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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
February 4, 2010

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, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Anthony Gagliardi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Anthony Gagliardi, President; John Pericci, Vice-President; Evelyn Evans, Secretary; Frank Ciavarella, David Evans, Lorraine Heydt, John J. Mahle, Jr., and Frank Sorokach.

ABSENT: Joseph Steininger

Evelyn Evans, Secretary, stated a Quorum was established.

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent; Attorney Joseph J. Van Jura, Solicitor; and a number of citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by John Mahle, seconded by Frank Sorokach: To approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting of January 14, 2010

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BOARD VOTE: YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: Ciavarella. ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ciavarella stated he didn't get a chance to see the meeting minutes at the Board Work Session.

President Gagliardi stated the minutes of the last board meeting, January 14, 2010, was on the board table. He told Mr. Ciavarella that a copy of the minutes will be put in his packet for the next work session.

Mr. Ciavarella replied thank you.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

It was moved by Frank Sorokach, seconded by John Pericci: To approve the following reports:

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 18, 2009
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Regular Meeting of January 25, 2010

BOARD VOTE: YES: Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported next Friday, February 12th, is a full Act 80 day. The students will be off from school and the faculty will be engaged in staff development activities. Also, on this day, the seniors will be giving their oral presentations for their Graduation Projects. There will be no school on Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day.

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There will be a Blood Drive at the Junior/Senior High School on Wednesday, February 10th.

The second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in our district on the following dates: Jr./Sr. High School, Thursday, February 18th; Lyndwood Elementary School, Thursday, February 11th; Lee Park Elementary School, Tuesday, February 9th; Hanover Green Kindergarten Center, Tuesday, February 23rd; and Hanover Area Memorial Elementary, Tuesday, February 16th. The conferences will begin at 6:30 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M.

The Junior/Senior High School Student Council and Junior Student Council will sponsor a "Snowy Night Out", for all children, 10 and under, who reside in the Hanover Area School District, on Wednesday, February 10th, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., at the Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria. The children will enjoy carnival games, crafts and refreshments.

And at this time, it is a delight and honor to recognize the student achievements, presented by Mr. Daniel Malloy, Assistant Secondary Principal.

Mr. Malloy stated it is my pleasure to stand up here and introduce the "Student of the Month" for January and having the opportunity to look over this student's accomplishments there are a few things I would like to point out. He is a well rounded young man who is involved in a long list of organizations, in and out of the school environment. Most notably, the organizations he held offices in most recently is the Student Council, where he served as Treasurer for the last three years and he is the Secretary for the Sportsman's Club. Academically, he ranks at the top of his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is part of our Scholars Program. Outside of the classroom activities, he can be found on the Volleyball Court. He has been a varsity letter winner for the past four years. And he has also been an integral part of our Swim Team for the past four years as well; qualifying for Districts in all four years and medaling the last two years and open to qualifying for the States. He is an excellent example of the fine students that we have here at Hanover Area. Our January "Student of the Month", Jeffrey Buratti.

Jeffrey Buratti then gave a brief synopsis of his academic and athletic achievements while attending the Hanover Area School District. He thanked Dr. Schnee for being not only a first class Swim Coach, but also a first class role model. With his teachings, I qualified for Districts and have a chance to qualify for States. But most importantly, he taught me how to treat people with respect. Mr. Kane, for also being a first class Volleyball Coach. Playing volleyball on his team for three years, with his positive attitude, he has taught me to deal with stress and also have a smile on my face. I have been blessed with great coaches and

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also with great teachers. I would also like to thank Mr. Dubinski for all his great ideas for the Student Council; Mr. Rine for teaching me how to learn physics; Mrs. Holodick and Mr. Francis for preparing me for my future education by conducting this classrooms like college classes; Mrs. Amy Hummer for conducting the College Scholars Program; Mrs. Nicole Hummer for always having an open ear; Mrs. Bannon for making geometry fun; Mrs. Osborne for always helping me write my papers; Mrs. Domzalski for brightening up my mornings; and Mr. Keating for his dedication to volleyball. But finally, thank you to my parents, family and friends who have helped me along the way. I will be attending York College next year majoring in electrical engineering.

Mr. Malloy, Representing the Student Council and the Leo Club, presented Jeffrey Buratti with tokens of appreciation for being selected as the "Student of the Month" for January. Congratulations and great job.

Mr. President, that concludes the Superintendent's Report.

It was moved by Frank Sorokach, seconded by David Evans: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

BOARD VOTE: YES: Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Evelyn Evans, seconded by John Pericci: To approve the following motion:

1. Approve the Project MOM Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in the amount of \$608. (Exhibit G-1)

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTION #1 ABOVE): YES: Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motion carried.

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FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Evelyn Evans, seconded by John Mahle: To approve the following motions:

1. Acknowledge the Audit of Financial Statements of the Hanover Area School District, as prepared by Zavada and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, for the Fiscal Year June 30, 2009. (Exhibit F-1)

2. Approve payment of the following legal fee: (Exhibit F-2)

Professional Services Rendered

Attorney Joseph J. Van Jura \$ 4,680.56
(for the period January 6, 2010 through January 26, 2010)

3. Approve refund of paid taxes for the year 2009 to the following property owner, due to Court Order #16011 of 2008, in the amount of \$320.83. (Exhibit F-3)

Man-Ching Anna Tin
243 Constitution Avenue
Hanover Township, PA 18706
Pin #25-19S1-007-006/Plate #25-C-D2-D1-1-R7-D1-2-D40
Property Location: 243 Constitution Avenue

4. Approve the Financial Reports as listed below:
 - a. Data Processing DP-1 to DP-8
 - b. Food Service Fund FS-1 to FS-7
 - c. General Fund GF-1 to GF-27
 - d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund JS-1 to JS-6
 - e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account PS-1 to PS-10
 - f. Real Estate Escrow Account RE-1 to RE-2
 - g. E.S.E.A. Title I Account/Federal Projects Account/
State Grants Account FP-1 to FP-16
 - h. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:
William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund SC-1 to SC-6

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BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #4 ABOVE): YES: Ciavarella (yes on motions #1, #3 and #4 only), D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: Ciavarella (on motion #2 only). ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motions carried.

Mr. Ciavarella stated he voted no on motion #2 because he did not see the itemized bill from Attorney Van Jura.

President Gagliardi stated the itemized bill was on the board table at the work session. He told Mr. Ciavarella that a copy of Attorney Van Jura's itemized bill will be put in his packet for the next work session.

Mr. Ciavarella replied thank you.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Frank Sorokach, seconded by David Evans: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the following extended season pay:

John Nealon	Boy's Soccer	\$208.20
Ben Murphy	Boy's Soccer	\$200.00

2. Approve the Longevity Compensation request for the following Administrators, as per Board Policy #328.1:

Joseph Alberola	25 Years
David Fisher	25 and 30 Years

3. Accept, with regret, the retirement of Joseph Kochuba, Business Administrator, effective April 5, 2010. (Exhibit P-3)

4. Approve tenure for the following Professional Employee:

Crystal Stavitzski	Elementary
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5. Approve the following Substitute Teachers to the 2009-2010 Substitute Teacher List:

Cayce Neyhard	Chemistry 7-12
	Middle School Science 7-12
Kelly Calderone	Elementary/Ment/Physical Handicapped
Alison Ostrum	Elementary/Special Education

6. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra-Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2009-2010 School Year:

Brian Bannon	Head Girl's Soccer	\$3,470
David Borofski	Asst. Girl's Varsity Soccer	\$2,235
Scott Fertal	Asst. Weightlifting	\$1,255
Anthony Shipula	Girl's Soccer	UNPAID
Paul Vitale	Asst. Jr. High Wrestling	UNPAID

7. Appoint Eileen Spellman as Long-Term Substitute Health & Physical Education Teacher, for the second semester of the 2009-2010 School Year, at a salary of B, Step 1, \$38,748 (prorated), with benefits, effective January 28, 2010.
8. Appoint Craig Salsavage as Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher, at a salary of B, Step 1, \$38,748 (prorated), with benefits, effective September 14, 2009.
9. Appoint Tami Thomas as Head Softball Coach for the 2009-2010 School Year, at a salary of \$3,721.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #9 ABOVE):

YES: Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motions carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Mrs. Laura Callahan, parent of a 7th grade student basketball player, commented on the 7th and 8th grade Basketball Program. A discussion was then held regarding this matter.

Mrs. Brennan, mother of an autistic student at Hanover Area, questioned if privacy statements are signed by the teachers in the district.

President Gagliardi told Mrs. Brennan that Attorney Van Jura will look over her information and set up a meeting with her.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Budget Meeting	Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.
Board Work Session	Monday, March 1, 2010
Regular Board Meeting	Thursday, March 4, 2010

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:35 P.M.

BOARD VOTE: YES: Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Steininger. Chair declared the motion carried.

ATTEST: _____, Secretary

Evelyn Evans
Hanover Area School Board