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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
April 12, 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, April 12, 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, Peter M. Halesey, Lorraine Heydt, David A. Shipula and Frank J. Sorokach

ABSENT: Anthony Spinozza

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 Frank Sorokach, seconded by David Evans: To approve the following minutes:

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational-Technical School Board of
Education-Joint Operating Committee Reorganization Meeting
Minutes of Monday, March 19, 2007.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported the month of March was filled with competitions, musicals, and the beginning of the spring sports season. Students from the Junior/Senior High School took part in several competitions including History Day and the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). The PJAS Regional Meeting was held on March 10th, and eleven Hanover Area students, grades 7th through 12th, taking part. Seven students received a First Award with their projects in the fields of math, chemistry, physics, and biology and will be presenting their projects again at the Junior Academy State Meeting in May at Penn State. History Day was held on March 31st with eight students from the Junior/Senior High School participating. Five placed and will also compete at the State Level at Penn State in May. The Elementary Spring Musicals were held last month and I was able to attend some of the performances and they were excellent. Everyone involved is to be complimented for their hard work in preparing the students for these shows. Last month I also had the privilege of reading several stories to students at Lee Park Elementary School. At Memorial Elementary I also attended their Science Exhibition and Poster Awards which was presented by the Hanover Township Lions Club.

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The initial meeting of parents with students with special needs was held last month. I had the pleasure of offering the welcoming remarks. It was very well attended and very well received. The next meeting is scheduled for the middle of May.

Hanover Area Junior Senior High School held its initial College and Career Fair on April 4th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Fair featured approximately twenty colleges, twenty local employers, and three labor unions. This was attended by all High School students grades 7th through 12th, throughout the school day.

Technology Night will be held at the Junior/Senior High School this coming Monday from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Technology Department will showcase its technological growth, community technology classes, and student projects. All Hanover Area community members and members of the media are invited to attend.

The High School Music Department is presenting Cole Porters', "Kiss Me Kate", on April 20th and 21st at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are available in the Principal's Office.

Andy Mehalshick from WBRE TV 28 was at Lee Park Elementary School yesterday to present the "Stranger Danger Program" to the student body. Also, Hanover Township Police, in conjunction with the program, had fingerprinting available for our students and over 225 children were fingerprinted.

The Sixth Grade Spring Concert will be held next Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M., at the Memorial Elementary School Auditorium.

The Hanover Area P.T.A. Council will be hosting the Annual "Art Festival" at Memorial Elementary on Wednesday, April 18th, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Pre-Registration and Open House for new students will be held later this month at all of our buildings. The schedule is as follows:

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| Monday, April 23 rd | Lee Park Elementary |
| Tuesday, April 24 th | Lyndwood Elementary |
| Thursday, April 26 th | Memorial Elementary |
| Monday, April 30 th | Junior/Senior High School |

All of these are from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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| Wednesday, May 2 nd | Hanover Green Kindergarten Center from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. |
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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 presentations.

Mr. Malloy stated it's a pleasure for me to be here tonight to introduce two stand out young ladies here at Hanover Area in what I have to assume is a first at Hanover Area. We have with us tonight the 2nd runner up for the Miss Teen of Pennsylvania, Amber Connelly, as well as the winner for the Miss Teen of Pennsylvania and Miss Teen of America, Danielle Yaros. Amber is a freshman and is a member of the basketball team and the varsity tennis team. She is also a member of many of the student organizations. She is the Vice-President of the National Junior Honor Society, a member of the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and an active member of her church. She has received the President's Academic Award of Excellence. Amber will be attending the Pennsylvania Student Council of Youth Summit in Harrisburg. And already, as a freshman, she knows she wants to go to college for Pharmacy.

Danielle Yaros is a Junior at Hanover Area. She has been a member of Northeast Gymnastics for the past eleven years. She has been a Level 10 Gymnast for the past four years. Danielle was a State Champion in four Gymnastic Exercises in the year 2006. In 10th grade, her sophomore year, she was nominated to go to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference, which is a huge honor because only one student in the sophomore class gets nominated to go to this conference every year. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the National Honor Roll, and a member of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". I also want to mention that this Sunday, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., these two ladies will be at the Luzerne Bank in Wilkes-Barre to participate in the "Fashion For a Cause". Amber will be the host and the special guest will be Miss Yaros.

Mr. Podczasy then introduced Mrs. Carla Myers from Memorial Elementary to introduce the Memorial Elementary School's "Students of the Quarter".

Mrs. Myers stated Dr. Schnee apologizes for not being here this evening but he would like to extend his congratulations to our students. Students of the Quarter at Memorial Elementary are chosen by their teachers based on their grades and their character. We would like to present them with a gift, compliments of Al Papada from Horace Mann Financial Company. The Students of the Quarter are as follows:

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2ND QUARTER

Antonio Costantino
Haley Lawson
Samantha Cefalo
Amanda Huber
Maranda Keihl
Kayla Keating
Tammy Cirko
Anthony Davis
Brendan Shimanski

3RD QUARTER

Nathan Hemsley
Lyndsey Malarkey
Jessica Taylor
Tyler Bartnick
Samantha Masher
Julie Mizenko
Brittney Loux
Kayla Jenkins
Brian Stanek
James Linski

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

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

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FINANCIAL:

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

1. Award the Summer Computer Cleaning, for the 2007-2008 School Year, to Northeast Micro, as follows: (Exhibit F-1) NOTE: These are the same unit prices as previous years.)

| | <u>Unit Price</u> |
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| Computers | \$12.75 per unit |
| Dot Matrix Printers | \$20.00 per unit |
| Laser Printers | \$29.00 per unit |
| Ink Jet Printers | \$15.00 per unit |

2. Approve payment to Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings (ECTS), as a Retainer for Year 10 (2007-2008) E-Rate Services per Service Agreement, in the amount of \$2,000.00, as per Exhibit F-2.
3. Approve the temporary loan to the Hanover Area School District E.S.E.A. Title I Account, in the amount of \$60,000.00. Loan will be repaid when funds are available. (Exhibit F-3)
4. Approve and acknowledge the Vendor Bid Recap – Detail List for the 2007-2008 School Year, for the bids that were publicly opened on March 5, 2007. (Exhibit F-4)
5. Approve payment to American Appraisal Associates, Inc., for professional services pertaining to the verification appraisal of designated assets associated with insurance, property accounting and GASB 34 compliance purposes, in the amount of \$4,980.00. (Exhibit F-5)
6. Approve payment of the following legal fee: (Exhibit F-6)
Professional Services Rendered
Attorney Joseph Van Jura \$2,981.45
(for the period February 26, 2007 through March 28, 2007)

Attorneys Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman
and Goggin, PC \$7,535.90
(for the period November 10, 2006 through December 14, 2006)

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Attorneys Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman
and Goggin, PC \$4,915.03
(for the period July 5, 2006 through December 31, 2006)

7. Reject all Bids received for the Hard Court Construction for Adding On To Existing Courts/Hard Court Stone Dust Overlay to Existing Courts, that were publicly opened on April 10, 2007.

8. Approve the Resolution authorizing the School Board Directors to execute and Agreement with Don Wilkinson Agency, Inc. (DWA), to retain DWA as the exclusive Tax Officer for the collection, administration and enforcement of the Earned Income and Occupational Privilege Taxes, commencing on July 1, 2007 and ending on December 31, 2011, as per Exhibit F-9.

- 9.. Approve the tuitions charged for non-resident Special Education students accessing district programs at the request of their home districts, for the school year 2005-2006, as follows:

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| Elementary | \$7,516.98/year | \$41.76/day |
| Secondary | \$7,765.56/year | \$43.14/day |

10. Authorize the Business Administrator to solicit Quotes for a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

11. Approve the Financial Reports as listed below:
 - a. Data Processing DP-1 to DP-14
 - b. Food Service Fund FS-1 to FS-8
 - c. General Fund GF-1 to GF-
 - d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund JS-1 to JS-6
 - e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account PS-1 to PS-5
 - 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-13
 - h. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:
William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund SC-1 to SC-5

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12. Approve refund of 2006 Emergency Municipal Services Tax, to the following, in the amount of \$5.00, due to double payments: (Exhibit F-15)

Mai Nguyen 72 Edison Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

13. Approve the PDE-3074 Form for the following projects: (Exhibit F-16)
 - (1) Energy Conservation Services

 - (2) Construct New Tennis Court and Refurbish Five Existing Tennis Courts

14. Acknowledge receipt of check from BR Technology, in the amount of \$67,219.00, for recycled and obsolete computers. (Exhibit F-17)

15. Approve the Hanover Area School District 2007-2008 Proposed Budget, in the amount of revenues of \$22,740,359 and expenditures in the amount of \$22,740,359 , with the millage rate of 283 mills. A copy of the Proposed Budget will be on display for the inspection of the general public in the District Administrative Office until June 6, 2007. (Exhibit F-18)

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #15 ABOVE) YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Halesy, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Sorokach. **NO:** None. **ABSENT:** Spinozza. Chair declared the motions carried.

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Appoint the following substitute teacher(s) for the 2006-2007 school year:

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| Suzanne Aboutanos-Fellerman | French |
| Donna Cabrera | Elementary |
| Cheryl Cardillo | Elementary |
| Erica Drevenak | Elementary |

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| Kristy Kalafut | Elementary |
| Junell Oley | English 7-12 |
| Kacie Pashinski | Elementary |
| Mark Senchak | Elementary |

2. Approve Unpaid Maternity leave for Shannon Gorham, Secondary Learning Support Teacher, beginning April 10, 2007. (Exhibit P-2)
3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Edward Young, Cleaner, effective April 30, 2007. (Exhibit P-3)
4. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2006-2007 school year:

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| Jeffrey DeRocco | Varsity Assistant Track & Field | UNPAID |
| Kimberly Kunec | Jr. High Track & Field | UNPAID |
| John Paprota | Varsity Track & Field | UNPAID |
| Sheldon Richards | Jr. High Girls' Track & Field | UNPAID |

5. Approve the following extended season pay:

Varsity Boys Basketball:

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| Bill Callahan | 2 weeks | \$342.36 |
| Shawn Slusser | 2 weeks | \$200.00 |

Varsity Swimming:

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| Terry Schnee | 2 weeks | \$214.26 |
| Kim Kunec | 2 weeks | \$200.00 |

Varsity Wrestling:

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| Mike Ropoetski | 1 week | \$171.18 |
| Rich Gavlick | 1 weeks | \$100.00 |

6. Approve Unpaid Maternity Leave for Lisa Mikus, Elementary Teacher, beginning April 18, 2007. (Exhibit P-6)

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7. Approve the Girls' Soccer Team to use the Football Stadium on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2007.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #7 ABOVE) YES:
D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Halesy, Heydt, Mahle, Shipula, Sorokach. **NO:**
None. **ABSENT:** Spinozza. Chair declared the motions carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Mr. Mario Fiorucci handed out fliers for the teachers inviting them to an annual public affairs event. The guest speaker will discuss global warming. He also asked about the Act 1 Question that will be placed on the Primary Election Ballot regarding income tax. He asked how much the raise in income tax would be if this is passed and how is the school district going to promote this question?

Attorney Joseph Van Jura, Solicitor, replied that the Act 1 Question was put into the newspapers as a legal notice for one day each week for three consecutive weeks. A Non-Legal Interpretive Statement regarding this question will also be posted at the polling places. If voted, the income tax will increase $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

Mr. Fiorucci replied then, if approved, the income tax will be raised $\frac{1}{2}$ % from the current $\frac{1}{2}$ %, totaling 1%.

Mr. Joseph Kochuba, Business Administrator, stated its revenue neutral, it offsets the 4,000 Homestead qualified real estate taxpayers to reduce their taxes and shifts it over to the earned income tax side of the revenue collections, if the taxpayers want that. So our own taxpayers will vote whether they want that or not.

Mrs. Lynette Thieman asked if there were any applicants for the Pupil Personnel Director's position?

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Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, replied yes we have several applicants which we are in the process of screening and we will be interviewing soon.

Mr. Frank Ciavarella, Jr., asked what was the \$60,000.00 E.S.E.A. Title I Loan that was approved under the financial, exhibit F-3?

Mr. Joseph Kochuba, Business Administrator, replied the School District isn't taking out any loans. As is the normal cases, when you have Federal and State Programs that the School District runs, they don't give you the money up front. So in order for the bills of that program and the teachers of that program to be paid, the General Fund has to loan that Federal Program Fund money to pay these bills and at a later date we will be reimbursed, once the programs are reimbursed from the federal government. It's an interfund loan.

PRESIDENT JOHN MAHLE'S COMMENTS ON THE 2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET:

The School District's Preliminary Budget passed in February, 2007, had a tentative 6 mill tax increase. The Proposed Budget, which we plan to adopt on June 3, 2007, will have no increase in taxes.

The School District received \$67,000 in unanticipated revenue from the sale of recycled and obsolete computers. This was acknowledged during tonight's Board Meeting. We anticipate saving an additional \$90,000 through retirements.

This School Board will continue to improve and fulfill all the educational needs of the students in the Hanover Area School District by providing a proper learning environment with highly qualified staff, administrators, and support personnel with a continually updated curriculum in a cost effective manner.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

President Mahle noted the meeting dates in May have been changed from the previous advertised meeting dates.

Board of Education Work Session Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Board of Education Regular Meeting Thursday, May 3, 2007

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ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Frank Sorokach: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary

Evelyn Evans
Hanover Area School Board