

**APRIL 16, 2015**

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

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 16, 2015**

**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
April 16, 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, April 16, 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; Lorraine Heydt, Secretary; Frank Ciavarella, Jr., Evelyn R. Evans, John J. Mahle, Jr., Stacy McGovern and John Pericci

**ABSENT:** Kevin Quaglia, Treasurer

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.

April 16, 2015

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To approve the following minutes:

March 5, 2015

Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Evelyn Evans: To approve the following reports:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of February 25, 2015.
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Meeting minutes of March 16, 2015.

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

April 16, 2015

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated spring has definitely sprung in Hanover Area. We are taking great pride in watching our Drama Club prepare for their Spring play, which is opening right across the hall from us tonight; and will continue tomorrow and Saturday evening. Please plan to join us. You will be amazed by the talent of the young performers. There is nothing quite like walking out of my office each day and hearing the sounds of our students and fans enjoying a game of softball, baseball, or a track meet at our nearby athletic fields. It always puts a smile on my face and is a constant reminder to me about the importance of extra-curricular activities in the overall educational experiences of our students. It is also a reminder to me of how important it is to keep these experiences available for our students and to provide for a well-rounded educational experience. Extra-curricular opportunities are not only important to our students, but to our overall community. What a better way to bring pride to our community than a successful concert, art show, athletic event or service project. These are the connections that build support for the works and efforts of our School District. Truly the pride we feel in our students is what makes each of us committed to our schools. I want to commend the parents, families, faculty, booster clubs, club advisors and coaches and members of the Board of Education for their commitment to the students of Hanover Area School District.

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 tonight to our "Student of the Month" for March. It's a nice time of the year. We are at a point in the year where the weather is getting warmer. Probably one of the biggest things that puts a smile on my face this time of the year is I get to introduce you to our March, "Student of the Month". In a world where we have too many people who are way to negative, I can say the exact opposite is true for our March's "Student of the Month". There hasn't been a time since she became a student here at Hanover Area where when I talked with her, she didn't put a smile on my face with a pleasant word. And not just in my case, but with her fellow classmates. I think that is going to come shining through when she addresses everyone in here this evening, with her words as well. And this is something that she has incorporated into her long term plans. It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our March "Student of the Month", Kristie Swetts.

**April 16, 2015**

Kristie Swetts then gave a brief synopsis of her many academic accomplishments, athletic accomplishments, along with various recognitions she received while attending the Hanover Area School District. I would like to take this opportunity to express how incredibly honored I am to be recognized as the March "Student of the Month". The Class of 2015 has many outstanding students who have worked very hard. I am so thankful to be recognized for my active role in the school. I cannot honestly be prouder to represent the Hanover Area School District. Throughout my high school experience, I have had many unforgettable people who have guided me through these experiences. In my junior year, I decided to take Track and Field, instead of softball, which I played for four years beforehand. I would like to thank Mr. John Paprota, my Track and Field Coach, for helping me see my potential in a sport I was very unfamiliar with. A strong education is a main priority in my life, along with a balance of extra-curricular activities. I am a High Honor Student and actively assist in my community through programs by the Student Council, Key Club, Young Scholars Program, Spark, and the Student Mentoring Program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Senior Student Council is especially precious to me, where I hold the office of Secretary. I would like to thank Mr. Joseph Dubinski, my Student Council Advisor, for his guidance that stretches far beyond the classroom. English literature and writing have always been my favorite subjects in school. I have a deep passion for writing which I hope I can incorporate in my future career. I would like to recognize Mrs. Maureen Peterman, Mrs. Diane Domzalski, and Mrs. Joanne Osborne; my past and present English teachers. I have learned through Mrs. Osborne's AP class, that passion truly has no bounds. The encouragement I received from these teachers is priceless. Most importantly, I would like to thank my family and friends for their unconditional love and support in every aspect I pursued; especially my mother; my father, the late Robert Swetts; and my stepmother. I can face any new experience because of the morals and ethics they have instilled in me. All of you have taught me that through any tragedy, new life will always shine if you open your eyes. I have also been a member of the Wilkes University Upward Bound Program, a college preparatory program, and I have decided to attend Wilkes University after graduation, to major in Psychology and Sociology, with a minor in Literary Communications. Although I will become a Colonel for Wilkes, Hanover Area's blue and white will always be in my veins. I will always remember the people at Hanover Area who have shaped me into the woman I am today. Thank you all so much for this honor.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Kristie Swetts with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for March. She wished her much success in her future plans at Wilkes University.

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

**April 16, 2015**

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**GENERAL:**

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Evelyn Evans: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the Agreement between the Hanover Area School District and the Volunteers of America regarding The Magnolia Project Program. (Exhibit G-1)
2. Approve the Hanover Area Cheerleading Booster Club and Cheerleaders to park cars for the upcoming 2015-2016 football season, including any exhibition and playoff games. (Exhibit G-2)
3. Approve the Hanover Area Youth Wrestling Organization to use the parking lot of the Junior-Senior High School on June 20, 2015. (Exhibit G-3)

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING MOTION #3 ABOVE)**  
YES: Ciavarella, Evans, Heydt, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Pericci, Steininger.  
NO: None ABSENT: Quaglia ABSTAIN: None Chair declared the motions carried.

April 16, 2015

4. Authorize the Business Administrator to seek quotes on a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.
  
5. Approve the stipulation and settlement of the Wyoming Valley Country Club Tax Assessment Appeal, subject to review and approval by school solicitor. (Exhibit F-5)

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING MOTION #5 ABOVE)**  
YES: Ciavarella, Evans, Heydt, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Pericci, Steininger.  
NO: None ABSENT: Quaglia ABSTAIN: None Chair declared the motions carried.

**PERSONNEL:**

It was moved by John Pericci, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To approve the following motions, with Motion #5 and Motion #11 TABLED for a future meeting for further discussion of the Board:

1. Approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar. (Exhibit P-1)
  
2. Amend the 2014-2015 School Calendar as follows:  

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Make-up Day
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Second Make-up Day
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Third Make-up Day
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fourth Make-up Day
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth Make-up Day
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Make-up Day

**Graduation and the last day of school will be Friday, June 5, 2015.**

**April 16, 2015**

3. Approve the request of Nancy Chafin, Elementary Teacher, to take May 6, 2015 off as a UNPAID day, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish a past practice. (Exhibit P-3)
  
4. Approve the request of Katherine Healey, Secondary Teacher, to take April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 10, 2015 off as UNPAID days, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish a past practice. (Exhibit P-4)
  
5. MOTION TABLED
  
6. Amend and approve the wording on Board Policy #201 to read the same as the district procedures. (Exhibit P-6)
  
7. Approve Carl Daubert, Social Studies Teacher; Joanne Osborne, English Teacher; and James Hummer, Social Studies Teacher; to take approximately 50 students to Washington, D.C. in April, 2015. (Exhibit P-7)
  
8. Appoint Betty C. Moreken as a Speech Therapist for a period of three (3) months, three (3) days a week, at a rate of \$52.00/hour.
  
9. Accept the resignation of Barbara Diaz, Substitute Caller, effective April 17, 2015. (Exhibit P-9)



April 16, 2015

10. Appoint Wendy Smith as Substitute Caller at a stipend of \$1,000 effective April 20, 2015, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school Year.

11. MOTION TABLED

12. Appoint the following to the 2014-2015 Substitute Teacher list:

Matthew Bevan	Pre K-4
Jennifer Laskowski	Biology 7-12

13. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2014-2015 school year:

Jodi Amos	Asst. Jr. High Softball	\$1,478.00
Kyle Kreitzer	Asst. Varsity Baseball	\$2,145.00
James Hummer	Asst. Boy's Volleyball	\$1,530.00
Donald Pientka	Asst. Boy's Volleyball	UNPAID

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING MOTION #13 ABOVE, WITH MOTION #5 AND MOTION #11 TABLED)** YES: Ciavarella, Evans, Heydt, Holmgren, Mahle, McGovern, Pericci, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Quaglia ABSTAIN: None Chair declared the motions carried.

April 16, 2015

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Debbie Castrignano stated that she couldn't say anything before to the Board regarding the bad conditions in the kitchen, because she worked for Metz, the Food Service Company. She remarked how the food was sent to the other schools, then at the end of the day, the unused food was returned to the High School, and would be re-used, re-heated and served to the students. She complained that the pizza would be reheated and would taste like cardboard. Her daughter, who is a student at the High School, wouldn't eat the food here because it is so bad. Debbie was also concerned about the amount of food that was served to the students; last year they were given five pierogies and this year they only get three; and there are times the students couldn't get seconds because there was not enough food left. It is disgusting the food they are serving our students and I think there should be something done about it.

President Joseph Steininger replied, thank you for coming forward now. We will definitely investigate this matter. I myself have never heard any of this before. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I appreciate it.

**April 16, 2015**

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

May Board Work Session	Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
May Regular Monthly Meeting	Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by John Mahle, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:23 P.M.

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

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

**Lorraine Heydt  
Hanover Area School Board**