

**June 1, 2021**

**HANOVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
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**NOTE: Due to the mandated closure of schools, and for the health and safety of individuals, the Board of Education held this Regular School Board Meeting using the virtual platform *Zoom*.**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held using the virtual platform *Zoom*, on Tuesday, June 1, at 6:06 PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. John J. Mahle, Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

**PRESENT:** John J. Mahle, Jr., President; Stacy Bleich, Vice President; Joyce Potsko, Treasurer; Rick Stevens, Secretary; Frank Ciavarella Jr., Dr. Vic Kopko, and Michael Mazur and Matthew Redick.

**ABSENT:** Paul Holmgren

Rick Stevens, Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:** Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent; Attorney Jack Dean, School Solicitor; Attorney William Finnegan, School Solicitor; Mrs. Lisa Kitchen, Administrative Assistant; and a number of citizens, via the Zoom Platform.

Mr. Mahle welcomed all present on the virtual platform to the meeting.

Mr. Mahle provided the following Executive Session Report: "Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, the Board President wishes to announce that at its Regular Meeting convened for general purposes on June 1, 2021, the board of education of the Hanover Area School District held an Executive Session to discuss matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, threats of or actual litigation in a closed executive session at 5:15PM and began the public meeting at 6:06PM. The subjects discussed in executive session related solely to employee relations, labor negotiations and threats of or actual litigation."

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**APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/REPORTS:**

It was moved by Ms. Bleich and seconded by Mr. Chivarella: To approve the following minutes and accept the following reports:

- Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 4, 2021.
- Special Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2021.
- Wilkes-Barre Career & Technical Center Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee meeting minutes of May 17, 2021.
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of April 28, 2021.

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Kopko, Mahle Mazur, Potsko, Stevens and Redick

No: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Holmgren

Chair declared the motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent, offered the following report:

"Yes, thanks, President Mahle. One week this evening, precisely at this time, we will be graduating our Senior Class of 2021. On this evening's agenda is the approval of the graduation list, so I want to be the first to congratulate those students. Throughout this process and this year they have had some difficulty times but over the last several weeks we have been able to celebrate their athletic and academic achievements in two separate ceremonies. It's a shame that these students didn't have a regular school year. We made the best of it and I want to congratulate them and we will be celebrating you next Tuesday evening. We also held a recent summer course offering that are camp styles. They are posted on our school district website. If you are not able to see these, please click onto our website. It's offerings from K through 12 for students in the summer to possibly make sure that we are trying to make up for any learning loss or preventing any summer slides from an academic standpoint. That is my report. Congratulations Class of 2021."

It was motioned by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Masur: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

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**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potkso, Stevens and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Holmgren

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**GENERAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Ms. Bleich: To approve the following motions #1 through #5:

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following new/updated Board Policies as per Exhibit G-1:

004-BOG-7	Oath of Office Certificate
Policy #137.1	Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
Policy #150	Title I—Comparability of Services

2. Adopt Resolution #6-01-2021, "COVID-19 Emergency Declaration", as per Exhibit G-2.

3. Approve ending the Hanover Area Health & Safety Plan on August 13, 2021.

4. Approve the Facilities Usage request for the Hanover Area Girl's Volleyball team to use the parking lot for a car wash fundraiser on August 28, 2021.

5. Approve the Facilities Usage request for the Hanover Area Little League to use the Hanover Area Baseball Field in June and July 2021 (Insurance forms are provided).

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTION #1 through #5 ABOVE):** YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potkso, Stevens, and Redick

NO: None

ABSENT: Holmgren

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motions carried.

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**FINANCIAL:**

It was moved by Ms. Potsko, seconded by Mr. Stevens: To approve the following motions 1 through 16:

1. Ratify the following PNC check register(s): (Exhibit F-1)  
April 29, 2021 to May 23, 2021
2. Approve the PNC check register(s) of: (Exhibit F-2)  
May 24, 2021
3. Elliot, Greenleaf & Dean \$3,057.90  
April 2021  
Invoice #158861
4. Pugliese, Finnegan, Shaffer, & Ferentino, LLC \$1,716.00  
January-April  
Invoice #267053
5. Appoint/re-appoint the following as depositories of the Hanover Area School District Funds, for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:  
PNC Bank, N.A. PSDLAF  
Landmark Community Bank PLIGIT  
First Keystone Community Bank Fidelity Bank
6. Send notification that the Hanover Area School District's Notice of its intent to withdraw from the Northeast Pennsylvania District Health Trust, effective June 30, 2022.
7. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Contract Professional Services between the Hanover Area School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the 2021-2022 School Year. (Exhibit F-7)
8. Approve the Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center Joint Operating Committee 2021-2022 Operating Budget. (Exhibit F-8)
9. Approve the refund of paid taxes in the amount of \$1,354.15 for the year 2020 for Christopher Crouse. Mr. Crouse has received the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption.  
NOTE: The Board thanks Mr. Crouse for his service and sacrifice to our Country.
10. Approve the PSBA Policy Maintenance Program Participation Agreement between the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Hanover Area School District, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Exhibit F-10)

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11. Approve the 2021-2022 Membership Agreement between the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Hanover Area School District in the amount of \$11,069.84. (Exhibit F-11)

12. Approve the Physician Services Agreement between the Hanover Area School District and Geisinger Clinic for a 3-year term effective June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024. (Exhibit F-12)

13. Approve the Athletic Trainer Service Agreement between the Hanover Area School District and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center for a 3-year term beginning June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024. (Exhibit F-13)

14. Approve the agreement with LINK Computer Corporation for the MERAKI Network Renewal fro the period beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$71,660. LINK is a CO-Stars vendor. (Exhibit F-15)

15. Approve the agreement between WVIA and the Hanover Area School District for the Enhanced Scholar Program for the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,425/year. (Exhibit F-15)

16. Approve the agreement between the Luzerne County Department of Probation Services and the Hanover Area School District for School/Community Based Services for the 2021-2022 school year. (Exhibit F-16)

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #16 ABOVE):**

YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potsko, Stevens and Redick.

NO: Kopko on 2 and 14; Redick on 14

ABSENT: Holmgren,

ABSTAIN: Bleich on 16; Masur on 1 and 2

Chair declared the motions carried.

**PERSONNEL:**

It was moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Bleich: To approve the following motions, with Items 9 and 11 Tabled:

1. Approve the final 2021 Graduation List. (Exhibit P-1)

2. Motion to approve the settlement agreement regarding Hanover Area School District student "A". (The student's actual name cannot be disclosed because of Federal and State privacy laws.)

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3. Motion to approve the settlement agreement regarding Hanover Area School District and student "B". (The student's actual name cannot be disclosed because of Federal and State privacy laws.)

4. Appoint Loriann Kojntek to Cleaner position #1 at Memorial Elementary at a rate of \$10.00/hour, as per the HAESPA contract.

5. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding on "Childrearing Leave" between the Hanover Area School District and the Hanover Area Education Association.

6. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding on "Retirement" between the Hanover Area School District and the Hanover Area Education Association.

7. Accept, with regret, the Intent to Retire along with the 2021 VESP for the following professional employees:

Diane Domzalski  
Maria Edmunds  
Mary Ellen Konetski  
Marilyn Namey  
Jason Papadoplos  
Nancy Needle  
Michelle Zapotoski

8. Accept, with regret, the Intent to Retire along with the 2021 VESP for the following Act 93 employee(s):

Diane Mazur

9. (TABLED) Motion to enter into a three-year agreement between the Hanover Area Confidential Secretaries and the Hanover Area School District, for the period beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, as per Exhibit P-9.

10. Appoint Joyce Potsko as Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

11. (TABLED) Approve a stipend of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Megan McCabe, Pandemic Coordinator for the period August 25, 2020 to August 13, 2021.

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 - #11 Above):**

YES: Bleich, Ciavarella, Kopko, Mahle, Potsko, Stevens and Redick

NO: Kopko on 2 and 3; Redick on 2 and 3

ABSENT: Holmgren

ABSTAIN: Masur on #8

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**Public Comments:**

Mr. John Mahle, Board President, asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Board.

Mrs. Lisa Kitchen, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, advised that there was one resident on the Zoom call that raised a hand to address the board, Mrs. Woychio?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

August Work Session: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

August Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Ms. Potsko, seconded by Mr. Ciavarella: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:14PM.

**BOARD VOTE:**

YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potsko, Stevens and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Holmgren

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

**Rick Stevens**  
**Hanover Area School Board**