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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
September 11, 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, September 11, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, John J. Mahle, Jr.

PRESIDENT MAHLE ASKED EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE TO PLEASE RISE AND TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF 9-11 AND ALSO FOR OUR PAST HALL MONITOR, HARVEY MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: John J. Mahle, Jr., President; Evelyn Evans, Secretary; David J. Evans, Frank J. Sorokach and Anthony Spinozza

ABSENT: Anthony Gagliardi, Vice-President; Peter Halesey, Lorraine Heydt, and John Pericci

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

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent; 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 Anthony Spinozza: To approve the following minutes:

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board of Education Special Meeting

August 7, 2008
August 18, 2008

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors
Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 25, 2008.
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors
Reorganization Meeting of Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, stated its September and school is back
in session and the fall sports season is in full swing. "Back to School Nights"
were held at our elementary schools. Next Tuesday, September 16th, will be
"Meet the Faculty Night" at the High School. Homecoming week will be the week
of September 29th, with the Bonfire and Pep Rally on October 2nd in the football
stadium at 5:45 P.M. The Homecoming Parade and Football Game will be held
on Friday, October 3rd.

This evening I am proud to recognize two individuals who were chosen to receive
our 2007-2008 "Excellence in Teaching Awards". These individuals have gone
that extra mile for students, have exemplified the characteristics of a true
professional, they continually strive for excellence in their classroom, and they
set an outstanding example for other staff and students. I am proud to present
the following recipients of the 2007-2008 "Excellence in Teaching Awards:

Joanne Osborne - Secondary
Jean Murphy - Elementary

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

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

1. Approve the "Agreement for Prevention/Education Services" for the 2008-2009 School Year between the Hanover Area School District and Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services. (Exhibit G-1)
2. Approve Letter of Agreement, Appendix A, between the Hanover Area School District and the Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Inc., for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit G-2)
3. Approve the following federal and state grants for the 2008-2009 School Year from the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

Title I

Remedial Reading and Math Program Grades 1-6 \$785,676

Title IIA

Class Size Reduction \$186,168

Title IV

Safe and Drug Free Schools \$ 11,670

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ABG-Accountability Block Grant	
Full Day Kindergarten Program	\$354,556
EAP-Educational Assistance Program	
DSD Tutoring – High School	\$ 67,641
PA ACT	
New Full Year Reading Program 7 th /8 th Grades	\$100,957
CLASSROOMS FOR THE FUTURE	TOTAL:
Funding for Technology Integration-HS Social Studies	\$ 75,416
EETT/TITLE IID (\$30,000)	

BOARD VOTE: (Motions #1 to and including #3 above) YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Mahle, Sorokach, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Gagliardi, Halesey, Heydt, Pericci. Chair declared the motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

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

1. Approve the budgeted donation of \$2,000.00 to Osterhout Free Library of Wilkes-Barre.
2. Approve the refund of School District Real Estate Taxes for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, to Sheldon and Mary Ann Everhart, 134 Lyndwood Avenue, Hanover Township, PA 18706, in the amount of \$245.55, due to the fact that the property was over assessed on land value, as per letter from Anthony R. Alu, CPE, Director of Assessment, County of Luzerne, Exhibit F-2.
3. Approve payment of the following Capital Projects Requisition, as per Exhibit F-3:

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Requisition #2007-2008-27-B
Slusser Brothers \$488,653.65
300 Armstrong Road
Pittston, PA 18640

Requisition #2007-2008-28-B
BMC Desks, Etc. \$ 1,853.00
421 North Pennsylvania Avenue
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

4. Approve payment of the following legal fees: (Exhibit F-4)

Professional Services Rendered
Attorney Joseph J. Van Jura
(for the period July 31, 2008 through August 31, 2008) \$3,803.85

Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman
and Goggin, PC
(for the period April 4, 2008 through June 30, 2008) \$2,354.40

5. Approve the Repository Tax Sale, as per Exhibit F-5.

6. Approve the submission of Plancon K to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, for the General Obligation Bonds, Series A and B of 2008, a series of federally taxable general obligation notes and bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of four million seven hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$4,730,000). (Exhibit F-6)

7. Approve the Financial Reports (for July, 2008) as listed below:

a. Data Processing	DP-1 to DP-11
b. Food Service Fund	FS-1 to FS-4
c. General Fund	GF-1 to GF-23
d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund	JS-1 to JS-5
e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account	PS-1 to PS-12

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- 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-14
- h. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:
William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund SC-1 to SC-6

BOARD VOTE: (Motions #1 to and including #7 above) YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Mahle, Sorokach, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Gagliardi, Halsey, Heydt, Pericci. Chair declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of James Hyde, Technology Education Teacher, effective August 20, 2008. (Exhibit P-1)
2. Approve the following recipients of the 2007-2008 Excellence in Teaching Elementary and Secondary \$500 Mini-Grant Awards:

Joanne Osborne	Secondary
Jean Murphy	Elementary
3. Approve request of Alice Keiner, Elementary Teacher, to take and Unpaid Leave of Absence, beginning October 6, 2008 and ending October 22, 2008. (Exhibit P-3)
4. Approve the Secondary and Elementary Student Handbooks for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit P-4)

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5. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Suellen Kravulski, Per-Diem Special Education Paraprofessional. (Exhibit P-5)

6. Appoint Vicki Endler as Per-Diem Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2008-2009 School Year at the recommended wages provided the positions are necessary per individual student IEP.

7. Approve William Callahan, Head Boys Basketball Coach, to attend a Basketball Clinic in Auburn, Alabama, in October, 2008. (Exhibit P-7)

8. Approve Hanover Area Boys and Girls Junior High Basketball teams to use the Catholic Youth Center at a cost of \$1,970.

9. Approve tenure for the following Professional Employees:

Shannon Bennett
Shannon Falcheck
Katherine Healey
Jessica Hess
Michael Mill
Karen Olshefski
Jason Papadoplos
Rebecca Rampp
Joanne Schultz
Alexis Shipula
Marla Siene
John Sipper

10. Approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit P-8)

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11. Approve the following Mentor Teachers for the 2008-2009 School Year at a stipend of \$250:

Malinda Moore
Palmina Pavlico
Paul Martinez
Jennifer Cesario
Donna Rother
Susan Pointek
Janet Babskie
Kelley Brozena
Nicole Hummer
Mary Ann Mack

12. Appoint Carolann Musial as Substitute Per-Diem Food Service Worker for the 2008-2009 School Year.

13. Appoint Joseph Lupico as Security Officer for Special Occasions at the Hanover Area School District for the 2008-2009 School Year, at a rate of \$9.00/hour.

14. Approve the Act 93 Administrative salaries and the Confidential Secretaries/Administrative Assistant salaries for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit P-14)

15. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra-Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2008-2009 School Year:

a. Kimberly Kunec	Cross Country Jr. High	\$2,087
b. William Kunec	Cross Country Asst. Jr. High	\$ 750
c. Susan Smith	Jr. High Field Hockey	\$1,700
d. Kimberly Kunec	Asst. Varsity Swimming	\$1,661
e. Elizabeth Kunec	Asst. Varsity Swimming	\$1,661

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16. Appoint John Nutaitis as In-School Suspension Monitor for 58 days, at \$75 a day, with no benefits, effective September 11, 2008.

17. Appoint George Antall as Hall Monitor at the Junior/Senior High School, for the 2008-2009 School Year.

18. Appoint/re-appoint the following Co-Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Secondary Principal, for the 2008-2009 School Year:

Amy Cody	Key Club Advisor	\$1,614.93
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19. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular Personnel, as recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2008-2009 School Year:
 - a. Chris Knechel Jr. High Football Coach UNPAID

BOARD VOTE: (Motions #1 to and including #19 above) YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Mahle, Sorokach, Spinozza. NO: None. ABSENT: Gagliardi, Halesey, Heydt, Pericci. Chair declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

No one wished to be recognized at this Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

Board Work Session	Monday, October 6, 2008
Regular Monthly Meeting	Thursday, October 9, 2008

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Anthony Spinozza, seconded by David Evans: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:10 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Evelyn Evans
Hanover Area School Board