

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
September 10, 2009

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 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Anthony Gagliardi.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Anthony Gagliardi, President; David Evans, Vice-President; Evelyn Evans, Secretary; Peter Halesey, Lorraine Heydt, John J. Mahle, Jr., John Pericci, 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 John Mahle, seconded by David Evans: To approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting of May 29, 2009  
Regular Meeting of June 4, 2009  
Special Meeting of June 15, 2009  
Special Meeting of June 29, 2009  
Regular Meeting of August 6, 2009

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

It was moved by Frank Sorokach, seconded by John Pericci: To approve the following reports:

- Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center School Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, June 22, 2009.
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center School Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, August 17, 2009.
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors Regular Meeting of Wednesday, May 27, 2009.
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Board of School Directors Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

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

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported it is September and school is back in session and the fall sports program is in full swing. Back to school nights are being held in all of our schools. Homecoming Week begins September 28<sup>th</sup> with the Bonfire and Community Pep Rally to be held on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. At the Football Stadium on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:45 P.M., the Homecoming Parade will begin.

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Once again, our School District has made AYP, and to make comments and discuss our School District grants, we have Mrs. Daphne Pugh, our Curriculum Director and Mrs. Joanne Basar-Glusheski, our Federal Programs Coordinator, Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Glusheski then gave a brief review of the AYP and all the federal programs in the Hanover Area School District.

This evening I am proud to recognize several individuals who didn't begin the school year with us this year because they have retired. We would like to let them know that we appreciate their hard work and dedication to the District. The School Board would like to present to each retiree individually, a Resolution and a lifetime pass for all district events so they can visit with us often. And just as sports have their "Hall of Fame", these teachers will now have their own plaque on the Hanover Area's "Wall of Fame" for retired educators, which is located just outside the Board Room. When I call your name, would you please come up:

<i>Debra O'Kane</i>	<i>33 years of service</i>
<i>Deborah Gregson</i>	<i>34 years of service</i>

The other retired teacher who could not be here this evening is:

<i>Craig Ansell</i>	<i>31 years of service</i>
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This evening I am proud to recognize two individuals who were chosen to receive our 2008-2009 "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 2008-2009 "Excellence in Teaching Awards":

<i>Joette Anthony</i>	-	<i>Secondary</i>
<i>Randy Carlo</i>	-	<i>Elementary</i>

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

Mr. David Evans, Board Member, commented on the retired teachers recognized this evening. He stated he has been on the Board for 30 years and knows these individuals very well. When you take these three stars out of your starting line up, we hope that the three young teachers that we hired to replace these retirees will keep their high standard of teaching. We will miss all of you very much.

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**GENERAL:**

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

1. Approve the "Agreement for Prevention/Education Services" for the 2009-2010 School Year between the Hanover Area School District and the Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services. (Exhibit G-1)
2. Approve the 2009-2010 Attachment A Payment Schedule between the Hanover Area School District and the PA Treatment and Healing Center. (Exhibit G-2)
3. Approve the 2009-2010 Title I ARRA Supplemental Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$519,222.
4. Approve the Active Schools Initiative Grant as follows, to increase physical activity among 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students through participation in HOPSports Program:

\$10,000	Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania
\$ 5,000	Federal Preventive Health/Health Services Block Grant

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**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #4 ABOVE):** YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Halesy, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Spinozza. Chair declared the motions carried.

**FINANCIAL:**

It was moved by Peter Halesy, seconded by John Pericci: To approve the following motions:

1. Appoint Frank Sorokach as a Voting Delegate and John Mahle, Jr. as an Alternate to represent the Hanover Area School District on the Luzerne County Local Income Tax Collection Committee, as prescribed by Act 32 of 2008, per Exhibit F-1.

2. Approve the tuitions charged for non-resident Special Education students accessing district programs at the request of their home districts, for the school year 2008-2009, as follows:

Elementary	\$7,795.52/year	\$43.31/day
Secondary	\$8,983.92/year	\$49.91/day

3. Approve the refund of 2009 School District Real Estate Taxes, to the following: (Exhibit F-3)

Janine Zujus	\$ 35.13
33 Colonels Road	(Abatement #63029)
Hanover Township, PA 18706-3963	

John G. and Olga Danko	\$197.08
419 Park Drive	(Abatement #59887)
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-2523	

4. Approve the Transportation Contract with Churnetski Transportation, Inc., for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014, contingent upon the review and approval of the Business Administrator and Solicitor, as per Exhibit F-4.

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5. Approve the budgeted donation of \$2,000.00 to Osterhout Free Library of Wilkes-Barre.

6. Approve payment of the following legal fee: (Exhibit F-6)

Professional Services Rendered

Attorney Joseph J. Van Jura \$4,865.08  
(for the period July 29, 2009 through August 31, 2009)

7. Approve the Lease Agreement with Churnetski Transportation, Inc., to lease the gas pumping and storage facilities located at 146 Hillside Street, Sugar Notch, Luzerne County, PA. 18706, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014, as per Exhibit F-7.

8. Approve the School Lunch and Breakfast prices for the 2009-2010 School Year, listed below: (Note: Prices are the same as last year, 2008-2009)

Breakfast	(Elementary and Secondary)	\$0.85
Lunch	(Elementary)	\$1.50
Lunch	(Secondary)	\$1.85
Lunch	(Adult)	\$3.60
Milk	(Elementary)	\$0.40
Milk	(Secondary)	\$0.50

9. Approve the refund of 2009 School District Real Estate Taxes to Sears Terminal Freight Handling Company, c/o Richard Keslinke, S.R. &Co., 3333 Beverly Road, Dept. 768, Hoffman Est., IL 60179-0001, Tax Parcel No. 25-C-2-D11-D20-D1-R6, in the amount of \$166,341.06, as per Exhibit F-9

10. Approve payment of the following Capital Projects Requisition, as per Exhibit F-10:

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Requisition #2009-2010-43-B  
Trebron Company, Inc. \$37,000.00  
(Purchase of Sophos/Equipment)

Requisition #2009-2010-44-B \$12,058.00  
Resilite Sports Products, Inc.  
(Reconditioning of Wrestling Mat and Purchase of New Mat)

11. Acknowledge approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition, at August 31, 2009, of the Food Service Management Contract, effective August 31, 2009. (Exhibit F-11)
  
12. Approve the Termite Service Warranty for the Lyndwood Elementary School, with Ehrlich, in the amount of \$382.20, for the period September, 2009 through August, 2012, (3 years), as per Exhibit F-17.
  
13. Approve the Financial Reports as listed below:
  - a. Data Processing DP-1 to DP-7
  - b. Food Service Fund FS-1 to FS-5
  - c. General Fund GF-1 to GF-14
  - d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund JS-1 to JS-6
  - e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account PS-1 to PS-6
  - 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-14
  - h. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:  
William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund SC-1 to SC-12
  
14. Approve the PDE-3074 (a) Forms for the following projects:  
(Exhibit F-18)
  - (1) Furnish and Replace Stage Curtains, Inspect Stage Rigging;  
Repair/Replace – at the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
  
  - (2) Replace current USP units for Data Network and Install TVSS  
Device for District Energy Management Systems (Districtwide)

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15. Upon approval of the PDE-3074 (a) Forms by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to authorize the Business Administrator, Superintendent and Solicitor to solicit Bids to Furnish and Replace the Stage Curtains, Inspect Stage Rigging; Repair/Replace, at the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School and Replace current USP Units for Data Network and Install TVSS Device for District Energy Management Systems (Districtwide), and to receive such Bids until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, October 5, 2009, 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.
  
16. Approve purchase and installation of a new carpet for Room C-20 in the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, from Stephen Dirienzo and Company, Inc., in the amount of \$3,260.00, through the PSDLAF Construction Fund, as per Exhibit F-19.
  
17. Approve purchase and delivery of two storage trailers from Meholic Trucking, in the total amount of \$2,550.00, through the PSDLAF Construction Fund, as per Exhibit F-20.

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #17 ABOVE):** YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Halesy, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Spinozza. Chair declared the motions carried.

**PERSONNEL:**

It was moved by Lorraine Heydt, seconded by Frank Sorokach: To approve the following motions:

1. Approve the following Mentor Teachers for the 2009-2010 School Year at a stipend of \$250:

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Erica Centak  
Mary Ellen Konetski  
Shannon Bennett  
Paul Martinez  
Susan Pointek  
David Borofski  
Joanne Osborne  
Clement Benson  
Mary Ann Mack  
Maureen Peterman  
Christine Shipula  
Ann Marie Ashton

2. Approve the following recipients of the 2008-2009 Excellence in Teaching Elementary and Secondary \$500 Mini-Grant Awards:

Randy Carlo	Elementary
Joette Anthony	Secondary

3. Approve the Secondary and Elementary Student Handbooks for the 2009-2010 School Year.

4. Approve tenure for the following Professional Employees:

Cathy Angradi  
Nancy Chafin  
John Centak  
Stephen Horensky  
Mary Ellen Konetski  
Kimberly Kunec  
Melissa Luksh  
Michelle Meier  
Lisa Mikus  
Alicia Milewski  
Amy Mullery  
Erica Perugino

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5. Approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2009-2010 School Year. (Exhibit P-5)
  
6. Accept, with regret, the resignation of David Cooper, Network Coordinator, effective September 15, 2009. (Exhibit P-6)
  
7. Approve Hanover Area School District Resolution 09/10/2009(2) regarding donation from the Hanover Township Civic Improvement Council. (Exhibit P-7)
  
8. Approve a medical sabbatical leave for Ruth Sorber, Elementary Teacher, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of the 2009-2010 School Year, effective September 14, 2009. (Exhibit P-8)
  
9. Appoint/re-appoint the following Extra Curricular Personnel, as Recommended by the Athletic Director, for the 2009-2010 School Year:
  - a. David Borofski                      Jr. High Co-ED Soccer                      UNPAID
  - b. William Kunec                      Jr. High Cross Country Asst.                      \$750
  
10. Appoint Kristen Sanders as Speech/Language Therapist, at a salary of M, Step 1, \$47,348, effective August 31, 2009.

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #10 ABOVE):** YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Halesy, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach. NO: None. ABSENT: Spinozza. Chair declared the motions carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Board Work Session  
Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2009  
Thursday, October 8, 2009

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

A parent said she has a very shy daughter who didn't know who her classroom teacher was this year until the first day of school. She remarked usually the students know who their teachers are when they got their bus cards or the homerooms were posted in the schools. But this year they were not.

President Anthony Gagliardi replied we are not going to be using the bus cards but if you call the high school office, we'll see what we can work out. I appreciate you coming to the meeting with your concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by John Mahle: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:14 P.M.

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

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

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