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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
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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, May 6, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice-President, Mr. John Pericci.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** John Pericci, Vice-President; Evelyn Evans, Secretary;  
Frank Ciavarella, David Evans, Lorraine Heydt, John Mahle,  
Jr., Frank Sorokach and Joseph Steininger.

**ABSENT:** Anthony Gagliardi, President

Evelyn Evans, Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for meeting.

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:**

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas R. Cipriano, Jr., Business Administrator; Attorney George F. Shovlin, School Solicitor; and a number of citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Joseph Steininger: To approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting of April 8, 2010

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Joseph Steininger: To approve the following report:

Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors  
Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 31, 2010

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported as we approach the end of the school year, the students' activities increases from science fairs to art shows to musicals. Tomorrow, Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, is an Act 80 Day with a half a day for students and teachers' in-service in the afternoon. Tomorrow evening the Junior/Senior Prom will be held at the Waterfront. Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> will be the High School Music Concert at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium. The Diversity Club will hold a Multicultural Dinner, Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., at the Junior/Senior High School. Tickets can be purchased from any Diversity Club member at a cost of \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The Key Club will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at the Junior/Senior High School. The Elementary Science Showcase will be held at Memorial Elementary School along with the Reflections Award Ceremony beginning at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 5:45 P.M. The Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center will hold its Career Night on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the school.

Hawkeye Day will be held on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, with early dismissal and there will be no school on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

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Next Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, an Internet Safety Workshop will be conducted in our district. Students and staff will attend during the day and a special session for parents will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Jr./Sr. High School auditorium. Discussion topics will include Cyber Bullying, Tools and Tactics, Predators and how they use your information, Dangers of On-Line Conversations and Postings, and Understanding the Pitfalls of My Space, Facebook and Chatrooms. All parents are urged to attend this very important presentation.

Now, at this time, I would like to call on Mr. Daniel Malloy, Assistant Secondary Principal, to recognize the "Student of the Month" for April.

Mr. Malloy stated it is my pleasure, as always, to be here this evening to introduce to you the "Student of the Month". And our "Student of the Month" for April, Robyn Gurnari, is all that you would expect. Academically she is outstanding. She is involved in numerous, and I mean numerous, sports and extra-curricular activities here in the school. Her list of involvements and activities outside of the school are equally impressive, it goes down one page and on to the next. I often find myself wondering how she gets to accomplish all of these things with the time that she has. I think I can safely say with Robyn that you could sum it up with one word, work. You'll hear the saying first and last out associated with sports, but it definitely applies to Robyn also. If you had the opportunity to spend some time at the school after hours, the face you would see almost daily would be Robyn's. If it is an academic project, she will be working here after hours, and if you go up to the track field you will see her putting in some extra miles or extra time with the hurdles. As I said, first and last out. She takes all that she gets, and that is an ethic that has served her well here at Hanover Area and down the road with whatever she chooses to do. It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to our April, "Student of the Month", Robyn Gurnari.

Robyn Gurnari then gave a brief synopsis of her academic and athletic achievements while attending the Hanover Area School District. She thanked all of her teachers and the custodial staff for maintaining the schools so well. She gave a special thank you to the teachers who have greatly influenced her while attending Hanover Area: Mrs. Holodick, my Chemistry Teacher and Field Hockey Coach; Mr. Daubert and Mr. Weston, my Track Coaches who have always coached me to my full potential; Mrs. Domzalski, my English Teacher, for making public speaking fun; and to my Music Teacher, Mr. Baranoski. And most importantly, I would like to thank my family for all their help and support over the years. Thank you.

Mr. Gavlick, Representing the Student Council and the Leo Club, presented Robyn Gurnari, with tokens of appreciation for being selected as the "Student of the Month" for April. Congratulations and great job.

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Mr. Pericci, Board Vice-President, stated at this time I would like to take a moment to honor our Business Administrator, Mr. Joseph Kochuba, who has retired from Hanover Area after thirty years of service. I would like to read a Retirement Resolution that will be presented, along with an engraved clock, and a lifetime pass for all events at Hanover Area, to Mr. Kochuba. The Resolution states:

**Hanover Area School District Retirement Resolution  
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**WHEREAS**, Joseph Kochuba has served in the Hanover Area School District for thirty years as Business Administrator and Teacher, and

**WHEREAS**, during this period, Joseph Kochuba has been a dedicated, hard working individual who has done much to foster the well being of the students of Hanover Area School District. A supported member of the staff, unselfishly giving of himself,

**AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Retirement of Joseph Kochuba, and acknowledges with deep gratitude and grateful appreciation, his many years of service to the students and communities of the Hanover Area School District.

Mr. Kochuba couldn't be here with us tonight, but accepting his Proclamation is his daughter, Mrs. Ann Marie Manton.

Mrs. Manton stated I would just like to thank everyone on behalf of my father, my mom, and the rest of my family. My dad couldn't make it tonight, so I am here to accept this for him. But I just wanted to let you know he had thirty great years with the district. Thirty years ago he was a young C.P.A. walking in, and he took a chance coming from public accounting and Hanover Area School District a chance on him, and it was a win-win situation right from the beginning. There are many great people he worked with, the School Board, exceptional, and the Superintendent, Mr. Podczasy. He would just like to say thank you to each and every one of you, that his thirty years in the district have been wonderful and even though he is on to his next cycle of life, that he will never forget Hanover. Hanover has been a special part of our family throughout his lifetime. So, once again, I would like to say thank you for being so great.

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**GENERAL:**

It was moved by Frank Sorokach, seconded by Joseph Steininger: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the Agreement between PA Treatment and Healing (PATH), and the Hanover Area School District, for the 2010-2011 School Year. (Exhibit G-1)
  
2. Authorize "Hawkeye Day" on Friday, May 28, 2010. (Exhibit G-2)
  
3. Approve the Health Science Educational/Career Development Summer Camp to be offered at Hanover Area from June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 9, 2010. (Exhibit G-3)

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 AND #3 ABOVE)** YES: Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Steininger. NO: None. ABSENT: Gagliardi. Chair declared the motions carried.

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**FINANCIAL:**

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Lorraine Heydt: To approve the following motions:

1. Award the Bid for Garbage Collection for the 2010-2011 School Year, that was publicly opened on April 6, 2010, to Solomon Container Service, in the following bid amounts: Jr./Sr. High School - \$69.00; Elementary Schools - \$17.25; totaling \$138.00; Summer Pick-Up- \$38.00; and Football Stadium Pick-Up - \$32.00, as per Exhibit F-1.
  
2. Award the Bid on Gasoline and Fuel for the 2010-2011 School Year, that was publicly opened on April 6, 2010, to Petroleum Service Company, Inc., in the total bid amount of \$2.2824 (per gallon of conventional gasoline); \$2.2604 (per gallon of diesel fuel); and \$2.2147 (per gallon of 10% ethanol), with the Permanent Off-Site Facility located at PSC, 21 Main Road, Buttonwood, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, as per Exhibit F-2.
  
3. Award the Bid on the Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment, for the 2010-2011 School Year, that was publicly opened on April 6, 2010, to Schutt Reconditioning, as per Exhibit F-3.
  
4. Appoint the following as Depositories of the Hanover Area School District Funds, for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, as per Exhibit F-4:  

PNC Bank, N.A..  
Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
  
5. Approve payment of the following legal fee:  

<u>Professional Services Rendered</u>	
Attorney George Shovlin	\$2,880.00
(for the period April 14, 2010 through April 30, 2010)	

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6. Approve the use of a facsimile signature and to authorize the Treasurer to enter into transactions on behalf of the Hanover Area School District and in accordance with Board Policy.
  
7. Approve the transfer from the General Fund to the Hanover Area School District Athletic Account, in the amount of \$6,500.00.
  
8. Approve the Financial Reports as listed below:
  - a. Data Processing DP-1 to DP-5
  - b. Food Service Fund FS-1 to FS-8
  - c. General Fund GF-1 to GF-9
  - d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund JS-1 to JS-7
  - e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account PS-1 to PS-8
  - 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-21
  
9. Approve the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center 2010-2011 Operating Budget and Adoption of the Budget Resolution, as per Exhibit F-9.
  
10. Approve the PDE-3074 (a) Form for the following project:  
(Exhibit F-10)  
  
Provide and Install EXACQ Vision Based Megapixel IP  
CCTV System in the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
  
11. Upon approval of the PDE-3047 (a) Form by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to authorize the Business Administrator and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, to solicit Bids to provide and install EXACQ Vision Based Megapixel IP CCTV System in the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, and to receive such Bids until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, June 7, 2010, in the Business Office, at which time the Bids will be publicly opened and tabulated in the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School Administrative Office Board Room.

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12. Approve the Resolution for the refunding of bonds along with the hiring of Stevens & Lee as Bond Counsel and PNC Capital Markets LLC as Underwriter. (Exhibit F-12)

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #12 ABOVE) YES:** Ciavarella (on the advice of our Business Manager), D. Evans, E. Evans, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Steininger. **NO:** None. **ABSENT:** Gagliardi. Chair declared the motions carried.

**PERSONNEL:**

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

1. Approve the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2009-2010 School Year:

Katona Lyn Miller	Earth & Space Science (6-12) General Science (6-12) Environmental Science (K-12)
Jaclyn Slusher	Art (K-12)

2. Approve the following extended season pay:

7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's Basketball			
Bohdan Krawczeniuk	2 ½ weeks		\$250.00
Brian Reed	1 week		\$100.00
Wrestling			
Mike Ropietski	1 week		\$171.18
Dave Kuhl	1 week		\$100.00

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3. Accept, with regret, the following letters of intent to retire June 2010:

Joseph Baranoski	Music
Marie Guesto	English
  
4. Approve Lisa Kitchen as Right to Know Officer at a stipend of \$4,000, effective March 25, 2010.
  
5. Approve contract with T&R Sound/Video to set-up audiovisual equipment and video for the Junior-Senior High School Graduation Ceremony on June 16, 2010. (Exhibit P-5)
  
6. Approve the first reading of the updated Hanover Area Board Policies.
  
7. Appoint Frank Sorokach as School Board Treasurer for the balance of the 4-year term expiring June 30, 2013, at an annual compensation of \$0. The required bond will be purchased by the Hanover Area School District regarding the same.
  
8. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra-Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2010-2011 School Year:

Steven J. Harnischfeger	Head Boys Basketball	\$5,706
Brian McDermott	Head Golf Coach	\$2,600

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #8 ABOVE) YES:** Ciavarella, D. Evans, E. Evans, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Steininger.  
**NO:** None. **ABSENT:** Gagliardi. Chair declared the motions carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Gene Ellis asked questions regarding the appointment of the Head Boys Basketball Coach, Steven J. Harnischfeger. Lori Ellis also asked if she could see Mr. Harnischfeger's list of qualifications and his background experience. A discussion was held regarding this appointment.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Budget Work Session	Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.
Board Work Session	Monday, June 7, 2010
Regular Board Meeting	Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. Pericci, Board Vice-President, stated let me close the meeting tonight by saying it was a difficult decision for this Board to make regarding the Head Boys' Basketball Coach's position. I hope everyone will give Mr. Harnischfeger a chance. We do wish Mr. Callahan good luck in his future.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by John Mahle: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

**Evelyn Evans**  
**Hanover Area School Board**