

January 5, 2021

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

MINUTES

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**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
January 5, 2021**

NOTE: Due to the mandated closure of schools, and for the health and safety of individuals, the Board of Education held this Regular School Board Meeting using the virtual platform *Zoom*.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held using the virtual platform *Zoom*, on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 6:15PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. John J. Mahle, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: John J. Mahle, Jr., President; Stacy Bleich, Vice President; Joyce Potsko, Treasurer; Frank Ciavarella Jr., Paul Holmgren, Dr. Vic Kopko, and Michael Mazur, and Matthew Redick.

ABSENT: Rick Stevens, Secretary

Joyce Potsko, Acting Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent; Attorney Jack Dean, School Solicitor; Mrs. Lisa Kitchen, Administrative Assistant; and a number of citizens.

Mr. Mahle welcomed all present on the virtual platform to the meeting. He stated: "Pursuant to the Sunshine Act of Pennsylvania, the Board met in Executive Session at 5:30PM and concluded at 6:09PM. The meeting on the agenda was for financial and personnel reasons."

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/REPORTS:

It was moved by Mr. Holmgren and seconded by Ms. Bleich: To approve the following minutes and accept the following reports:

- Hanover Area School District Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 1, 2020.

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- Hanover Area School District Reorganization Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2020.
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of November 18, 2020.

BOARD VOTE: YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, and Redick.

No: None:

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Stevens

Chair declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Barrett: "Mr. Mahle, thank you very much. January is the recognition of School Boards and all the folks that volunteer their time throughout the entire school year. So every single board member on here, Director Bleich, Chiavarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, Redick, and Stevens, I want the community to understand that it's not just this meeting that we meet on a montly basis, it's the constant updates that are going on from anything positive to the negative aspects of running a district, there's a lot more time that is associated with this than most people understand. So I appreciate the constant support, the constant understanding of all the effort and time you put forth. So, I thank you very much and this month is wholly recognizing all the Board members across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so I thank you for all that you do."

**School Board Director Month
Recognition of Board Members**

Stacy Bleich
Frank Ciavarella
Paul Holmgren
Dr. Vic Kopko
John Mahle, Jr.
Michael Mazur
Joyce Potsko
Matthew Redick
Rick Stevens

Mr. Barrett: "I also want to recognize some athletes, our student athletes that are also academically recognized throughout the state. We had an unbelievable Field Hockey experience this year. Our students were not only outstanding athletes on

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the field, but they were All-State Academics as well. So if I can announce some of these students that were All State Academics let by Coach Holodick-Reed:

Field Hockey All-State Academic- PHSFHCA

Sydney Allabaugh
Marina Ciavarella
Brooke Coleman
Mollie Corbett
Reiley Corbett
Megan Davis
Alissa O'Brien
Kailey Wilson

These students not only shined in the athletic arena, but they also shine within the classroom. This makes me extremely proud. As you know, my focus is always on academics first, so I really appreciate Holodick-Reed's focus on the academics. And she is here to say a few words. So, Coach Holodick-Reed?"

Coach Holodick Reed: "Hello, Mr. Barrett, Members of the Board, Community, Faculty, Staff, thank you for having me tonight to speak on behalf of our Varsity Field Hockey Team as well as my Assistant Coach, Coach Stacey Malia. I couldn't have asked for a more perfect ending to this very different Field Hockey Season. This year, our varsity team was recognized by the Pennsylvania Field Hockey Coaches Association with the Team GPA Award. In order to be eligible for this award, every member of the varsity team's GPA freshmen through seniors were arranged averaged together and had to be higher than a 92 average. Our team not only met, but, exceeded this minimum average. In addition, we had 8 Juniors and Seniors recognized with Individual All State GPA Awards, as you mentioned. In order to be eligible, they had to be a Junior or Senior, a varsity starter and had to have the minimum GPA. May I add that these girls take Honors Level, AP, Advanced, and are taking College Classes right now. So they definitely have a full load of very high academic classes they are taking and achieving in. I am so proud of their accomplishments at this time in education that has been so uncertain. I feel the resiliency and the ability to adapt to these new learning styles that these student athletes have exhibited show that our students are not falling behind but, rather, excelling at this time. I feel they actually will be more successful because of the ownership they've had to take over their learning and the ability to navigate through these unprecedented times. I am extremely proud of these players and am proud to be their called their Coach. I want to thank Mrs. Nicole Hummer for looking up all these GPAs, Mr. McCree, as well as you and all our Administrators support during our season and through the school year. I also want to recognize our Junior High Coaches Mrs. Alyssa Everetts and Emily Wildes who did a wonderful job with our Junior High

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Program this year. So, thank you for this recognition. I know the girls truly appreciate it.”

The Board of Education and Mr. Barrett congratulated Coach Holodick Reed and her student athletes on a job well done.

Mr. Barrett then reported on the Status of Schools. “Our Senior Class voted for their class officers. Ironically enough, two of the class officers are some of the students we just recognized. Our Senior Class President, Molly Corbett, was just recognized, the Vice President, Brooke Coleman, who was also just recognized. And two additional class officers, the Secretary, is Haley Griffin and the Treasurer is Isabella Popson. So those students were just elected by their peers as the class officers. In addition to that, I just want to thank the Leo Club for their annual efforts in donations towards the Toys for Tots collection by the Hanover Lions Club, so I thank you for your time and effort toward that as well. Finally, I would like to announce that on the 14th of January, next Thursday evening, I will be hosting a Community Night for possible return of students to in person instruction. I don’t want to take much of this board’s time by speaking of it this evening but I will be hosting a Community Night one week from Thursday evening. So, I thank you, Board, and I thank you, President Mahle.”

It was motioned by Mr. Chivarella, seconded by Mr. Holmgren: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

BOARD VOTE: YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Stevens

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Ms. Potsko, seconded by Ms. Bleich: To Approve the following motions:

Approve the second and final reading of the following Board Policies as per Exhibit G-1:

1. Approve the second and final reading of the following Board Policies as per Exhibit G-1:

113. 1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

113.2 Behavior Support

113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Students Information

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- 122 Extra-curricular Activities
- 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest

2. Approve the Amendment to the Services Agreement effective 6-21-2018 to 6-30-2021 between Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center and the Hanover Area School District for provision of the Athletic Trainer Services as per Exhibit G-2.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 and #2 ABOVE): YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Stevens

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motions carried.

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Mr. Chivarella, seconded by Ms. Potsko: To approve the following motions:

1. Ratify the following PNC check register(s): (Exhibit F-1)
12-2-2020 to 12-14-2020
2. Approve the PNC check registers of: (Exhibit F-2)
12-16-2020
3. Elliot Greenleaf & Dean \$1,306.50
November 2020
Invoice #157292
4. Motion for the 2021-2022 Budget, not to exceed index and exceptions, as performed by the Commonwealth.
5. Motion to approve entering into agreement with the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority to permit the construction of a stream bank restoration project as per Exhibit F-5.

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

YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Stevens

ABSTAIN: Mazur on 1 and 2

RECUSAL: Frank Chivarella on #5

*Corrected by Motion on 2/3/2021 Regular Meeting

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Chair declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Mr. Chivarella, seconded by Dr. Kopko: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the agreement between the Hanover Area School District and Ruth M. Wisenburn for Bilingual Speech/Language Evaluations for the Hanover Area School District at a rate of \$500/evaluation, effective January 5, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

(Exhibit P-1)

2. Appoint Megan Casano as Assistant School Nurse for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$26.00/hour, no benefits.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #10 ABOVE):

YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Stevens

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. John Mahle, Board President, asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Board.

Mrs. Lisa Kitchen, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, advised that there was no one from the public on the Zoom call that raised a hand to address the board.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

February Work Session:

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

February Regular Meeting:

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

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ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Holmgren, seconded by Dr. Kopko: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:27PM.

BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Chivarella, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Potsko, and Redick.

NO: None

ABSENT: Stevens

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

ATTEST: _____, Acting Secretary

Joyce Potsko
Hanover Area School Board