

**DECEMBER 2, 2015**

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

**MINUTES**

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**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
December 2, 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 Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 6:57 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., Evelyn R. Evans, John J. Mahle, Jr., Stacy McGovern and Joyce Potsko

**ABSENT:** None

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:

November 5, 2015      Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

It was moved by Stacy McGovern, seconded by Evelyn Evans: To approve the following report:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of October 28, 2015.

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

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the School Board for their diligent hard work this past year to get through some very trying economic times. I too would like to thank Judge William Amesbury and Judge Joseph Halesey for their presence here tonight. They are two very strong supporters of not only the school district but all of public education. And I would also at this time like to thank Mr. John Pericci for his service on the Board and to welcome Mrs. Potsko and I look forward to working with you in the future. And I would also like to wish everyone a Joyous and a Healthy Holiday Season. Thank you.

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

It was moved by John Mahle, seconded by Paul Holmgren: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**GENERAL:**

**THERE ARE NO GENERAL ITEMS.**

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**FINANCIAL:**

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

1. Approve payment of the following legal fee:

<u>Professional Service Rendered</u>	
Shovlin Law Offices	\$3,112.50
Attorney George Shovlin	
October-November	
Invoice #861	

2. Approve Agreement between the Hanover Area School District and the Wyoming Valley Country Club regarding the assessment appeal and resolution of refund of property taxes paid.

**NOTE:** Pending final review of Solicitor. This is being approved now because of timing purposes.

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #2 ABOVE)**

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

**PERSONNEL:**

It was moved by Evelyn Evans, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To approve the following motion:

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

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Bradley Hontz	Asst. Jr. High Basketball	UNPAID
Anthony Marcincavage	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball	TBA
Lester Kempinski	JV Girls Basketball	\$2,822.00
Rich Gavlick	Asst. Jr. High Wrestling	UNPAID
John Hooper	Asst. Varsity Wrestling	UNPAID
Steven D. Gilroy	Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball	UNPAID
Chris Kempinski	Head Jr. High Basketball	\$2,628.00

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

A woman in the audience voiced her concerns regarding the school's procedure when a person comes to the schools to pick up their child. She remarked that she has had several occasions when she picked up her daughter who just started kindergarten at the Hanover Green Elementary School, and she was never asked to show her ID to show that she was who she said she was. No

one has ever asked my mother for her ID when she picks up my daughter either. And the reason I am here tonight is yesterday a male friend of mine was suppose to pick up my daughter after school and take her home, but he got to the school early and decided to go into the building and get her out. He is

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not on my list of people who are allowed to pick up my daughter, a list the school urged all parents to fill out in order for the student to be picked up only by the people on that list. They never checked the list to find his name was not on it, they never checked his ID; they just gave my daughter to him. I have written several e-mails to try and get this resolved, and have spoken to the superintendent, the principal, the vice-principal, and nothing is being done. Because this has to do with our children's safety, this is not ok. What is the proper procedure for picking up students, because I don't think it is being followed.

Superintendent Andrew Kuhl replied after we spoke last year about your mother picking up your daughter, I contacted all the schools and instructed them to check all ID's before anyone can pick up a student.

Another woman in the audience also stated that when she picked up her daughter, who is new at Memorial Elementary School this year, no one checked her ID.

Mr. Kuhl replied we are working with our School Resource Officer to make sure the proper procedures are being taken. I believe the principal also called you back yesterday regarding this matter. After further investigating, we have ascertained how this happened. The secretary at the school knew the man who came to pick up your daughter, but certainly the proper procedure was not taken. It is a problem and we will address it.

The woman stated she still has the e-mails she sent out to various administrators in the past years trying to resolve this issue. It is not ok for me to send my child to school and feel she is not safe there. Our children's safety should come first.

Mr. Kuhl replied you are absolutely correct. Again we are working with our School

Resource Officer and we are also investigating the use of some sort of electronic scanning system that would be placed at all the doors and the person picking up a student would have to show identification. In fact this afternoon I was in contact with a company called Micro Systems that uses an electronic scanning system that would maintain a record of the people coming into the doors.

The woman wanted to know when was the next Board Meeting, because she will be coming to all the meetings until this problem is resolved. She asked if she will hear anything regarding this matter and if the Board could keep her informed.

President Joseph Steininger replied the School Board Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month but assured the woman that the Board will continue to investigate this matter until it is resolved.

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**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

January Board Work Session                      Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

January Regular Monthly Meeting              Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Evelyn Evans, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:10 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

, Secretary

**Lorraine Heydt  
Hanover Area School Board**