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

MINUTES

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**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
February 5, 2015**

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, February 5, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Joseph Steininger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Joseph Steininger, President; Paul Holmgren, Vice-President; Kevin Quaglia, Treasurer; Lorraine Heydt, Secretary; Frank Ciavarella, Jr., John J. Mahle, Jr., Stacy McGovern and John Pericci

ABSENT: Evelyn R. Evans

Lorraine Heydt, Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To approve the following minutes:

January 15, 2015 Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

It was moved by John Pericci, seconded by Paul Holmgren: To approve the following reports:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of December 17, 2014.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated I see we only have a few parents here tonight but I would like to remind you that we are going through some difficult times with the snow and ice, with the melting during the day and the freezing overnight, so please remind kids to be careful on the way to school in the morning. Along those lines, I would really like to commend our faculty and staff, especially our maintenance staff, for the outstanding removal of snow. Our buildings have been kept very well and the conditions for the kids coming into school is outstanding. I am very excited tonight to announce a piloting program entitled Go Math from Houghton Mifflin. Go Math is a math program that was written to fully support all

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the new state standards. It provides teachers with in-depth instructional support, embedded professional development, videos, tips, and a wealth of differentiated instructional resources to insure the depth of instruction required for the student's success. Go Math is a program that combines the 21st Century educational technology with modern content, dynamic interactives and a variety of instructional videos to engage today's digital technology. Every student is supported through the universal aspect features of the program, as they learn to think critically and apply their math knowledge. Whether using the innovative on-line student edition or the write-in student edition, the students have all the resources they need to succeed. Our teachers are being trained as we speak in this program. We are piloting now the third and fifth grades, with the intentions of full implementation in all our elementary schools for the next school year. This program will be an outstanding program to go forward to increase our students' ability to survive with the new demand in math skills. For the award part of our presentation this evening, I would like to introduce our Junior/Senior High School Principal, Mr. Daniel Malloy.

Mr. Daniel Malloy stated it always gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our "Student of the Month". I find myself in a bit of an unusual position this evening compared to the way this presentation usually goes. For those of you who have been here previously, you know we are here generally in February to honor our January "Student of the Month". But that is not the case tonight. When I am generally up here I spend my time talking about the outstanding academic achievements and athletic achievements and extracurricular and community service that the student partakes while here at the Hanover Area School District, and I will remain the same with the student that I will be introducing you to tonight. I think in the world that we live in today we spend a lot of time worrying about what we are going to do when we wake up in the morning. If you are the Superintendent you may be worrying about whether or not we are going to have a 2-hour delay in the morning. Sometimes those things that aren't the biggest issues in the world will sometimes seem that way to us. What I am doing tonight is introducing you to our November "Student of the Month", in February. Normally that happens in January, but the reason why Christian couldn't be here in January is because Christian was having open heart surgery in January; which puts things in perspective when we think about the things that concern us going through our days. I will let him fill you in on that but this was one open heart surgery, and not his first. Who I am introducing you tonight is an outstanding student, athlete, and a miraculous young man. Our November "Student of the Month", Christian Pack.

Christian Pack gave a brief synopsis of his many athletic and academic accomplishments along with various recognitions he received while attending the Hanover Area School District. He said he was honored to be chosen as the "Student of the Month" for November. A very few people receive this honor and

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I am very proud to be part of this list. The Class of 2015 is one of the most outstanding classes to ever walk the halls of Hanover Area. I have been a starter on the Baseball Team ever since I was a freshman and I can't thank my Coach, Mr. Michael Zapotoski, enough for making that happen. I do not like to talk about myself or my accomplishments, but I do know that hard work, both on and off the field, pays off. The Baseball Team has been phenomenal for the past couple of years. In my years on the team, we have posted a 36-0 conference record and we could possibly have a total of 50 wins and 0 losses if we win all fourteen conference games this year. We lost many seniors last year, but with the talent we have, I believe this could happen. Since my freshman year I have maintained a GPA average of 3.8. For community service, I serve as an alter server for St. Mary's Church. I am also involved in the Children's Miracle Network, helping them with their radio-thons and tele-thons. Making many friends at Hanover is something that I have done and many of them will be my friends down the road. Only a few people in my life are very important to me. Most people mention their parents to thank first. I want to start off with Dr. Christian Gilbert, who has saved my life, not once but twice. I was born with a heart symptom called aortic stenosis. Dr. Gilbert performed three open heart surgeries on me by the time I was five years old. I am named after my doctor. My parents' gave me his surname for my middle name; therefore I am Christian Gilbert Pack. Overall I had five open heart surgeries, with my sixth open heart procedure on January 19th. Now I would like to acknowledge my father, the second most influential person in my life. He knew baseball was going to be my sport because two weeks after I got home from my second open heart surgery, I began swinging a bat. Baseball came naturally to me. Every morning when I wake up, I hear him tell me to study hard, go to the gym, make sure I eat right, and continue doing baseball related drills. His one quote that will stick in my head forever is "I am your toughest critic but your number one fan". The way my parents raised me is incredible, they may be the strictest people I know, but they have made me the mature young man I am today. The next chapter in my life will be attending Chestnut Hill College to major in digital forensics and continue my baseball career. Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to be involved with the FBI, and from what I am told, this major will put me on the right path. I even toured the FBI Headquarters in Philadelphia where the college is located. I will never forget all the memories that happened in Hanover, the teachers who have helped me along the way, my aunt who always gave me a hug in the hallways, and the friends that I have made. Thank you again for this honor of being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for November.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Christian Pack with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for November. She wished him much success in his future plans at Chestnut Hill College.

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Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated it was an honor to watch Chris grow up from an ankle biter to the man he has become today. And I want to compliment his parents for the wonderful job they did in raising this fine young man.

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

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by John Pericci: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Kevin Quaglia: To approve the following motion:

1. Approve the Luzerne County Solid Waste Management to conduct two recycling collections, June 13, 2015 and October 10, 2015, at the Junior-Senior High School. (Exhibit G-1)

BOARD VOTE: (On Motion #1 above) YES: Ciavarella, Heydt, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Pericci, Steininger, Quaglia. NO: None ABSENT: Evans ABSTAIN: None
Chair declared the motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by John Mahle, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To approve the following motions:

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1. Approve payment of the following legal fees:

Professional Service Rendered

Shovlin Law Offices \$2,037.50
Attorney George Shovlin
January
Invoice #704

Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams \$166.50
John Audi
Invoice #92529

Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams \$240.50
John Audi
Invoice #92530

Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams \$555.00
John Audi
Invoice #92531

2. Approve the Investment Treasurer Report of January, 2015.
(Exhibit F-2)

3. Approve the following check register: (Exhibit F-3)
January, 2015

4. Accept the Letter of Engagement with Attorney Andrew Faust,
in the amount of \$5,000.00 to represent the Hanover Area
School District in the matter of the ACCESS Funds Appeal
for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #4 ABOVE):

YES: Ciavarella, Heydt, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Pericci, Steininger,
Quaglia. NO: None ABSENT: Evans ABSTAIN: None
Chair declared the motions carried.

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PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Kevin Quaglia, seconded by John Pericci: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the following to the 2014-2015 Substitute Teacher List:

Michael Kuniega	Mathematics
Kenneth Luck	Social Studies 7-12
	English 7-12

2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Joanne P. Tushinski, Guidance Secretary, effective May 15, 2015. (Exhibit P-2)

3. Approve the request of Jeffrey DeRocco, Elementary Teacher, to take February 20th and February 23, 2015 off as UNPAID days, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish as past practice. (Exhibit P-3)

4. Approval of Edward Evans' resignation from employment, effective January 31, 2015, per the agreed upon Resignation Agreement and General Release.

5. Approve the request of Jessica Ramagli, Elementary Teacher, to take a Leave of Absence under the Family and Medical Leave (FMLA), effective February 6, 2015.

6. Approve the daily rate of \$90.00 for Certified Substitute School Nurses, effective January 12, 2015.

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7. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Jocelyn Holodick-Reed	Head Field Hockey	\$3,123.00
Robert Shoemaker	Head Golf	\$2,340.00
Matt Lukachinsky	Head Boy's Soccer	\$3,123.00
Brian Bannon	Head Girl's Soccer	\$3,123.00
Terry Schnee	Head Tennis	\$2,689.00
William Kane	Head Girl's Volleyball	\$3,123.00

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

YES: Ciavarella (I vote yes for everything and on motion #7, I vote yes for everyone except Terry Schnee and William Kane. I don't believe our administrators should be coaching.), Heydt, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Pericci, Steininger, Quaglia. NO: Ciavaralla (On Motion #7, Terry Schnee and William Kane only). ABSENT: Evans ABSTAIN: None
Chair declared the motions carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

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

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

March Board Work Session Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
March Regular Monthly Meeting Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:18 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary

**Lorraine Heydt
Hanover Area School Board**