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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
November 6, 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, November 6, 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; Evelyn Evans, Secretary; David J. Evans, Peter Halsey, Lorraine Heydt, John Pericci, Frank J. Sorokach and Anthony Spinozza

ABSENT: Anthony Gagliardi, Vice-President

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

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 Anthony Spinozza: To approve the following minutes:

Board of Education Regular Meeting

October 9, 2008

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

- Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational-Technical School Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Meeting minutes of Monday, October 20, 2008

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Anthony Podczasy, Superintendent, reported to help celebrate Halloween last month, the Junior/Senior High School Student Council, Key Club, and Leo Club, held a "Safe Night Out" for children ages 3 to 8, on Thursday, October 30th, at 6:00 P.M., in the cafeteria. The Elementary Halloween Parades were all held on Friday, October 31st. Among the events I attended last month was the PSBA Conference in Hershey and also the Junior/Senior High School production of "Sweeney Todd" on October 28th. I also entered my dog in the Second Annual Dog Show sponsored by the Leo Club and for the second year in a row, he failed to win any prizes. That event was well attended and was another huge success. This Sunday, November 9th, the Junior/Senior High School Student Council, Key Club and Leo Club, will be sponsoring a "Chili, Chowder and Soup Contest" from noon to 3:00 P.M. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children five to twelve, under five are free.

The week of November 17th will be our Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences. Monday, November 17th is Hanover Green Elementary; Tuesday, November 18th, Lee Park Elementary School; Wednesday, November 19th, Memorial Elementary School; and Thursday, November 20th, Lyndwood Elementary School. Hours will be from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Friday, November 21st will be a half day for all elementary students and there will be Parent-Teacher Conferences held in the afternoon in all of these schools. The Junior/Senior High School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be the evening of Thursday, December 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M., and Friday afternoon, December 5th, from 12:45 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

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Veterans' Day Assembly will be held on Monday, November 10th at 1:00 P.M., in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. On hand to address the students will be State Representative John Yudichak.

Wednesday, November 26th will be a half day for students and school will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, for Veterans' Day; and November 27th, 28th, and December 1st, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. Podczasy introduced Mr. Daniel Malloy, Assistant Secondary Principal, to make the student presentation.

Mr. Malloy said it was a great pleasure again this month to introduce the "Student of the Month" for October who academically ranks at the top of her class. She was a member of the National Honor Society for four years. She is also a member of the Student Council, along with serving as Treasurer of the Senior Class and President of the Key Club. She also has a long list of community participation. Athletically, she is a member of the Basketball Team and currently is the leading scorer on the Field Hockey Team. She has also been a State qualifier in Track for the last two years. I would like to introduce you to the "Student of the Month" for October, Jillian Dunn.

Jillian then gave a brief synopsis of her academic and athletic accomplishments while attending the Hanover Area School District. She said she came to the district from a small Catholic school, and is very thankful for all of her accomplishments throughout her years in Hanover. She gave special thanks to her Field Hockey Coach, Ms. Holodick, for all her guidance and taking her to the District playoffs; and to her Track Coach, Mr. Daubert, for helping her become the best track jumper she could ever be. Jillian also thanked everyone who attended the benefit she held at the school presenting the Emerald Isle Step Dancers, which was part of her senior project. Jillian gave a special thanks to her parents, Jerome and Susanne Dunn. She said she knows her dad would be proud of her if he could share this great moment in her life and even though my mom faced many obstacles in her life, she was always there for me, taking me to school activities and sports, helping me with my homework, or just having a conversation with me. I appreciate all she has done for me.

Mr. Richard Gavlick, Representative of the Leo Club and Student Council, presented Jillian Dunn with tokens of appreciation for being chosen as "Student of the Month" for October. He also wished her success in her future plans.

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

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

1. Approve the School Improvement Plans for the following schools:

Hanover Area Junior-Senior High School
Memorial Elementary School
Lyndwood Elementary School
2. Approve the Agreement with Kids Peace for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit G-2)
3. Approve the 2008-2009 Inclusive Practices Mini-Grant Agreement between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Hanover Area School District. (Exhibit G-3)
4. Approve Hanover Township Code Enforcement Office to use the High School Cafeteria for Contractors Exams on January 31, 2009.

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5. Approve the Agreement between EDUCARE of PA, Inc., and the Hanover Area School District for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit G-5)

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

D. Evans, E. Evans, Halesy, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Spinozza

NO: None. ABSENT: Gagliardi Chair declared the motions carried.

FINANCIAL:

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

1. Approve the Termite Service Warranty with J.C. Ehrlich Company, Inc., for the Superintendent's Office, Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, for the period November, 2008 through October, 2011, in the amount of \$275.15, as per Exhibit F-1.
2. Approve the 12 Months Advantage Service Agreement with Guyette Communication Industries Corporation, for the Clock Systems at the following schools, for the period November 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009, as per Exhibit F-2:

Hanover Area Memorial Elementary School	\$295.00
Hanover Green Elementary School	\$295.00
Lee Park Elementary School	\$295.00
Lyndwood Elementary School	<u>\$295.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,180.00

3. Approve the refund of \$100.00 to Barbara Howell, for the medical insurance payment she made to SCS for the month of December, 2008, as per Exhibit F-3.

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4. Authorize the Hanover Area School District to enter into an Agreement with Luzerne County and Century 21 Appraisals to prepare, mail, process, and summarize Act 1 Homestead/Farmstead mailings to Hanover Area School District resident property owners, approximately 957 property owners at .39 cents per notification, as per Exhibit F-4.

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

6. Approve payment of the following Capital Projects Requisition, as per Exhibit F-6:

<u>Requisition #2008-2009-31-B</u>	\$ 2,500.00
E I Associates	
2001 North Front Street	
Building #3	
Harrisburg, PA 17102	

7. Acknowledge correspondence from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, regarding the approval of the Single Audit Report of Hanover Area School District, for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007, as per Exhibit F-7.

8. Approve payment of the following legal fees: (Exhibit F-8)

<u>Professional Services Rendered</u>	
Attorney Joseph J. Van Jura	\$3,275.00
(for the period October 1, 2008 through October 28, 2008)	

<u>Professional Services Rendered</u>	
Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams LLP	\$225.00
(for services rendered through October 31, 2008)	

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13. Approve the Cell Phone Agreement with Verizon, effective October 7, 2008, as per Exhibit F-13.

14. Approve the Financial Reports (for September, 2008) as listed below:
 - a. Data Processing DP-1 to DP-6
 - b. Food Service Fund FS-1 to FS-6
 - c. General Fund GF-1 to GF-32
 - d. Junior/Senior High School Activity Fund JS-1 to JS-6
 - e. P.S.D.L.A.F. Account PS-1 to PS-11
 - 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-18
 - h. OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS:
William H. & Ruth W. Young Scholarship Fund SC-1 to SC-6

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

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Palchanis, Cleaner, effective August 12, 2008. (Exhibit P-1)

2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Karen Alberola, Elementary Teacher, effective October 24, 2008. (Exhibit F-2)

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3. Approve Joanne Basar, Nancy Strickland, Susan Woodeshick, and Mary Richelmi, Title I Staff, to attend the International Reading Association (IRA) Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, in February, 2009.
4. Approve request of Jillian Bolesta, English Teacher, to carry-over 25 sick days from the Benton Area School District, as per the PA School Code.
5. Approve the first reading of the Behavior Support Students with Disabilities Board Policy. (Exhibit P-5)
6. Approve payment of \$4,000 for Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services for Prevention/Education Specialist Services for the 2008-2009 School Year. (Exhibit P-6)
7. Approve contractual relationship between the LIU 18 and the Hanover Area School District for Legal Services Consultation according to Exhibit P-7. Fees will be paid through ACCESS Funds. (Exhibit P-7)
8. Appoint the following to the 2008-2009 Substitute Teacher List:

Elizabeth Snipas

Citizenship

9. Appoint the following Substitute Per-Diem Special Education paraprofessionals for the 2008-2009 School Year:

Maria Clintron
Amanda Gallagher
Laura Johnson

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10. Appoint Laura Johnson as Health Room Assistant at Memorial Elementary for the 2008-2009 School Year, at a salary of \$10.50/hour.

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

Kenneth Angradi Jr. High Girls Basketball \$3,136

12. Appoint Diane Mazur as Child Accounting/PIMS Coordinator, at a salary of \$22,000, effective November 24, 2008.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #12 ABOVE) YES: D. Evans, E. Evans (yes on all motions except #12), Halsey, Heydt, Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Spinozza **NO:** E. Evans (on motion #12 only) **ABSENT:** Gagliardi
Chair declared the motions 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:

Reorganization Meeting	Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Board Work Session	Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Regular Monthly Meeting	Tuesday, December 2, 2008

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Frank Sorokach, seconded by David Evans: To adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:20 P.M.

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

ATTEST: _____, Secretary
Evelyn Evans
Hanover Area School Board