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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 4, 2016**

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 4, 2016, 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., Stacy McGovern and Joyce Potsko

ABSENT: Evelyn R. Evans and John J. Mahle, Jr.

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

January 14, 2016 Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of December 16, 2015.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated this week we starting planning our 2016-2017 School Year and as I looked over calendars from the past years I came to realize how demanding last year had been on us; snow piles were everywhere. A year ago at this time we had sub-freezing temperatures, which were causing delays and wreaking havoc. If I was superstitious I wouldn't mention this, but we have had no snow days this year before February. And now that Mr. Malloy has emerged from his den and has seen his shadow, I

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guess spring is right around the corner. With that being said, we are scheduled to graduate on time, on June 7th.

You have to be a groundhog to not know the public schools in Pennsylvania are suffering due to the lack of the state budget. This Board, and the entire School District, is committed to being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers; since such a large percentage of our budget comes from our property taxes. This district is united with hundreds of school districts from across the state to ask the Pennsylvania General Assembly to provide school districts, in a timely manner, with adequate revenues and in accordance with a fair and predictable formula calculated to enable students from across this state to have the necessary skills to become productive students and meet the academic standards set for them.

On a positive note, congratulations to our Wrestling Team who hosted two huge victories last night; avenging their loss last weekend to Myers. And they will wrestle Lehman on Saturday at 1:00 P.M. at Pittston for the District Championship and the right to represent our district at States in Hershey.

And now I would like to introduce Mr. Daniel Malloy, Principal of the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, to recognize our "Student of the Month".

Mr. Malloy stated I will mention just because Mr. Kuhl brought it up, it was around this time last year, if I can recall, there were about six straight consecutive Mondays that we were either not in school or had a delay or early dismissal. So it is very nice to be here and not have to have the conversation about making up days in the calendar; and hopefully this good weather will continue. I can't think of a more appropriate way for us to start the new calendar year than with this "Student of the Month". Our January "Student of the Month" encompasses all of those things that you would expect from the "Student of the Month". Academically she is outstanding and ranks at the top of her class. She is currently a member of the National Honor Society and has been for some time. She is part of our College Scholars Program; taking college courses outside of the school day. Athletically, she has excelled on the tennis court as well as on the Dance Team, serving as Co-Captain of our Dance Team for her senior year. Not only has she excelled academically and athletically, you can spend days emphasizing the positives of Maryann as she serves her school community. Just a small sampling of some of the things that she has been able to accomplish extra-curricularly: in our Key Club she has served as Vice-President in both her Senior and Junior year; in the Leo Club she served as Vice-President and Secretary; in our National Honor Society she served as Treasurer; and she is the lead photographer in our Yearbook Club. So if you happen to be passing the school around 8 or 9 at night

and see Mr. Sipper's lights on, there is a good chance that she is working in that

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room. As I said, the list goes on and on and on. It makes me very proud to introduce you to our January "Student of the Month", Maryann Chapin.

Maryann Chapin then gave a brief synopsis of her many accomplishments, along with various awards and recognitions she received while attending the Hanover Area School District. I would like to personally thank my teachers for electing me for this honor as January's "Student of the Month". I have gained many memories in the last five years from walking these hallways. It seems like only yesterday my friends and I were talking about what we are going to wear the first day of seventh grade. In a blink of the eye, my books got bigger, my backpack got heavier, and my bedtime has become later and later by the years. In my years at Hanover I not only learned the classroom material, but I also learned how to grow as a person. Chemistry and calculus helped with my education; but what really shaped me into the person I am today are the clubs I joined. The moments I will cherish most is when I had to be at the school at 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday for a Leo Club event; or staying at school until late in the evening because the yearbook had to be made. Again I would like to thank my teachers for this amazing honor, but a few of those teachers have made a great impact on me throughout my high school years; one of them being my Leo Club Advisor and friend, Mrs. Christa Kota- Langdon, who was also my 9th grade Computer Teacher. I will always look back at our Easter Egg Hunt or going to the Country Club to attend a Lions Club Meeting. Becoming an officer for the Leo Club was definitely one of the most important decisions that I ever made because it helped me to become a better leader and become more involved in the community. Another teacher who has influenced my life is my Chemistry Teacher, Dr. Jocelyn Holodick-Reed, who has inspired me to pursue my education and thanks to her I will be attending Pharmacy School in the fall. During the three years she was my teacher, I not only learned the integral parts of chemistry, but also reading skills; and now I understand how to think and not memorize. Lastly I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to my Yearbook Advisor, Mr. John Sipper. Because of the Yearbook Club, I have become more sociable through the years and I am no longer considered a wallflower. Becoming Team Leader and head photographer for the Yearbook Club has allowed me to have that much more of an impact here at Hanover Area. At this time I would like to thank the people who have inspired me the most, especially during these last few years of high school. Mom thank you for teaching me my times tables and helping me in my vocabulary and pushing me to my limits. And dad, thank you for always inspiring me and motivating me to follow my dreams; and for always being there for me when I needed rides to any of my school events. Again, I am honored to having received this award as January's "Student of the Month". Not only is this a great start to a new year

but it will be forever an accomplishment that I have always strived for.

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Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Maryann Chapin, with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for January. Mrs. Langdon wished Maryann good luck and success in her future.

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

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

BOARD VOTE: YES: Ciavarella, Heydt, Holmgren, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Mahle 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. Approve the Luzerne County Solid Waste Management to conduct three (3) recycling collections: May 14, 2016, June 11, 2016, and October 8, 2016, at the Junior-Senior High School. (Exhibit G-1)

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

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FINANCIAL:

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

1. Professional Services Rendered
Shovlin Law Offices \$3,237.50
Attorney George Shovlin
December and January
Invoice #885

2. Approve the following Investment Treasurer Report: (Exhibit F-2)

January, 2016

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

January, 2016

4. Authorize the following property tax refunds:

Donald and Megan Jones \$658.03
Ashley, PA

Gerald and Edna Maldando \$84.89
Ashley, PA

Thomas and Flora Schroth \$2,149.17
Sugar Notch, PA

NOTE: All paperwork from Luzerne County Assessment Office is on file in the Business Office.

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5. Approve the Resolution Supporting School Districts Serving as Plaintiffs In School Funding Lawsuit. (Exhibit F-5)

6. Authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to act on our behalf to complete an extension to June 30, 2016, to pay off our current Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note with First Keystone Community Bank. All documents will be reviewed and approved by the Solicitor. The current note is in the amount of \$2.5 Million and no additional funds will be borrowed.

NOTE: The appropriate Board Officers will sign the completed documents.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING MOTION #6 ABOVE)

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

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Appoint the following to the 2015-2016 Substitute Teacher List:

John D. Albanese Health & Physical Education

2. Appoint the following as a Paraprofessional(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year, at a rate of \$10.00/hour:

Elizabeth Tomek
Kimberly Lloyd

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3. Appoint Nancy Pius as a Part-time Occupational Therapist, at a rate of \$60.00/hour for the remainder of the 2015-2016 School Year, not to exceed 10 hours per week.

4. Approve Selina McHugh to move from a 4-hour Cleaner Position to an 8-hour Cleaner Position, at a rate of \$17.15/hour, as per the HAESPA Contract, effective February 5, 2016.

5. Appoint Tiffany Marie Haydock to the 4-hour Cleaner Position #1 at Memorial Elementary, at a rate of \$7.25/hour, effective February 5, 2016, as per the HAESPA Contract.

6. Approve the request of Renee Benavage, High School Reading Teacher, to take Maternity Leave beginning March 4, 2016 to June 1, 2016. Renee will be using her accumulated sick time for the leave. (Exhibit P-6)

7. Approve the request of Jeff Derocco, Elementary Teacher, to take Tuesday, February 23, 2016, off as an Unpaid day. (Exhibit P-7)

8. Approve the request of Kimberly Franks, Secondary Learning Support Teacher, to take February 29th and March 1, 2016, off as Unpaid days. (Exhibit P-8)

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9. Approve the request of Shelley Parnell, Occupational Therapist, to take February 29th and March 1, 2016, off as Unpaid days. (Exhibit P-9)

10. Approve the first reading of the New/Updated Board Policies: (Exhibit P-10)

No. 004	Membership
No. 011	Principles for Governance and Leadership
No. 115	Career and Technical Education
No. 317	Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
No. 806	Child Abuse
No. 824	Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
No. 916	Volunteers

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

Mike Zapotoski	Head Baseball	\$3,348.00
Kyle Kreitzer	Asst. Varsity Baseball	\$2,145.00
George Graboske	Head Jr. High Baseball	\$2,145.00
Corey Koons	Asst. Jr. High Baseball	\$1,478.00
Nate Jendrzewski	Asst. Varsity Baseball	UNPAID
Al Weston	Head Track and Field	\$3,348.00
Carl Daubert	Asst. Varsity Track and Field	\$2,011.00
John Centak	Head Jr. High Track and Field	\$2,011.00
Kelly Rine	Asst. Varsity Track and Field	\$1,936.00
Ken Daubert	Asst. Jr. High Track and Field	UNPAID
Chris Thompson	Asst. Jr. High Track and Field	UNPAID

Sheldon Richards
William Kane

Asst. Varsity Track
Head Boys' Volleyball

UNPAID
\$3,123.00
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BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING MOTION #11 ABOVE)

YES: Ciavarella, Heydt, Holmgren, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger.

NO: None ABSENT: Evans, Mahle ABSTAIN: None Chair declared the motions carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

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

FUTURE MEETINGS:

March Board Work Session

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

March Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

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ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:16 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

, Secretary

**Lorraine Heydt
Hanover Area School Board**