Coaches' Contract.	45

1	ST-50-01/08	Approve Alan Homan as a Volunteer Football Coach, pending clearances.	1
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3	ST-51-01/08	Approve Douglas Lohr as an Assistant Hockey Coach for the 2007-2008 season.	3
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6	ST-52-01/08	Approve a Cooperative Soccer Agreement with Greater Johnstown School District.	6
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9	ST-53-01/08	Approve the Student Council's field trip to the Lutheran Home on February 12, 2008. Cost: \$80.00 for transportation.	9
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12	ST-54-01/08	Approve the Spanish II, III, and IV students' field trip to Somerset High School on April 18, 2008 to hear a guest speaker from Argentina. Cost: Transportation: \$168.00. (District)	12
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16		Approve the following workshops/conferences:	16
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18	W-40-01/08	James Ford; <i>New Board Member Orientation: I'm a New School Board Member, Now What?</i> in Altoona on January 29, 2008; <i>Budget Basics for School Boards</i> in Altoona on February 27, 2008; <i>The Board's Role in Promoting Student Growth and Achievement</i> in Altoona on March 26, 2008; <i>It's the Law</i> in Altoona on April 29, 2008. Total Cost: Registration: \$325.00. (District)	18
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25	W-41-01/08	B. Wayne Lohr (8), Federal Program Coordinator; <i>PAFPC Conference Presentation Preparation</i> in Altoona on January 17, 2008. Total Cost: Transportation: \$62.00. (Title I)	25
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29	W-42-01/08	Steven Brown; <i>Pennsylvania Educational Technology Excellence Conference</i> in Hershey on February 10, 2008. Cost: Registration: \$135.00. Travel: \$145.00. Total Cost: \$280.00. (District)	29
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33	W-43-01/08	Karen Soohy (9), Business Education Teacher; <i>Pennsylvania Educational Technology Excellence Conference</i> in Hershey on February 9, 10, 11, 12, 2008. Cost: Registration: \$150.00. Lodging: \$300.00. Meals: \$50.00. Travel: \$100.00. Substitute: \$160.00. Total Cost: \$760.00. (CFF-Title IID)	33
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39	IBD-46-01/08	Board Retreat Discussion.	39
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41	IBD-47-01/08	Report on GJCTC property transfer resolution - Attorney Walsh.	41
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43	IBD-48-01/08	Student Board Representative Report.	43
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1	IBD-49-01/08	Distribute Statement of Financial Interest forms to Board Members and	1
2		Administrators.	2
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4	3.	Buildings and Grounds	4
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6		Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve	6
7		BG-12-01/08 and BG-13-01/08. Record vote for the motion: Banks,	7
8		Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion:	8
9		None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion	9
10		carried.	10
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12	BG-12-01/08	Approve the request of the Junior Olympic Volleyball Team to use the	12
13		High School Gymnasium for volleyball practice from January through	13
14		March on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Use of facilities is	14
15		pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of facilities form,	15
16		receipt of clearances, and providing that no conflicts occur with District	16
17		programs.	17
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19	BG-13-01/08	Approve the request of the Ferndale Area Basketball Boosters to use the	19
20		High School Cafeteria and Kitchen on Sunday, February 17, 2008 from	20
21		11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. Use of	21
22		facilities is pending receipt of insurance, receipt of completed use of	22
23		facilities form, receipt of clearances, and providing that no conflicts occur	23
24		with District programs.	24
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26	4.	Cafeteria	26
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28		None.	28
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30	5.	Education	30
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32	IE-17-01/08	Elementary Tutoring/High School Helpers - Edward Moran and Steven	32
33		Brown.	33
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35	IE-18-01/08	Habitat for Hounds.	35
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1	6.	Finance	1
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3	IF-21-01/08	The Almar Company - Assessment Appeal.	3
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5	F-24-01/08	Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blue, to authorize the County	5
6		to accept the settlement as proposed by the Almar Company. Record vote	6
7		for the motion: Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos.	7
8		Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and	8
9		Lucas. The motion carried.	9
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11	IF-22-01/08	A Sheriff's Sale will be held for the following:	11
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13		Abdullah Y. Alyahya, March 14, 2008	13
14		Christine Alyahya, and 9:30 a.m.	14
15		Mark Nash	15
16		339 Kennard Street Judgement Amount: \$21,171.11	16
17		Johnstown, PA 15906	17
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19	7.	Personnel	19
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21	P-40-01/08	Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to employ Lauren	21
22		Birch as a 7/8 Grade Science Teacher, at a prorated salary of \$25,000	22
23		with full benefits, effective immediately. Record vote for the motion:	23
24		Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the	24
25		motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The	25
26		motion carried.	26
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28	P-41-01/08	Mr. Blue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ford, to employ Susan	28
29		Leftwich as a 7/8 Grade English Teacher, at a prorated salary of \$25,000	29
30		with full benefits, effective immediately. Record vote for the motion:	30
31		Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the	31
32		motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The	32
33		motion carried.	33
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35	P-42-01/08	Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the	35
36		Superintendent's Evaluation and Process. Record vote for the motion:	36
37		Banks, Blue, Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the	37
38		motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The	38
39		motion carried.	39
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41	IP-03-01/08	Deborah Pearce, High School Instructional Aide, will be transferring to	41
42		the Business Education Department as a substitute teacher for Karen	42
43		Soohey for the second semester.	43
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3		8.	Workshops/Conferences	3
4			Mrs. Penna made a motion, second by Mr. Blue, to approve the following	4
5			conferences/workshops. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Blue,	5
6			Chobany, Ford, Jones, Penna, and Vamos. Against the motion: None.	6
7			Abstained: None. Absent: Eisenhuth and Lucas. The motion carried.	7
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9		W-44-01/08	Lori Beck (1), Reading Teacher; <i>Increasing Success of Title I Students:</i>	9
10			<i>Reading and Writing Strategies</i> in State College on February 8, 2008.	10
11			Cost: Registration: \$195.00. Meals: \$10.00. Travel: \$83.00. Substitute:	11
12			\$80.00. Total Cost: \$368.00. (Title I)	12
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14			The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. for personnel	14
15			reasons. The Executive Session ended at 9:13 p.m.	15
16		VI.	Adjournment	16
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18			Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to adjourn the	18
19			meeting at 9:13 p.m. All were in favor.	19
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