

February 15, 2024

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

MINUTES

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**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
February 15, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Brian C. McDermott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Stacy Bleich, Paul Holmgren, Jacob Hyder, Dr. Vic Kopko, Michael Mazur, Brian C. McDermott, Richard Oravic, and Matthew Redick

ABSENT: Rick Stevens

Stacey Bleich, Board Vice President/acting Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

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

Brian McDermott, Board President, 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 Thursday February 15, 2024, 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. Is there any public input on the Board Agenda Items Only?"

No one from press or public volunteered input on Board Agenda Items.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/REPORTS:

It was moved by Rick Oravic and seconded by Stacy Bleich to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 9, 2024

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- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of December 20, 2023
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Reorganization Meeting minutes of January 22, 2024

BOARD VOTE:

YES: YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Kopko, Oravic, Mazur, McDermott, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Stevens

Chair declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

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

Mr. Barrett publicly recognized the following students:

- Alexis McGrady, January Student of the Month at the Hanover Area Jr/Sr High School
- Haley Harris, January Student of the Month at the Wilkes-Barre Area CTC
- Malachi Downey, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Silver Team)
- Evan Malet, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Bronze Team)
- Jayden Shortz, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Bronze Team)
- Noah Boehm, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Bronze Team)
- Tyler Garrison, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Bronze Team)
- Bryant Perez, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Bronze Team)
- Camden Kratz, Football 2023 All-Academic Team (Bronze Team)
- Joanna Elick, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Paige Engleman, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Kendra Fisher, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Ava Malacarne, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Audrianna Mangan, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Lily Matthews, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Kasey McGlynn, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Jocelyn Mihalko, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Olivia Monte, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Krysta Shreve, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team
- Miah Sims, Field Hockey All-State Academic Team

Mr. Barrett also thanked Peoples Security Bank for providing Dual Enrollment money totaling \$9,375.00 for our students who participate in the program.

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It was moved by Dr. Vic Kopko and seconded by Mike Mazur: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Kopko, Oravic, Mazur, McDermott, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Stevens

Chair declared the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Michael Mazur and seconded by Rick Oravic: To approve the following motions #1 through 5:

1. Approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar. (Exhibit G-1)
2. Approve the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement between the Hanover Area School District and The Township of Hanover. (Exhibit G-2)
3. Approve the updated ARP ESSER Health & Safety Plan. (Exhibit G-3)
4. Motion to approve the Agreement for Professional Services between Hanover Area School District and Reynolds Construction, LLC, d/b/a SitelogIQ Construction Management. (Exhibit G-4)
5. Approve the updated 2024 Board of Education Work Sessions and Regular Board Meetings.

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

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Kopko, Masur, Oravic, and Redick

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Stevens

Chair declared the motions carried.

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FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren and seconded by Mike Mazur: To approve the following motions #1 through #7:

1. Ratify the following FNCB check register(s): (Exhibit F-1)
January 5, 2024 to February 6, 2024
2. Approve the FNCB check register(s): (Exhibit F-2)
February 7, 2024
3. Law Office of Mark W. Bufalino
Attorney Mark Bufalino
February 2024 (January Services) \$1,423.50
4. Approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 General Operating Budget and Resolution, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. (Exhibit F-4)
5. Hanover Township Fire Department
Fire Prevention Program Supplies for HASD \$4,225.00
6. Approve the agreement between Apptegy Inc. and Hanover Area School District for This Order Form and Master Services Agreement. Agreement will be renewed annually. (Exhibit F-6)
7. Approve the agreement between Hanover Area School District and EduLink Inc. for COMPLY, compliance software. Agreement will be renewed annually. (Exhibit F-7)

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #7 ABOVE):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Kopko, Masur, Oravic, and Redick

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Bleich on #1 and #2

ABSENT: Stevens

Chair declared the motions carried.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Stacy Bleich seconded by Mike Mazur: To approve the following Motions 1 through 13.

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1. Accept the resignation of Michael Palchanis, as Cleaner, effective January 2, 2024.
(Exhibit P-1)

2. Accept the resignation of Catherine Hoskins, as Head Varsity Softball Coach, effective February 14, 2024.
(Exhibit P-2)

3. Approved the request of Employee #32027 to take the following days off UNPAID: May 2, May 3, May 6, May 7 and May 8, 2024.
(Exhibit P-3)

4. Approve the request of Employee #30556 to take the following days off UNPAID: March 6, March 7 and March 8, 2024.
(Exhibit P-4)

5. Approve the request of Employee #31142 to use earned Personal Days on May 28, May 29, May 30, and May 31, 2024.
(Exhibit P-5)

6. Motion to approve expulsion adjudication regarding student A. A.

7. Motion to approve expulsion adjudication regarding student A.S.

8. Approve the following Extra-Curricular personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

Sheldon Richards	Volunteer Track Coach	UNPAID
Paul Gerrity	Head Jr. High Baseball Coach	\$2,831.00
Daniel Fuller	Volunteer Jr. High Baseball Coach	UNPAID
Jason Styczen	Head Jr. High Softball Coach	\$2,831.00

9. Approve the intermittent FMLA request for Employee #30995, beginning February 15, 2024. Employee is requesting to use accrued sick days.

10. Appoint Ann Elick, as Head Varsity Softball Coach, with a salary of \$4,420.00, for the 2023-2024 school year.

11. Appoint Brooke Adair, as a 6th Grade Elementary Teacher, at Step M1 with a salary as per the HAEA Contract, pending all clearances.

12. Approve Robert Swartz to transfer positions from Utility/Groundskeeper to Custodian/Groundskeeper, effective February 16, 2024.

13. Approve Beth McNulty, as a Part-time Per-diem cleaner, with a salary of \$15.00/hour, no benefits, effective February 16, 2024.

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BOARD VOTE (on items #1 through #13 above):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Kopko, Oravic, Mazur, McDermott, and Redick

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Stevens

Chair declared the motions carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

FUTURE MEETINGS:

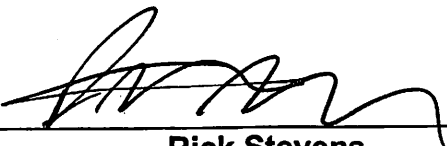
March Work Session: Tuesday March 5, 2024

March Regular Meeting: Tuesday March 5, 2024

President McDermott then called for Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:09PM.

ATTEST:  _____, Secretary
Rick Stevens
Hanover Area School Board