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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
April 10, 2008

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 10, 2008, 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, John Pericci, Frank J. Sorokach and Anthony Spinozza.

ABSENT: Peter Halesey

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

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

Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 6, 2008

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

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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, February 27, 2008.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported the month of March brought the beginning of spring, student competitions, and the start of the spring sports Season. The students at the Junior/Senior High School participated in many student competitions, including the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science and History Day. Some of the participants from Hanover will be moving on to States in both events. Last month I had the privilege of reading a story to the students at the Lee Park Elementary School. I also attended the Art Show at the Hanover Green Kindergarten Center, the Science Presentation by the DaVinci Science Academy for the students at Lee Park Elementary School and finally an excellent program at Memorial Elementary on Internet Safety, which was presented by one of our County's Deputies. This was very well received by the students. The Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School held their second College and Career Fair on March 18th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Fair featured approximately twenty colleges, twenty local employers, and three labor unions. It was open to students in grades 9 through 12 throughout the day. The High School Music Department will present, "Les Miserables" on April 18th and 19th, at 7:00 P.M., at the High School Auditorium. In conjunction with this, on the same dates, there will be an Exposition of the Junior/Senior High students' art work in the gymnasium. The Elementary Spring Musicals are as follows: Lee Park Elementary, Monday, April 21st; Hanover Green Kindergarten Center, Wednesday, April 23rd; and Lyndwood Elementary School, Monday, April 28th. They will all be held at 7:00 P.M., in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. The 5th Grade Spring Musical will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:00 P.M., at Memorial Elementary. Along with the show, on the same date, there will be an Art Fair featuring art work from students in grades 1 through 6. This will begin at 6:30 P.M., in the Memorial Elementary School gymnasium.

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Mr. Podczasy stated now I would like to call on Mr. Daniel Malloy, Assistant Secondary Principal, to make the Student Presentation this evening.

Mr. Malloy stated I am pleased to be here this evening to recognize the "Student of the Month" for March, Alyssa Shipula. That being said, starting off my day, bright and early today, when I walked out of my office, who do I see? Alyssa, with a smile on her face as always, talking about her "Student of the Month" speech for tonight. On any given day I walk out of my office, and who do I see working on the Leo Club display case, Alyssa, with a smile on her face as always. Walking down the hall, I turn the corner and who do I see on the way to Ms. Kotchick's class to help with the Key Club, Alyssa, with a smile on her face as always. And if she is not with Ms. Kotchick, she would be heading to Mr. Gavlick's class where she is the Treasurer for the Leo Club. Well, maybe I'll make my way down to the cafeteria, where there she is selling water bottles or some other items, for our Student Council, of which she is the President. I think you are getting the picture at this point. This lady is involved in everything, whether it would be in school or outside the school, and her accomplishments are many. If you were to take a look at her biography, it goes on for pages. However, one of the accomplishments that she didn't make is being "Student of the Month" for the same month her older sister was, who helped her with her speech today. She missed it by only one month. She tried so hard to beat her by that month, but she just wasn't able to make that one accomplishment, which is one of the few accomplishments that she hasn't done. One of the major things that she doesn't have listed on her biography, which is a part of what she wants to do in the future, getting into veterinary medicine, is that her family has adopted a "Seeing Eye" puppy. An outstanding student in our school and an outstanding young lady, Alyssa Shipula.

Alyssa Shipula gave a brief synopsis of her many accomplishments while attending the Hanover Area School District. Throughout her years at Hanover she has been involved in many wonderful things and had many great opportunities. She has been involved in the Student Council, Leo Club, Key Club, and Dual Enrollment. Alyssa stated she feels this award does not only belong to her, but to the many people who have brought her to this point. She thanked Ms. Kotchick, Ms. Holodick, Mrs. Hummer, Ms. Bannon, Mr. Gavlick, and Mr. Callahan. She also thanked her family for without their love and support she would not be here today, her sister for always being there for her, she would be lost without her; and her brother for always believing in her, even when she didn't believe in herself; and to her best friend, Brittany, for always supporting her ideas. Hanover has not only been my School, but it has been my home.

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Mr. Richard Gavlick, Representative of the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Alyssa Shipula, with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as the "Student of the Month" for March. Mr. Gavlick thanked Alyssa for all her work with the Leo Club and Student Council and wished her success in her future plans.

Mr. President, that concludes the Superintendent's Report

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

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

1. Authorize submission of the following State Grant (s) for the 2008-2009 School Year:
 - Title I
 - Title IIA
 - Title IID
 - Title IV
 - Accountability Block Grant
 - Educational Assistance Program
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Classrooms for the Future
 - School Improvement
 - Science It's Elementary

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2. Approve the following federal, state and local grants for the 2007-2008 school year:
 - Steps to a Healthier PA Fitness Grant \$2,500
 - DCED Grant \$10,000

3. Approve the Affiliation Agreement between Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., and the Hanover Area School District for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit G-3)

4. Approve the 200-2009 Agreement for Services between the Bethesda Day Treatment Center, Inc., and the Hanover Area School District. (Exhibit G-4)

5. Approve the Agreement between WVIA and Hanover Area School District at a cost of \$1,500 for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit G-5)

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #5 ABOVE):

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

FINANCIAL:

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

1. Approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 General Operating Budget and Adoption of the Budget Resolution, for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. (Exhibit F-1)

2. Accept and approve the Tabulation of Bids for Garbage Collection, Gasoline and Fuel, and Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment, for the 2008-2009 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2008. (Exhibit F-2)

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3. Award the Bid for Garbage Collection for the 2008-2009 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2008, to ERT Waste Services, in the following bid amounts: Jr./Sr. High School - \$85.00; Elementary Schools - \$24.00; totaling \$181.00; and Summer Pick-Up - \$38.00, as per Exhibit F-3.

4. Award the Bid on Gasoline and Fuel for the 2008-2009 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2008, to Petroleum Service Company, Inc., in the total bid amount of \$2.6427 (per gallon of gasoline) and \$3.0627 (per gallon of diesel fuel), with the Permanent Off-Site Facility located at PSC, 21 Main Road, Buttonwood, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, as per Exhibit F-4.

5. Award the Bid on the Reconditioning of Athletic Equipment, for the 2008-2009 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2008, to Schutt Reconditioning, as per Exhibit F-5.

6. Accept and approve the Tabulation of Bids for the 2008-2009 School Year, that were publicly opened on March 5, 2008. (Exhibit F-6)

7. Approve payment of the following legal fee(s): (Exhibit F-7)

Professional Services Rendered

Attorney Joseph Van Jura \$4,738.10
 (for the period February 27, 2008 through March 27, 2008)

Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman
 and Goggin, PC

File #10120-00102

(for the period January 2, 2008 to January 31, 2008) \$1,247.18
 (for the period February 1, 2008 to February 29, 2008) \$ 910.80

File #19024.00260

(for the period December 19, 2007 to February 26, 2008) \$8,198.10

Drew Christian, Esquire \$ 5,000.00

Martha R. Cooper, P.C. \$ 650.00

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15. Authorize the Business Administrator to solicit Quotes for a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

16. Approve the Financial Reports as listed below:

a. Data Processing	DP-1 to DP-8
b. Food Service Fund	FS-1 to FS-8
c. General Fund	GF-1 to GF-38
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
g. E.S.E.A. Title I Account/Federal Projects Account/ State Grants Account	FP-1 to FP-20
h. <u>OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:</u> William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund	SC-1 to SC-5

17. Approve the Uniform Rental Service Agreement with TriState Industrial Laundries, for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013 (5 years), as per Exhibit F-19.

18. Approve the Waiver of 20-Day Notice for taxing bodies during the reassessment period, for any individual parcel of real estate valued under \$1,000,000 as of January 1, 2008, as per correspondence from the Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals Assessor's Office, Exhibit F-20.

19. Upon approval of the PDE-3074 (a) Form by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to authorize the Business Administrator, Superintendent and Solicitor to solicit Bids for the 2008 Parking Lot Improvement Project, Junior and Senior High School, Memorial Elementary School and Hanover Green Elementary School; and to receive such Bids until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 5, 2008, 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.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #19 ABOVE) YES:
 D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Spinozza.
NO: None. **ABSENT:** Halesy. Chair declared the motions carried.

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PERSONNEL:

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

1. Amend the 2007-2008 school calendar as follows:
 - First Make-up day Friday, June 6, 2008
 - Second Make-up day Monday, June 9, 2008
 - Third Make-up day/Graduation Tuesday, June 10, 2008
2. Approve Palmina Pavlico, Social Studies Teacher, to take approximately 22 students to Washington, D.C. in April 2008. (Exhibit P-2)
3. Approve Daniel Malloy, Assistant Secondary Principal, to attend a Crisis Prevention Intervention Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, in April 2008. (Exhibit P-3)
4. Approve the request of Pamela Quaglia, Business Teacher, to take Unpaid Maternity Leave, beginning April 18, 2008, for approximately 4 weeks. (Exhibit P-4)
5. Approve William Jones to transfer 25 sick days from the Benton Area School District as per the PA School Code.
6. Approve the Professional Salary Adjustments as per exhibit P-6.
7. Approve Selina McHugh, Part-time Cleaner to take an Unpaid leave of Absence beginning March 31st to April 25, 2008. (Exhibit P-7)
8. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2007-2008 school year:

Liam McHugh	Jr. High Head Baseball Coach	\$2,384
Abraham Stone	Asst. Jr. High Baseball Coach	\$1,643
Robyn Mendygral	Asst. Jr. High Softball Coach	\$1,643

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Brian Keating	Asst. Boys Volleyball	\$1,700
Krysten Drozda	Asst. Varsity Soccer	UNPAID
John Centak	Jr. High Track & Field	UNPAID
Jeffrey DeRocco	Asst. Varsity Track & Field	UNPAID
Kimberly Kunec	Asst. Jr. High Track & Field	UNPAID
Sheldon Richards	Asst. Varsity Track & Field	UNPAID
John Paprota	Asst. Varsity Track & Field	UNPAID

9. Approve the following extended season pay:

Wrestling:

Mike Ropietski	\$171.18
Richard Gavlick	\$100.00

Swimming:

Terry Schnee	\$214.26
Kim Kunec	\$200.00
Beth Kunec	\$200.00

10. Motion to approve and ratify the Disciplinary Action and Agreement dated March 14, 2008, regarding Hanover Area School District Student. (The student's name is not contained in this Agenda on the advice of the District Solicitor, based on Federal and State Laws and privacy regulations.)
11. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ned Cinti, Hall Monitor, effective April 10, 2008. (Exhibit P-11)
12. Approve the following transfer of entities relative to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Speech/Language Therapist classes, effective for the 2008-2009 school year: (Exhibit P-12)

Keri Stec	Speech/Language Therapist	M27 Step 5	\$52,397
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13. Approve the following Substitute Hall Monitors for the 2007-2008 school year:

George Boston
Raymond Yedlock

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14. Approve payment to Deborah Jones, Transportation Director, in the amount of \$2,276.27, for additional time worked from June, 2007 to August, 2007.

15. Approve the settlement agreement between the Hanover Area Education Association and the Hanover Area School District regarding early retirement incentive issues and grievances.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Mrs. McClarey questioned the Policy and Procedures regarding athletic injuries. She stated her daughter was injured during practice and she took her to a Chiropractor and then to the hospital emergency room for an x-ray. She asked if her chiropractor could clear (re-certify) her daughter to return to that sport.

Superintendent Mr. Podczasy replied that the PIAA regulations state that a student athlete must be cleared (re-certified) by a physician to return to that sport.

Mrs. Shaffer asked if the school district would be providing transportation for the students attending the area day cares, for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Superintendent Mr. Podczasy replied transportation will be provided for these students for the 2008-2009 School Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

Board Work Session	Monday, May 5, 2008
Regular Monthly Meeting	Thursday, May 8, 2008

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by Anthony Gagliardi: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:35 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary

Evelyn Evans
Hanover Area School Board