

**JUNE 13, 2016**

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

**MINUTES**

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**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
June 13, 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 Monday, June 13, 2016, at 7:08 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, School Solicitor; and a number of citizens.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To approve the following minutes:

May 11, 2016	Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 24, 2016	Board of Education Special 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 Kevin Quaglia: To approve the following report:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Board of Directors Regular Meeting minutes of April 27, 2016.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Andrew Kuhl, Superintendent, stated this is a somewhat sad occasion because this kind of puts an end to the Class of 2016; the last time recognizing the "Students of the Month", after a wonderful week last week with graduation and all the special things that happened in the days previous to graduation. I walked through the building today and a building without students just doesn't have the right ring to it as a school. I do think that in some cases we reflect back and think

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about the things that occurred during the year and realize what a great senior class this has been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in everything that has happened in the schools at the end of this year, from our kindergarten center all the way through to the high school. Our buildings were in immaculate shape; our custodial and maintenance personnel did a phenomenal job preparing our buildings and our teachers and administration for getting the programs in place. There are a lot of behind the scenes work that takes place that not many people realize; from getting the lines in order and the names in the right places, getting kids to where they needed to be, getting us to where we needed to be; everyone involved did a phenomenal job. Kind of ending this, we have two outstanding students this month that Mr. Malloy will introduce you to tonight. If you were at the Awards assembly you would have heard their names. Luis spent more time in the school sometimes than I did; he was here in the evenings and early in the mornings, and for a time there I was starting to get a little nervous thinking that we might have to start paying him by the hour, and we wouldn't be able to afford it. He and Johnny are both going to be missed by us, the administration and the staff. They are two outstanding young men.

I would now like to introduce to you Mr. Daniel Malloy, Principal of the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, to recognize our "Students of the Month" for May and June.

Mr. Malloy stated it always gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our "Students of the Month". One of the things I would like to reiterate is this senior class was a great class this year. I enjoyed the senior class this year very much and in saying that these two gentlemen were very reflective of that group. As you would expect being "Students of the Month", they are great students, academically they are excellent, but that is only a small part of who they are and what they have done here at Hanover Area. I was talking to them prior to the meeting this evening and told them that between them both, they have covered every activity in this school: and I mean sports, clubs, and activities. You name it, and these two students were there. As Mr. Kuhl said, you could see them here morning, noon and night. I couldn't have picked two finer representatives to end the school year with. I am proud to introduce you to our May "Student of the Month", Johnny Qui.

Johnny Qui then gave a brief synopsis of his many academic accomplishments along with various awards and recognitions he received while attending the Hanover Area School District. I cannot express in words how honored I am to have been chosen as May's "Student of the Month". I was shocked when I was called into Mr. Malloy's office, wondering what turmoil I was in, but it was to actually congratulate me for this being chosen for this honor. I would like to give my sincere gratitude to the teachers who nominated me for this award. Over the six years that I have attended the Jr./Sr. High School, I have been constantly learning,

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improving and growing. I have come to understand the hardships and efforts I needed to succeed to enter the next chapter in my life. In a building with approximately 400 to 500 students and limited faculty, it is not easy to teach, motivate and give individual attention to each and every student. But when it came to choosing two teachers who have accomplished this incredible feat, I was able to choose two teachers who have helped and motivated not only me, but the entire student body. Dr. Jocelyn Holodick-Reed taught me to be my best and do my best by studying, doing well, and never giving up. In all of her chemistry classes, she has propelled me toward the field of science. And because of that, I have chosen to go into the field of Chemical Engineering at NYU in the fall. And just as Dr. Holodick-Reed was my driving force in academics, another teacher, Ms. Ellen McCormick was my driving force in volunteering and service. Ms. McCormick is the Advisor in many multiple school activities, such as the Drama Club and the Key Club, and she is the exemplary example of someone who would help her students in any way she can. Sometimes you can find her at the school, late in the evenings, even later than the sports teams, and on the weekends she can be seen doing volunteer work with her fellow Key Club members. By giving of her time to the students at Hanover; she has guided me, step by step, and I one day hope to be as caring, selfless, giving and capable as she is. And, of course, where would I be without those who have been there all of my life, the people who have listened to me every single day of my life: my mom, dad, sister, cousins and friends. It is because of them that I am here today and because of them again for where I will be in the future. I would also like to thank all those I have not mentioned here tonight for all of the sweat and effort you put forth on a daily basis to make our lives better. Thank you again for this honor.

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Johnny Qui, with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for May. Mrs. Langdon told Johnny he will be sadly missed at the high school because he was an integral part of Hanover Area. She also wished him good luck and success in his future.

Mr. Daniel Malloy stated our second "Student of the Month" that we will be honoring here tonight; I have to say, is the source of my favorite story for this entire year. As I have mentioned whether it is morning, noon or night, you will see these guys here. I don't know if any of you attended the school's play this year, "Peter Pan", which so happens to be my daughter's favorite play. We come down the steps at the end of the play and who is down there, in full costume and in full character, Luis, and my daughter told him he was bad. And Luis, in character, came over and said who is this little girl, and she leaned over and gave him a wack and Luis, in character, fell right to the ground; and two seconds later she was over petting him and asking him if he is ok. If anyone knows my daughter and the way Luis cared for her and interacted with her, was priceless. At this time I would like to introduce you to our "Student of the Month" for June: Luis Avila.

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Luis Avila then gave a brief synopsis of his many academic accomplishments along with various awards and recognitions he received while attending the Hanover Area School District. I am very honored to have been chosen as the "Student of the Month" for June. I feel like I have put a lot of work not only into my school work academically, but also in the clubs and organizations that I have participated in and being recognized for it, feels very good. I feel like I spent a lot more time in school than I did at home. I have been a member of various clubs: Drama, Fusion, Band, Chorus and the Spanish Club. With all of the people I have come across, the faculty, teachers and friends, they were the ones who helped me get here, they are the ones who made me into the person I am today. With all the clubs I was in, I would have to say I gave the most attention and spent more time in the Drama Club, where I meet more friends, and got close with the faculty member who I worked with. I would like to thank my parents for raising me to become the person I am today; and to my sisters who basically taught me everything I needed to know about the school. And one other person I would like to single out, she is not a part of my family but I would like to recognize Ms. Ellen McCormick, who I have known ever since I moved here. She was the Spanish Teacher for my two older sisters, and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, she was my Drama Club Advisor, who was always there to work with me and direct me in all the character parts I played. She was also willing to not only help me but she also helped the other students whenever they needed her, and like Johnny said, she took on additional clubs to advise. It is amazing how she was able to do her regular classroom work and help all of the students in the way that she has. She helped me to go from a student in the Drama Club to someone who was able to write my own show, which was what my Senior Project was about. And as a member of Fusion Band, I have met three or four band directors, who were all good in their field, from Mr. Joseph Baranoski, who will be greatly missed, to my current Band Director, Mr. Phil Ioanna, who not only taught me how to read sheet music, he knew just what instruments we needed to form a band. Again, I would like to thank everyone for honoring me for all my work here at Hanover and for all the time that I put into the district; my teachers, my family, and my friends. I will be majoring in Computer Science at Kings College in the fall. I am proud for what I have done here and proud for being honored as June's "Student of the Month".

Mrs. Christa Kota-Langdon, Representing the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Luis Avila, with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for June. Mrs. Langdon told Luis it was a great pleasure to have him in Hanover. She also wished him good luck and success in his future.

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

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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:**

It was moved by Frank Ciavarella, seconded by Evelyn Evans: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the 2016-2017 Agreement for Prevention/Education Services between the Hanover Area School District and Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. (Exhibit G-1)
2. Approve the 2016-2017 School/Community Based Services Agreement between the Luzerne County Department of Probation Services and the Hanover Area School District. (Exhibit G-2)

**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.

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**FINANCIAL:**

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

1. Approve the following Investment Treasurer Report: (Exhibit F-1)  
May, 2016
  
2. Approve the following check register: (Exhibit F-2)  
May, 2016
  
3. Authorize the Business Administrator to accept the proposal from RBA Professional Data Systems to prepare the 2016 School Real Estate Tax Bills and Interim Real Estate Tax Bills and 2016 Per Capita Bills.

**NOTE: No increase in fees from last year.**

4. Authorize the Business Administrator to accept the proposal from Infocon Corporation to print and mail the 2016 School Real Estate and Per Capita Tax Bills.

**NOTE: No increase in fees from last year.**

5. That the Hanover Area School District's Notice of its intent to withdraw from the Northeastern Pennsylvania School District Health Trust effective June 30, 2017.



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6. Re-appoint the following as depositories of the Hanover Area School District Funds, for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

PNC Bank, N.A.  
M&T Bank  
PLGIT

PSDLAF  
Landmark Community Bank  
First Keystone Community Bank

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #6 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 Kevin Quaglia, seconded by Paul Holmgren: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the Final 2016 Graduation List. (Exhibit P-1)
2. Approve Cynthia Berkant 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 July 1, 2016.
3. Approve the Hanover Area Cheerleading Booster Club to park cars for the 2016 football season.

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4. Approve the FMLA Leave for Beth Sinclair, Paraprofessional, beginning April 26, 2016.

5. Re-appoint the following Security Officers for Special Occasions at the Hanover Area School District for the 2016-2017 School Year, at a rate of \$9.00/hour:

Nathan Bower  
Jeff Urbanski  
Bob Dunn

William Slabinski  
Chris Marlboro  
Pat Martin

6. Appoint Catherine Metric as Board Stenographer, at a stipend of \$200/month, beginning June 30, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

7. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Melissa Luksh	Head Varsity Cheerleading	\$2,474.00
Alicia Lewis	JV Cheerleading Coach	\$1,597.00
Abrielle Garber	Asst. Varsity Cheerleading	UNPAID

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #7 ABOVE)**

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

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

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

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

August Board Work Session	Monday, August 1, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
August Regular Monthly Meeting	Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Stacy McGovern: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:26 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**