

October 3, 2023

**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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A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Dr. Vic Kopko.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Dr. Vic Kopko, President; Joyce Potsko, Treasurer; Rick Stevens, Secretary; Stacy Bleich, Paul Holmgren; Stephen Mahle, Michael Masur, Rick Oravic; and Matthew Redick.

ABSENT: NONE

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

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent; Mrs. Lynn Vitale, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Attorney Mark Bufalino, District Solicitor; several District Administrators, and several citizens.

Dr. Kopko provided the following statement regarding the Sunshine Act:
"Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, the Board Vice President wishes to announce that at its Regular Meeting convened for general purposes convened on September 5, 2023, the board of education of the Hanover Area School District held an Executive Session to discuss matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, threatened or actual litigation and went into a closed executive session at 5:30PM and began the public meeting at 7:00PM. The subjects discussed in executive session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations and threatened or actual litigation."

Dr. Kopko, Board President, invited anyone from the press or public to address the board on Agenda Items Only.

Mike Potsko, Hanover Township addressed the Board regarding:

- Approval of first reading of Board Policies 204 (Attendance) and 233 (Suspension and Expulsion); asked to be provided with a copy of the current policy in order to compare the two versions prior to final reading.
- Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent, stated he would email those policies to Mr. Potsko tomorrow.

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APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/REPORTS:

It was moved by Rick Oravic and seconded by Mike Masur: To approve the following minutes and accept the following reports:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023

BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potsko, Oravic, Stevens, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent, offered his report which noted the following:

- Recognition of our September Student of the Month at the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School: Cassidy Kratz
- Recognition of the WBA-CTC Student of the Month: John Hunter

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Matt Redick: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potsko, Oravic, Stevens, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motion carried.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Stacy Bleich seconded by Rick Stevens: To approve the following motions 1 and 2:

1. Approve the first reading of the following School Board Policies: (Exhibit G-1)
Policy #204 Attendance
Policy #233 Suspension and Expulsion
2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Marywood University, School of Social Work, MSW program and Hanover Area School District for field placement for the 2023-2024 school year. (Exhibit G-2)

BOARD VOTE (on Motions #1 and #2 Above):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potsko, Oravic, Stevens, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motions carried.

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Stacy Bleich and seconded by Mike Masur: To approve the following Motions 1 through 6:

1. Ratify the following PNC check register(s): (Exhibit F-1)
August 31, 2023 to September 25, 2023
2. Approve the PNC check register(s): (Exhibit F-2)
September 26, 2023
3. Law Office of Mark Bufalino \$2,476.50
Attorney Mark Bufalino
August 2023
4. Award Rohrer as the lowest eligible bidder for two (2) passenger E-Vans,
pending review of all required documents.

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5. Approve the 2023 ACA Reporting proposal from Conrad Siegel at a fee of \$6,500.00 (Exhibit F-5)

6. Approve the purchase of SuperEval Administration Evaluation Platform at a fee of \$6,635.00.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 through #6 ABOVE):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Potsko, Stevens, and Redick

NO: Kopko on #2

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motions carried.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Rick Stevens, seconded by Rick Oravic, to approve Items 1 through 14.

1. Ratify Approval of Tenure for the following Professional Employees:
Olivia Allegrucci (Exhibit P-1)

2. Approve the request of Employee #30231 to take and FMLA Leave of Absence beginning September 1, 2023.

3. Approve the request of Employee #31711 to use for (4) Personal Days: October 20, 23, 25, 26, 2023 and two (2) UNPAID days: OCTOBER 24 AND 26, 2023, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish a past practice. (Exhibit P-3)

4. Approve the request of Employee #32023 to take two (2) days UNPAID: November 9 & 13, 2023, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish a past practice. (Exhibit P-4)

5. Ratify Brittany Owens, as a Certified School Nurse, as per the HAEA Contract, for the 2023-2024 school year.

6. Approve the September 2023 Salary Adjustments as per the HAEA Union Contract. (Exhibit P-6)

7. Approve the September 2023 Tuition Reimbursements as per the HAEA Union Contract. (Exhibit P-7)

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8. Approve the Addendum to the contract with ESS to include Personal Care Aides, for the 2023-2024 school year. (Exhibit P-8)

9. Accept the resignation of Maureen Peterman, as Senior Class Advisor, effective immediately. (Exhibit P-9)

10. Appoint the following Extra Curricular Personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

Marie Skrepenak	Girls Basketball Head Coach	\$6,778.00
Robert Holden	Girls Basketball JV Coach	\$3,725.00
Yolanda Hollock	Girls Basketball Jr. High Coach	\$2,244.00
Woodley Augustin	Girls Basketball Freshman Coach	\$3,469.00
John Soboleski	Boys Basketball Asst Varsity Coach	\$3,725.00
Bohdan Krawczeniuk	Boys Basketball Head Jr. High Coach	\$3,469.00
Tyler Smallcomb	Boys Basketball 7 th & 8 th Grade Coach	\$2,244.00
Dave Griffith	Head Wrestling Coach	\$6,778.00
Giavanni Amigon	Co-Ed Soccer Asst. Jr. High Coach	\$2,131.00
Yolanda Hollock	Senior Class Advisor	\$1,400.00
David Borofski	Hawks Unified (Pending Approval of Club)	\$1,500.00

11. Approve the addition of a student club, Hawks Unified, at the Jr./Sr. High School. This club requires a club advisor with a stipend of \$1,500.00 (Exhibit P-11)

12. Appoint Joseph Roman as a Crossing Guard, at a rate of \$50.00/day, for the 2023-2024 school year.

13. Approve the agreement between the Hanover Area School District and Edu Consult Consulting for grant acquisitions under terms and agreements of contract. (Exhibit P-13)

14. Approve the request of Employee #30829 to use accumulated time for the 2023-2024 school year, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish a past practice. (Exhibit P-14)

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 through # 14 Above)

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Oravic, Potsko, Stevens, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motions carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An unidentified member of the public asked about the students' ability to use the Library at the Jr/Sr High School, concerned that the library did not have a Librarian. Mr. Barrett, Superintendent of Schools replied that Ms. Danielle DiPietro is the certified school librarian for the high school and that the library is accessible for all students on a daily basis with scheduled periods throughout the day.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

November Work Session

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

November Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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President Kopko then called for Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Oravic and seconded by Rick Stevens.

BOARD VOTE: (ON Motion to Adjourn)


YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Oravic, Potsko, Stevens, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.

ATTEST:  Secretary
Rick Stevens
Hanover Area School Board