

**JANUARY 12, 2017**

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

**MINUTES**

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**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
January 12, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held in the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 6:36 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. John Mahle.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG**

**APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY SECRETARY:**

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To appoint Stacy McGovern as Temporary Secretary, in the absence of Lorraine Heydt, Board Secretary.

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

**PRESENT:** John J. Mahle, Jr, President; Paul Holmgren, Vice-President; Kevin Quaglia, Treasurer; Frank Ciavarella, Jr., Stacy McGovern, Joyce Potsko, and Joseph Steininger.

**ABSENT:** Evelyn R. Evans and Lorraine Heydt, Secretary

Stacy McGovern, Temporary Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

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**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas R. Cipriano, Jr., Business Administrator; and a number of citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To approve the following minutes:

December 7, 2016          Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

December 7, 2016          Board of Education Regular Meeting

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

It was moved by Joseph Steininger, seconded by Paul Holmgren: To approve the following reports:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of November 16, 2016.
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Reorganization Meeting minutes of December 19, 2016.

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated "Happy New Year" to everyone and welcome back. January is known as School Board Recognition Month and in other years members of our Board had been recognized with certificates for their years of service. This year we have no one reaching a milestone year but nevertheless I think it is important for us as an administration and school district to recognize and thank our Board Members for the time they put in. This is sometimes a thankless job, a job that they commit many hours to, a job that is one where they put the needs of our students first and foremost and I would say, without a doubt, that the welfare, health and safety of the kids are paramount in our School Board. So on a personal level and representing the members of the district administration, I would like to thank the School Board Members for the work they have done in 2016 and moving forward in 2017.

The next thing I would like to say, we have come to the best part of the Board Meeting where we recognize our students in the school district for the things that they do. I was very proud today to attend the tour of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center with our eighth grade students. It was a great day for kids to see things at the Center. The thing that impressed me the most as I was leaving, I had at least six members of the staff of the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center, tell me that our kids were the most well-behaved and the most polite kids that they have given tours to this year. And as a staff and for our faculty, to hear that our kids stand-out to other educators is really important and something that I think everyone should hear.

Along those lines, there is something else from an academic point that I would like to make. Sometime within the last few days I was notified that Hanover Area School District is one of only 433 school districts across the United States and Canada, being honored by the College Board with placement on a seventh annual AP District Honor Roll. To be included in the AP Honor Roll, Hanover Area had to since 2014, increase the number of students participating in the Advanced Placement Program while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district has successfully identified motivating and academically prepared students who are ready for advanced placement. That goes a long way and our English staff to an end should be commended for the scores that our students got in the AP test. And now I would like to pass over the program to Mr. Malloy to recognize our "Students of the Month", two very rewarding students.

Mr. Daniel Malloy, Principal of the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, said surprisingly we are in the beginning of January and it is 50 degrees outside.

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Maybe not as surprising is that we have, as Mr. Kuhl said, two outstanding students to honor here this evening. And I don't think it would be surprising to anyone here that they are also academically excellent, both of the students rank in the top 5% of their class, both are members of the Honor Society, both are members of our College Scholars Program taking college courses outside of their classroom during their time here with us, and both are involved in many extra-curricular activities. If I were to show you the list of extra-curriculars that these two students participate in and combine them together, they would range in just about everything that you could possibly do in Hanover Area. And it is not just in the school, it is outside of the school as well, such as part-time jobs, involvement in their local church; and again to say that they are involved is definitely an understatement. For our November "Student of the Month", this is not a stage that he has been on for the first time, not surprising; he was also the "Student of the Month" when he was in Middle School. It gives me great pleasure to introduce you tonight to our November "Student of the Month", Kenneth Wadzin.

Kenneth Wadzin then gave a synopsis of his many academic accomplishments, along with various awards and recognitions he received while attending the Hanover Area School District. He expressed how honored he was to be chosen by the members of the teaching staff among the vast pool of other seniors here at Hanover Area. He said he has never learned as much as he has in the past year and thanked Hanover Area for proving him with the opportunity to participate in the Young Scholars Program in which a student is able to have a hands-on experience in an actual college class, either at LCCC, Wilkes or Kings. With the Young Scholars Program, he met many great professors at Wilkes and speaking of great professors, one of his Professors, Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, helped him with his Senior Project. He said with the district's requirements for this project, he learned how important it was to be organized and efficient. Kenneth said his Senior Project was very out of the ordinary and required the assistance of two of his senior friends. We presented our idea to Mr. William Kane and Mrs. Maureen Peterman, and with some flexing and understanding, it was approved. We were able to use the Wilkes University Library, with the approval of Mrs. Sullivan, and I am proud to say we raised \$354.00 for a charity called Child's Play and I owe it all to the Hanover Area's Senior Project Program. Kenneth also thanked some of his teachers at Hanover who have been an inspiration to him; his History Teachers, Mr. Carl Daubert, Mr. James Bush and Mr. Joseph Dubinski; he commented that Mr. Dubinski is also the Advisor for the Student Council Club which he had the honor to be a member of and participated in many community events such as the Adopt a Highway Program where students pick up trash from the roadsides to clean the community. He also thanked all his Advanced Placement Teachers for teaching him the skills he will use in college; Mrs. Michelle Zapotoski, his Guidance

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Counselor, who helped him with his college applications; even his Organic Teacher, Dr. Jocelyn Holodick-Reed, who for the past three years has also taught him the skills that he will need in college. And last, but not least, Kenneth thanked his family: his mom who on numerous occasions helped him from going crazy with school work by helping him to not only push myself but relax when he needed to; his dad who raised him very well by being strict but also giving him much love, he engraved in him good morals and also taught him how to drive; and his younger sister who makes him laugh. My friends and family are what has kept me going all my years at Hanover. Thank you all once again for awarding me as November's "Student of the Month". I will strive to keep my Alma Mater proud in the future.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Kenneth Wadzin with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for November. She wished Kenneth success in his future plans.

Mr. Malloy stated as for our other honoree this evening; there is one thing I thought about prior to this evening that stood out in my mind; and walking into the room this evening reminded me of it again. I think that three-quarters of our audience this evening are her relatives. And again, as I have mentioned earlier, she is a member of the College Scholars Program where she also took it a step further and became a member of our Gateway Program and as a result of the credits she received from this program, she will be entering college as a sophomore. She is obviously another outstanding student we are very proud of, and at this time it is my honor to introduce you to our "Student of the Month" for December, Miquela Langan.

Miquela Langan then gave a synopsis of her many academic accomplishments, along with various awards and recognitions she received while attending the Hanover Area School District. She expressed her sincere gratification for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for December, 2016 and stated her favorite quote, which she remarked should be used more often, "The Journey is the Reward". She was very proud of her accomplishments and successes, but most importantly being so close to graduation, for the journey that has brought her to this point in her life; for the hours of study, the frustration of homework, and the realizations that have led her to discover what she wants to do in her life. Miquela said one of the best opportunities she has been able to participate in is the Gateway Program that has been set up between Hanover Area School District and Wilkes University. Through this program she has been able to experience college courses before graduating from high school and has been given the opportunity to find out what it is that she is cut out for and what it is that she wants to pursue in life. She went on to say that this program has given her the chance to test herself to see if she is ready for the journey that she will have to take to advance in her

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education and as a result, through this program she learned that she was confident in her next step and her next journey. She was happy to say that when she graduates she will step into college as a sophomore for having attained 35 collegiate level class credits through the Gateway Program and possibly 6 more from her AP Class at Hanover Area. She also expressed how the clubs that she participated in at Hanover Area have also been beneficial experiences; introducing her to the importance of community, never giving up and stepping outside of her comfort zone. From volunteering for the Leo Club or being recognized on the State Level for the Future Business Leaders of America, she has been placed in positions that taught her how valuable it was to give your time to help others and no matter what, to never give up on what you believe in because your hard work will pay off. She said many of her teachers and administrators at Hanover Area have guided her along with what she believes to be the right pathway for her. She will never forget these inspiring people and never forget how they helped her in the person that she has become. These people will be remembered and cherished throughout my lifetime. Miquela said she was also very thankful for her family members who have supported her, nurtured her, inspired her and have recognized her journey towards her achievements in life, such as this one and are the reason that she has been able to experience the opportunities that have been placed before her throughout her journey. She also liked to say thank you to all the teachers and faculty members who believed in her and choose her as the "Student of the Month" for December. As we all continue on the path of life, please remember no matter what struggles or frustrations we may face, these struggles and frustrations are part of your journey toward success.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Miquela Langan with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for December. She wished Miquela success in her future plans.

Mr. Malloy stated I honestly don't think we could have come up with two better students to start off the new year.

Mr. Andrew Kuhl stated that concludes the Superintendent's Report.

It was moved by Kevin Quaglia, seconded by Joseph Steininger: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**GENERAL:**

THERE ARE NO GENERAL ITEMS.

**FINANCIAL:**

It was moved by Kevin Quaglia, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the following Investment Treasurer Report: (Exhibit F-1)  
December, 2016
  
2. Approve the following check register: (Exhibit F-2)  
December, 2016
  
3. Shovlin Law Offices \$1,012.50  
Attorney George Shovlin  
November-December  
Invoice #1013



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4. Authorize the following refunds of property tax payments:

Jill & Mark Bienias Hanover Township, PA	\$104.54
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Joseph & Barbara Halesey Hanover Township, PA	\$645.95
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**NOTE:** All paperwork is on file in the School District Business Office.

5. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services concerning claims made to the School Board Access Program for the 2012-2013 School Year, as reviewed by the Board Solicitor.

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #5 ABOVE):**

YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger.

NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None Chair declared the motions carried.

**PERSONNEL:**

It was moved by Joseph Steininger, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To approve the following motions:

1. Accept the resignation of Danielle Kishbaugh, Cleaner, effective December 14, 2016. (Exhibit P-1)

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2. Appoint Angela Hoolick as Assistant School Nurse, at a rate of \$26.00/hr., no benefits, for the 2016-2017 School Year.
  
3. Appoint Drew Devitt as Associate Teacher for the 2016-2017 School Year, at a rate of \$80.00/day.
  
4. Approve the request of Jeffrey DeRocco, Elementary Teacher, to take February 3, 2017 off as an UNPAID day. (Exhibit P-4)
  
5. Approve the 2016-2017 Salaries for the Administrators/Act 93 Personnel, as per Exhibit P-5.
  
6. Appoint the following as Paraprofessionals, at a rate of \$10.00/hour, no benefits:  
  
Casey Fedor  
Elizabeth Tomek  
Nicole Vigorita
  
7. Appoint the following as Guest Teachers for the 2016-2017 School Year:  
  
Janet Castrignano  
Marie Carver  
Josh Morio  
Alyssa Stencavage

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8. Appoint the following to the 2016-2017 Substitute Teacher List:

Brian Bevan	Citizenship 7-12
Nyssa Degilio	Social Studies 7-12
Jennifer Momenzadeh	English 7-12

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #8 ABOVE):**

YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger.

NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None Chair declared  
the motions carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

No one wished to be recognized at this Regular School Board Meeting.

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**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

January Special Budgetary Meeting    Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.  
February Board Work Session            Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.  
February Regular Monthly Meeting      Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by Kevin Quaglia: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:50 P.M.

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Ciavarella, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Heydt ABSTAIN: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

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

**Lorraine Heydt**  
**Hanover Area School Board**