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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 13, 2017**

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 Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. John Mahle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: John J. Mahle, Jr, President; Kevin Quaglia, Treasurer; Lorraine Heydt, Secretary; Frank Ciavarella, Jr., Stacy McGovern, Joyce Potsko, and Joseph Steininger.

ABSENT: Evelyn R. Evans and Paul Holmgren, Vice-President

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 Stacy McGovern, seconded by Kevin Quaglia: To approve the following minutes:

January 12, 2017	Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 31, 2017	Board of Education Special Meeting

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of December 21, 2016.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated in the middle of winter, with the late starts and snow days, we sometimes lose track of some of the good things that are happening. I would like to commend our Cheerleading Competition Squad who just recently took 2nd Place in the National Competition that took place in Florida. What an outstanding performance done by those fine ladies and their hard work is duly noted.

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At this meeting, the Board will be approving our Project 339 Plan, which is a Career Awareness Program. I would like to point out the hard work done particularly by our Guidance Staff and the team that was put together by the Administration for the great job on the presentation that we heard at our Work Session. It was quite an outstanding effort by many people with the goal in mind for our students to become aware of the career paths that are available to them. Our District Administrators, our Guidance Staff and our Teachers are all working very hard to prepare our students; whether it is on to higher education or on to a career as their next step. This is something that we worked very hard to put together to have our students ready to make those decisions later on.

At this time I would like to introduce Mr. Malloy who will be recognizing this month's "Student of the Month".

Mr. Daniel Malloy, Principal of the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, said what I am going to ask everyone here to do is go back ten years in your mind and think about what you were doing ten years ago today. And like many other couples, my fiancée and I were exchanging gifts and I started noticing cards and gift bags around the house that had D. M. on them. And it was very shortly after that when I realized that I wasn't getting any of those gift bags or cards, so I asked my fiancée who they were for, and what I came to find out was who the other D. M. in her life was, and as luck would have it, he is our "Student of the Month" tonight: Daniel Marcincavage. When I did get the chance to talk to her about Daniel, she told me what a hard worker he was and what a very nice and intelligent young man he was. So what I am here to tell you tonight is that that has not changed. If you were to talk to his basketball coach tonight he would tell you what a hard worker he is on the basketball court. His teachers would say what a hard worker he is in the classroom. He has been involved in numerous clubs and activities here at the school and taking on leadership positions within those clubs. He works very hard outside of the school district as well. Probably one of the most obvious indicators of what an outstanding student he is in the school, in our senior class, not only is he ranked towards the top of the class, he is ranked number one in his senior class. It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the other D. M. in my wife's life, January's "Student of the Month", Daniel Marcincavage.

Daniel Marcincavage then gave a synopsis of his many academic and athletic accomplishments, along with various awards and recognitions he received while attending the Hanover Area School District. He not only expressed his gratitude to all the teachers who nominated him for this award but also expressed how honored he was to be chosen as January's "Student of the Month" and he thanked everyone who got him here today. Academically speaking, he has always been one of the top students in the Class of 2017. Daniel said he has been in Hanover Area all of his life and he can't believe that in a few months it will be over. He said

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it seems like just yesterday when he walked into the new school as a 7th grader, not knowing what he should do or what he would do, and how he would handle it; but look at him now, a Senior who will be graduating soon. Daniel reflected on the many academic awards he received over the past years, mostly pertaining to Chemistry and Math, but said it is not the awards he receives, but the people he met and the experiences he had that shaped him into the person he is today. He took time to recognize some of the most influential people in his life; first his mother who raised him for 17 years and seeing her strength and determination through these years makes him want to achieve great things. He thanked her for always being by his side and attending his track and basketball games; and he thanked her for being by his side during the Academic Awards presentation, that can sometimes be long and boring, but she made it bearable. Daniel thanked his mother and said he couldn't have done any of this without her. He stated if I asked everyone here to name one teacher who has influenced you the most in your life, you would probably think of one instantly; for me, that teacher is Dr. Jocelyn Holodick-Reed. Daniel said she has been his teacher for three years, currently taking her Organic Chemistry Class and he said it is the best class he has ever taken, and if she had never been his teacher, he doesn't know if he would be as intrigued in Chemistry as he is now. With her influence, he decided to major in Bio-Chemistry with a Pre-Medical Program after High School. He thanked the other influential people in his life, his family members, club advisors, and the list goes on forever; he was thankful to have all of them in his life. He again thanked everyone who has helped him attain this great honor as being chosen as January's "Student of the Month". Daniel said although his time at Hanover is coming to an end, he hopes he can still use the lessons he learned at Hanover Area all through his life.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Daniel Marcincavage with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for January. She wished Daniel success in his future plans.

Mr. Kuhl said he wanted to add one more thing. Mrs. Langdon and her students helped us today with the CEO food giveaway in the Hanover Children's Produce Market and the people from CEO gave the students a compliment saying they have been doing this for years all over our area, and they said they have never worked with a finer group of kids than the volunteers that help here at Hanover every month. I would like to thank you so much for your kids; they are such fantastic people who come and work so hard to get this done. A few months ago, Mr. Malloy and I would have been carrying bags but this time I felt like a supervisor just standing back. The kids are fantastic and to hear that compliment is outstanding for our kids. Thank you very much.

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Lorraine Heydt, seconded by Kevin Quaglia: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the Luzerne County Solid Waste Management to conduct two (2) recycling collections, June 10th and October 14, 2017, at the Junior/Senior High School. (Exhibit G-1)

2. Approve the Agreement between the Hanover Area School District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for the Department of Education Project MOM/Young Fatherhood Initiative Grant for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$307.27. (Exhibit G-2)

3. Motion to adopt the Comprehensive Guidance Plan as required by the Pennsylvania School Code under Chapter 339. (Exhibit is on file in the Superintendent's Office.)

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4. Motion to allow the Superintendent to engage in Memorandum of Understanding with local agencies in regard to the education of homeless youth and foster children.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #4 ABOVE): YES: Ciavarella, Heydt, Mahle, McGovern, Potsko, Quaglia, Steininger. NO: None
ABSENT: Evans, Holmgren ABSTAIN: None Chair declared the motions carried.

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Kevin Quaglia, seconded by Joseph Steiniger: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the following Investment Treasurer Report: (Exhibit F-1)
January, 2017
2. Approve the following check register: (Exhibit F-2)
January, 2017
3. Shovlin Law Offices \$937.50
Attorney George Shovlin
Invoice #1021

Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP \$643.50
Attorney Angela Evans
Invoice #104826

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Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP
Attorney Angela Evans
Invoice #104829

\$117.00

4. Authorize the following refunds of property tax payments:

Arlene Sobeski Hanover Township, PA	\$230.09	2016
Daniel J. Wilverding Sugar Notch, PA	\$114.84	2016
Tracy & Leo View Ashley, PA	\$209.09	2015
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James J. Conahan Hanover Township, PA	\$365.20	2016
Earl Kohl Ashley, PA	\$204.33	2016

NOTE: All paperwork is on file in the School District Business Office.

5. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator to enter into the Lease Agreement for School District copiers with Jay's Business Systems, Inc. (JBS), per terms of their Proposal B submitted through the authorized RFP process in December, 2016

NOTE: This is a 60 month standard lease of which four vendors submitted proposals.

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

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Approve the request of Shannon Bennett to take March 8, 9, and 10, 2017 off as UNPAID days, with the understanding that this will not set a precedent or establish a past practice. (Exhibit P-1)

2. Approve Jeff Urbanski to Cleaner Position #7 (4 hours) at the Junior/Senior High School, at a rate of \$7.25/hour, effective February 10, 2017. As per the HAESPA Contract, this position has a 60-day probationary period.

3. Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Evelyn Evans, effective immediately, from the Hanover Area School District Board of Education. The Board recognizes the long terms of Mrs. Evans and thanks her for her service. (Exhibit P-2)

Mr. Frank Ciavarella, Board Member, stated he would just like to take a second and thank Mrs. Evans for her twenty plus years she dedicated to the Board of Directors here and it was great working with her. I will miss her.

Mrs. Lorraine Heydt, Board Secretary, stated I second Mr. Ciavarella's comment.

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

Mr. John Mahle, Board President, stated at this time I would like to entertain a motion to nominate a new member to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Evelyn Evans. Are there any nominations?

Kevin Quaglia nominated Mr. Vic Kopko, if he would be interested in serving the remaining term. Frank Ciavarella seconded the nomination.

Mr. Mahle asked if there were any other nominations.

No other nominations were made.

Mr. Mahle stated the nominations are closed.

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

4. Motion to appoint Vic Kopko for remaining term of vacant Board position.

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

Mr. John Mahle, Board President, congratulated Vic Kopko.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

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

FUTURE MEETINGS:

March Board Work Session Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

March Regular Monthly Meeting Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by Kevin Quaglia: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:46 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary

**Lorraine Heydt
Hanover Area School Board**