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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
March 8, 2007

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, March 8, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, John J. Mahle, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: John J. Mahle, Jr., President; Anthony Gagliardi, Vice-President; Evelyn Evans, Secretary; David J. Evans, Lorraine Heydt, David A. Shipula and Anthony Spinozza

ABSENT: Peter M. Halesey and Frank J. Sorokach

Evelyn Evans, Secretary, stated a Quorum was established.

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by David Evans: To approve the following minutes:

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BOARD VOTE: YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Halsey, Sorokach. Chair declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by David Evans: To approve the following reports

Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors
Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

BOARD VOTE: YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Halsey, Sorokach. Chair declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported as we continue with the second half of the school year, I would just like to remind everyone of some important dates. Don't forget, this Sunday, March 11th, is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, much earlier than it ever was before. We turn the clocks ahead one hour. The end of the Third Marking Period is Wednesday, March 28th. And the first day of Spring is Wednesday, March 21st. Friday, February 16th was a Full In-Service Day for the School District, in which the Seniors gave their Senior Project Presentations. Friday, March 16th will be an Act 80 Day, which means the students come in for half a day and the faculty will receive Staff Development in the afternoon. The Regional Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science will be held this Saturday, March 10th, at Kings College. Fifteen Hanover Area students from grades 7-12, along with about 600 students from all of Northeast Pennsylvania, will present their research in the field of Science, Math, Behavior Psychology and Computer Science. PSSA's in Reading and Math will be given to grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 during the week of March 12th. There will be a Parent Information Night for parents and families of students with special needs on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:00 P.M., at the Junior/Senior High School. And in April we will present a Technology Night showcasing the use of Technology by the students of the District and programs utilized by the District for daily operation. The community will be invited and notice of the day and time will be put in the newspapers and on the school website. Also the exact date and

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details will be announced at next month, April's, Board Meeting. Last month I had the honor of attending Memorial Elementary Presidents Day Program, the "Chili Cook Off" sponsored by the High School's Key Club, and the American Association of School Administrator's National Conference. The Elementary Musicals will take place at the end of March, as follows:

Hanover Green Elementary	Wednesday, March 28 th	7:00 P.M. @ Jr./Sr. High School
Lee Park Elementary	Tuesday, March 27 th	7:00 P.M. @ Jr./Sr. High School
Fifth Grade	Thursday, March 29 th	7:00 P.M. @ Memorial Elementary
Lyndwood Elementary	Thursday, March 29 th	7:00 P.M. @ Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Podczasy stated now I would like to call upon Mr. Daniel Malloy, Assistant Principal of the Junior/Senior High School, to make this evenings presentation.

Mr. Malloy said it is a pleasure as always to be here tonight to introduce our "Student of the Month" for February. I also have the pleasure this evening to present her with the awards from our Leo Club and Student Council, for which she is the President. I can start off by saying all that you would expect from a "Student of the Month" she definitely embodies. Academically, excellent. Activities outside of the school, countless. This student is definitely someone who you would want on your team to make the world a better place. She carries a smile on her face in every room she goes into and shortly thereafter everyone in the room has a smile. I've seen her helping friends in the hallway and at the Pep Rally in her "Hawk" outfit. She was a member of the Student Council since she was a Freshman and served as Secretary and President (for two years). She was also a member of the Club Ophelia. I am very proud to introduce to you the "Student of the Month" for February, Nikki Burdulis. Mr. Malloy stated Mr. Joseph Dubinski, the Student Council Representative, was unable to be here this evening but he gave me a quote he wanted me to read to Nikki. "Regrettably I am not able to be here this evening but I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate Nikki Burdulis on being chosen as "Student of the Month" for February. In my fifteen years in education and being involved as an advisor to make different student organizations, I can truly say that Nikki exemplifies the type of student leader and advisor is happy to have. As President of the Student Council, Nikki has been a great leader, hard

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worker, and an enthusiastic presence which has made my first year as Student Council Advisor, a joy. I hope that the enthusiasm that she has brought to the Student Council this year will be imitated by others. She truly loves our school and has chosen her efforts on behalf of the student body. I am proud of her and congratulate her on this well deserved honor.”

Nikki was then presented with tokens of appreciation from the Student Council and Leo Club for being chosen as “Student of the Month” for February.

Nikki then gave a brief synopsis of her many academic and athletic accomplishments while attending the Hanover Area School District. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burdulis.

Mr. Anthony Podczasy stated, Mr. President, that concludes the Superintendent’s Report.

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by David Shipula: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

BOARD VOTE: YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Halesy, Sorokach. Chair declared the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by David Shipula: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve refund of 2006 Emergency Municipal Services Tax, to the following, in the amount of \$5.00, due to double payments: (Exhibit F-1)

JoAnn E. Actley	287 S. Hancock Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Denise S. Chwastyk-Everett	415 Jones Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634
Eric Jacobson	R.R.#1, Box 199, Wapwallopen, PA 18660
Eleana Saez	67 Hughes Street, Luzerne, PA 18709
Dana Shumway	208 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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2. Approve payment of the following legal fee: (Exhibit F-2)
Professional Services Rendered
Attorney Joseph Van Jura \$3,287.50
(for the period February 1, 2007 through February 26, 2007)
3. Approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 General Operating Budget and Adoption of the Budget Resolution, for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. (Exhibit F-3)
4. Accept and approve the Tabulation of Bids for Garbage Collection, Gasoline, and Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment, for the 2007-2008 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2007. (Exhibit F-4)
5. Award the Bid for Garbage Collection for the 2007-2008 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2007, to ERT Waste Services, in the following bid amounts: Jr./Sr. High School - \$81.00; Elementary Schools - \$20.00; totaling \$161.00 and Summer Pick-Up - \$37.00, as per Exhibit-5.
6. Award the Bid on the Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment, for the 2007-2008 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2007, to Circle System Group, as per Exhibit F-6.
7. Award the Bid on Gasoline for the 2007-2008 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2007, to Petroleum Service Company, Inc., in the total bid amount of \$1.901 per gallon, as per Exhibit F-7.
8. Approve Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent; and Joseph Alberola, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, to tabulate Bids for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Program on March 8, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.
9. Accept and approve the Tabulation of Bids for the Energy Conservation Services, that were publicly opened on March 8, 2007. (Exhibit F-9)
10. Award the Energy Conservation Services Bid, that was publicly opened on March 8, 2007, to CM3 Building Solutions, in the total bid amount of \$2,276,736.00. (Exhibit F-10)

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11. Accept and approve the Tabulation of Bids for the 2007-2008 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2007. (Exhibit F-11)
12. Appoint PNC Bank, N.A., as Depository and Treasurer of the Hanover Area School District, for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, as per Exhibit F-12.
13. Approve Act 1 Resolution. (Exhibit F-13)
14. Approve the Financial Reports as listed below:
 - a. Data Processing DP-1 to DP-4
 - b. Food Service Fund FS-1 to FS-9
 - c. General Fund GF-1 to GF-13
 - d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund JS-1 to JS-6
 - e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account PS-1 to PS-7
 - f. Real Estate Escrow Account RE- 1
 - g. E.S.E.A. Title I Account/Federal Projects Account/
State Grants Account FP-1 to FP-11
 - h. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:
William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund SC-1 to SC-8

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #14 ABOVE) YES:
D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Spinozza. **NO:** None.
ABSENT: Halsey, Sorokach. Chair declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by Anthony Gagliardi: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the Teacher Tuition Reimbursements as per the Hanover Area Education Association Contract. (Exhibit P-1)
2. Appoint Sean McLaughlin as In-School Suspension Monitor for 58 days, at \$75.00 a day, with no benefits, effective March 13, 2007.

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3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Heather L. Schlingman, Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach. (Exhibit P-3)
4. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Everett, Girls' Basketball Coach. (Exhibit P-4)
5. Approve William Callahan, Head Boys Basketball Coach, to attend the Auburn Basketball Coaches Clinic in Auburn, Alabama, in May of 2007. (No cost to district) (Exhibit P-5)
6. Approve Unpaid Maternity Leave for Shannon Morio-Bennett, Elementary Special Education Teacher, beginning Monday, March 26, 2007. (Exhibit P-6)
7. Approve Unpaid Maternity Leave for Rebecca A. Rampp, French Teacher. (Exhibit P-7)
8. Approve Palmina Pavlico, Social Studies Teacher, and Karen Baranoski, Science Teacher, to take approximately 50 students to Washington, D.C., in April, 2007. (Exhibit P-8)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Mrs. Donna Brenner asked the Board if they discussed hiring a Pupil Personnel Director for the School District, and not someone from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit. Mr. Podczasy replied that at the Work Session held on Monday, March 5th, the Board agreed to put a help wanted advertisement in the newspaper for this position.

Mrs. Karen Groshek addressed the Board with two concerns. She asked if the students in Hanover Area will be tested for tuberculosis, due to the tuberculosis scare in Scranton. The Board said at this time, the school nurses are checking the students who come into their office with flu like symptoms. Mrs. Groshek also asked if she could put letters in the teachers' lounges in all school buildings to have employees sign if they are in favor of passing the "Adam Walsh Act", for missing and exploited children. If this Act is passed, sex offenders must register locally and nationally, including having a DNA test on file. Mr. Podczasy stated she would have to get approval by the School Solicitor, Attorney Van Jura, to put the letters in the school buildings, in case it is not allowed through the employees' contracts.

Mr. Frank Ciavarella, Jr., stated he knew a student who did not have an algebra book in school. He asked if more algebra books were going to be ordered for the Junior/Senior High School. The Board asked Mr. Ciavarella if he knew what student didn't have an algebra book because they were not aware that there was not enough books for all students. He replied that the student was a Senior but he didn't give the name of the student. Mr. David Fisher, District Secondary Principal, replied that he was not informed by any teacher in the Jr./Sr. High School that they were in need of more algebra books, but he would check with the teachers tomorrow.

Mr. Ciavarella, Jr. also questioned the 933 laptop computers that were purchased. He asked if the six mill increase in the 2007-2008 tentative budget was due to the purchase of these computers. He also asked if the computers were put out on bid. Mr. Kochuba, Business Administrator, replied that the computers were purchased through state contract and they were purchased through a bond issue, not the general fund. He also stated the money from the bond issue could only be spent on capital improvements and equipment.

Mr. David Shipula stated with these laptops, the school board members can now receive all the e-mail correspondence from the Solicitor, Attorney Van Jura. He also stated the public can now access all the information on the "Right to Know" Act, which includes the board meeting agendas, board meeting minutes and board policies. It allows more accessibility to the public and community.

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Mrs. Evelyn Evans also commented that the board members' positions are non-paying positions, except for the position of Board Secretary. However, she has never accepted payment for her position as Board Secretary, which has saved the school district approximately \$30,000 for each year she served as Board Secretary. She said with the use of these laptops, we are bringing the school district into the age of technology.

Mr. Anthony Spinozza stated the school district is saving money with the use of these laptops, when you take into consideration the expenses for the paper, copier, notebooks, gasoline, delivery, and manpower hours.

Mr. Anthony Podczasy replied that the last time the school district purchased computers was 5 ½ years ago; and that is how long they lasted. He also commented that the Computer Community Workshops held at the Jr./Sr. High School are always booked.

Mrs. Lynette Thieman asked if the district has considered purchasing Smart Boards for the teachers. Mr. Podczasy replied that the district has already purchased Smart Boards for teachers, through Ronald Hummer, the Network Systems Coordinator.

Mrs. Donna Brenner asked what does ES, LS, and PS indicate on the Monthly Enrollment Sheet. Mr. Podczasy replied Emotional Support, Learning Support, and Physical Support.

Mrs. Brennan also stated now that the Board is going to hire within, for the Pupil Personnel Director's position, how much accessibility is this person going to have to keep you, the Board, informed of everything that happens in that department, because in the past the right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing. My suggestion is to have an internal memorandum to the Board, through e-mail or regular mail, just to make you aware that these are the situations the parents are complaining about, these are the suggestions of the Pupil Personnel Director, along with what was discussed among the district principals, superintendent and Pupil Personnel Director. This way no one drops a ball like in the past.

Mr. Anthony Spinozza replied that the School Board will definitely follow through with some of your suggestions.

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

Board of Education Work Session Monday, April 10, 2007

Board of Education Regular Meeting Thursday, April 12, 2007

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Anthony Gagliardi, seconded by Anthony Spinozza: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:45 P.M.

BOARD VOTE: YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Halsey, Sorokach. Chair declared the motion carried.

ATTEST: _____, Secretary

Evelyn Evans
Hanover Area School Board