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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
May 7, 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, May 7, 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; Kevin Quaglia, Treasurer; Lorraine Heydt, Secretary; Frank Ciavarella, Jr., Evelyn R. Evans, John J. Mahle, Jr., and Stacy McGovern

ABSENT: Paul Holmgren, Vice-President and John Pericci

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 John Mahle, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To approve the following minutes:

April 6, 2015
April 16, 2015

Board of Education Special Meeting
Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

It was moved by Kevin Quaglia, seconded by Evelyn Evans: To approve the following report:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of March 25, 2015.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated it's hard to believe that we are less than a month away from the end of another school year and our buildings are alive with activities from our kindergarten classes to the high school. We recently completed kindergarten registration and we are happy to say that we are over 20 students above where we were at this time last year. We will again be holding a Kindergarten Camp, and listen to this, for the Class of 2028. The dates and times will be announced at our next meeting and will also be posted on the website. All families will be notified of the Kindergarten Camp.

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A quick reminder of some of the activities taking place at the High School. Please mark down our "Biking Against Bullying" Program this weekend. You don't have to ride a bike you can just come and walk around the building to put those three miles in. Our Athletic Awards will be held on Thursday, May 21st, at 7:00 P.M. and Academic Awards will be held on Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 P.M. Our Underclassman Extra Curricular Breakfast and Senior Luncheon will be held on June 3rd and on June 5th our Commencement Ceremony will begin at 5:00 P.M.

As we speak our 5th grade students are returning from a class trip to Claws and Paws; our 4th graders will be heading to Hillside Farms and Frances Slocum State Park next week; and our 6th graders had a very educational trip to the Aquarium and Battleship New Jersey earlier this week. The 6th Grade "Moving Up" Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:30 P.M. Please check the school calendar because at Memorial Elementary there are a variety of activities this month including the Art Fair, Science Fair, Field Day activities, and many other end of the year activities.

As we wrapped up PSSA testing this week with the final make-ups, I must commend our faculty, guidance department and administration for their outstanding effort to make this process seamless and highly efficient. Students must also be commended for their effort because they worked very hard to do their very best.

As we move toward recognizing our "Student of the Month", I want to mention one athletic achievement as Brandon Chafin broke a 29 year-old record in the long jump. So congratulations to Brandon.

For the award part of our presentation to a very deserving student 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" for April. Normally what I do at this time is tell you a few things that stands out about the "Student of the Month". But what I would like to do tonight is just read a few things from her bio to give everyone a bit of perspective in how involved some of our kids are. And as I go through this list keep in mind that this is not all that is on her bio and everything that I am going to mention are things that she is currently involved in. She is a member of the Student Council, Yearbook, Spanish Club, Swim Team, Honor Society, volunteer firefighter at Sugar Notch Fire Department, a CCD teacher at Holy Family Church, works at Uncle Paul's ice cream stand, a student swim coach, a lifeguard, LCC Fire School, a member of the feeding the homeless association at Holy Family Church, Yearbook Editor-In-Chief, volunteer firefighter at Hanover Township Fire Department, hostess and waitress at the Morris' Family Restaurant, in the Young Scholars and Dual

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Enrollment Program, a member of the Muncy fire training school, and she still manages to be one of the top students in our school academically. It just boggles the mind with everything she is involved in, she may leave here this evening, grab some dinner, and go right to work or put time in somewhere else. It is not hard to see why she is the outstanding woman that she is. It is a pleasure for me to introduce you to our April "Student of the Month", Jessica Rutkoski.

"Student of the Month", Jessica Rutkoski, 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 express how deeply honored I am to receive this award as April's "Student of the Month". Working to achieve this award was not an easy task. I am thankful for all the hard work I put into both my studies and my activities that helped me achieve this goal. The students in the Class of 2015 are one of the most academically competitive class to ever walk the halls of Hanover Area. It seems crazy to me that there are only a few weeks left until graduation. There are several faculty members who have inspired and impacted me, not only academically but on a personal level also. The one teacher who I am most grateful for is Mr. John Sipper. It all started when I was in 7th grade and forced Mr. Sipper to put me in the Yearbook Club and luckily he said yes. And I have been there ever since, working my way up to Editor-In-Chief in my junior and senior year. Mr. Sipper pushed me to be better and never settle for average. He always told me to be different and never give up in something I believe in. His confidence is what kept me going for the past six years. Along with Mr. Sipper, another teacher who has impacted me greatly is Miss Diane Domzalski. She helped me to become more confident in my public speaking and helped me to be a better test taker. Miss Domzalski has helped me fall in love with literature. If it wasn't for her support, I don't know where I would be academically today. Most of all, along with my teachers, I would like to thank my family for supporting me in everything that I have done. My mom has always been very supportive of me, and had my best interest in mind. And if she didn't push me to strive and not settle for second best, I would not be receiving this award here tonight; and I thank her for that. And my father also had a very big impact on me. He is always wanting me to be successful, not only in school but also in the fire department. He is my biggest fan and has made me a strong individual. He told me as long as I put my mind to it, I could achieve it. My mother and father have helped me reach my goal of attending Penn State by pushing me and being there for me every step of the way. Lastly I would like to thank my stepmother for always pushing me to follow my dreams. Without the love and support of my amazing family, I would not be where I am today and I don't think they will ever know how unbelievably grateful I am for always being by my side. Along with my genetic family, another family I would like to thank is my family at the fire department. Without their love and support, each and every day, I don't know

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where I would be. I am always learning something new from them, and am amazed at the stories they tell. They are all hard workers who are very dedicated to their jobs. If it wasn't for my father and my brother, I would never have gotten my love for volunteering and helping others. And although my next chapter in life will be at Penn State, I will never forget where I came from and how I got there. Even though I will become a Nittany Lion this fall, I will always bleed blue and white, and will always be a Hawkeye. Thank you again for the honor of being chosen as "Student of the Month" for April.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Jessica Rutkoski with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for April. She wished her much success in her future plans at Penn State University.

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by Kevin Quaglia: To approve the following motion:

1. Authorize "Hawkeye Day" on Friday, May 22, 2015.

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

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FINANCIAL:

It was moved by John Mahle, seconded by Evelyn Evans: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve payment of the following legal fees:

<u>Professional Service Rendered</u> Shovlin Law Offices Attorney George Shovlin February-March Invoice #748	\$2,612.50
Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams John Audi Invoice #93944	\$217.00
Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams John Audi Invoice #93945	\$4,460.60
Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams Angela Evans Invoice #94070	\$82.50

2. Approve the Investment Treasurer Report of April, 2015. (Exhibit F-2)
3. Approve the following check register: (Exhibit F-3)
April, 2015
4. Authorize the Superintendent or Business Administrator to notify the NEPA Health Trust, by letter, that the Board of Education is rescinding the letter of intent to withdraw from participation in the Health Trust as of June 30, 2015. Our current participation will remain in effect.

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5. Authorize the advertising for the following bid:

Trash Hauling/Removal

6. Approve the contract with Talley Petroleum for the following fuel purchases for the 2015-2016 School Year:

- 12,000 gallons of 87 octane gasoline at \$2.2888 per gallon fixed
- 18,000 gallons of diesel at \$2.4333 per gallon fixed

NOTE: This is through the CSIU Consortium bid process, our fourth year of bidding this way. Total purchase amounts to \$26,000 Savings over the 2014-2015 prices.

7. Approve the delinquent property tax penalty, interest, and fee schedule as per the Hanover Area School District Resolution 5-7-15. (Exhibit F-7)

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #7 ABOVE): YES: Ciavarella, Evans, Heydt, Mahle, McGovern, Quaglia, Steininger. **NO:** None
ABSENT: Holmgren, Pericci **ABSTAIN:** None Chair declared the motions carried.

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Approve the request of Melissa Luksh, Cheerleading Coach, to hold an Elementary Mini Cheer Camp at the Junior-Senior High School in the summer of 2015. (Exhibit P-1)

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2. Accept, with regret, the Letter(s) of Intent to Retire in June, 2015:
Clement Benson

3. Accept, with regret, the retirement of John L. Glushefski, Hall Monitor,
effective June 5, 2015. (Exhibit P-3)

4. Approve the first reading of the new Board Policy #819 – Suicide
Awareness, Prevention and Response. (Exhibit P-4)

5. Approve the request of the Hanover Elementary Wrestling to hold
a Wrestling Camp at the Junior/Senior High School on July 8, 9,
and 10, 2015. (Exhibit P-5)

6. Approve the Agreement between the Hanover Area School District
and Geisinger Health System for the period of 3 years, effective
May 7, 2015. (Exhibit P-6)

7. Approve the Summer Guidance Programs in the following amounts:

Elementary	\$6,000
Secondary	\$10,000

8. Appoint Laurie O'Boyle as UNPAID Assistant Fusion for the 2015-
2016 School Year.

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

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

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President Joseph Steininger stated included in the Personnel recommendations is to accept the letter of retirement request for Clem Benson. I would like to thank Mr. Benson for his many years of service. Everyone up here appreciates everything that you have done for us and the years you have served Hanover Area School District. Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

President Joseph Steininger commented that he wanted to make a statement under the Old Business Section to address some issues that were brought up at a previous meeting about the cafeteria. I want to state at this time that Mr. Kuhl, School Superintendent; and myself visited all the cafeterias, in the elementary schools and the high school. And we found everything to be at top quality. The product looked healthy, looked very fine, and it was prepared properly. We talked with the employees and we didn't see any problems. They didn't discuss any problems except for the condition of the equipment, which was one of the other purposes we toured the cafeterias so we can look at some of this equipment which we will be addressing in the future. But judging from what we saw, the kids eating and the product that was being served, we really didn't see any problems and we just wanted to express that this evening. They were all unannounced visits and no one knew we were coming.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

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

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

June Board Work Session	Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
June Regular Monthly Meeting	Tuesday, June 2, 2015, immediately following the Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by John Mahle: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:15 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Lorraine Heydt
Hanover Area School Board