

**JUNE 29, 2009**

Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
June 29, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held in the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 6:00 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, Frank J. Sorokach, and Anthony Spinozza.

**ABSENT:** None

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.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**FINANCIAL:**

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

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1. Approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the Hanover Area School District 2009-2010 Final Budget. The Total Budget Revenues are \$26,289,628 and the Total Budget Expenditures are \$26,289,628 at a rate of 15.5892 mills. (Exhibit F-1)
2. Approve the Appendix to the School District's Penn\*Link User Agreement, as per Exhibit F-2.
3. Approve payment of the following legal fee: (Exhibit F-3)

Professional Services Rendered

Attorney Joseph J. Van Jura \$4,806.46  
(for the period May 28, 2009 through June 25, 2009)

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #3 ABOVE):**

YES: D. Evans, E. Evans, Gagliardi, Halesey, Heydt (No to Motion #1, Yes to Motions #2 and #3), Mahle, Pericci, Sorokach, Spinozza (No to Motion #1, Yes to Motions #2 and #3). NO: Heydt (On Motion #1 only), and Spinozza (On Motion #1 only). Chair declared the motions carried.

**PRESIDENT GAGLIARDI'S COMMENTS ON THE FINAL BUDGET:**

I would like to make a few comments concerning the (\$26,289,628 dollar) 2009-2010 Budget. This Board has worked and will continue to diligently work to keep the cost of education in Hanover Area School District at a minimum and the standards of education high. In reviewing the figures in this budget, it should be noted that approximately 96% of the budget expenditures include fixed cost items such as employee salaries and fringe benefits, debt services, insurance, utility costs, equipment leases, building maintenance and upkeep, cost of educational programs, transportation and supplies.

We have been notified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Budget Secretary that Property Tax Relief from the Taxpayers Relief Act, in the amount of \$888,571.00, will be used for tax relief of the School District's approved 4334 Homesteads/Farmsteads. The School District, through its share of the Slots/Gaming Revenues will give each approved Homestead/Farmstead property a \$205.00 credit reduction towards their 2009 School District Real Estate Tax Bills.

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The School District will continue to enhance its educational programs through its curriculum and continue to move forward in technology during the 2009-2010 School Year. The budget will also keep in effect the current structure of our elementary classes, K-6: Hanover Green Elementary School which holds full-time kindergarten classes, Lee Park Elementary School which holds first and second grades, Lyndwood Elementary School which holds third and fourth grades, and Hanover Area Memorial Elementary School which holds fifth and sixth grades.

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.

**PERSONNEL:**

It was moved by John Pericci, seconded by Anthony Spinozza: To approve the following motions:

1. Appoint Kim Morris as Special Education Teacher at a salary of M, Step 3, \$48,348, effective August 31, 2009.
2. Appoint Mallory Zoeller as Special Education Teacher at a salary of B, Step 1, \$38,748, effective August 31, 2009.
3. Appoint Tracy Toole as Elementary Teacher at a salary of M, Step 1, \$47,348, effective August 31, 2009.
4. Appoint Shannon McCann as Elementary Teacher at a salary of B, Step 1, \$38,748, effective August 31, 2009.
5. Appoint Caitlin Pink as Secondary Science Teacher at a salary of B, Step 1, \$38,748, effective August 31, 2009.

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6. Appoint Jody Zelinske as a Long-Term Substitute Secondary English Teacher for the 2009-2010 School Year, at a salary of B, Step 1, \$38,748, effective August 31, 2009.

**BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 TO AND INCLUDING #6 ABOVE):**

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Mr. Frank Ciavarella, Jr., asked numerous questions regarding the 2009-2010 Final Budget. He asked what is the School District's fund balance.

Mr. Joseph P. Kochuba, Business Administrator, replied the fund balance was entirely depleted.

Mr. Ciavarella asked using the old method, not the new method, how many mills are the school taxes truly being raised. Other school districts were able to provide their tax increases using the old method and the new method. Since the county re-did all the assessments, how can a taxpayer estimate how much their taxes are going to be raised.

Mr. Kochuba replied the taxes are going up \$50.00 per household.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by David Evans, seconded by Anthony Spinozza: To adjourn the Special School Board Meeting at 6:25 P.M.

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

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

**Evelyn Evans  
Hanover Area School Board**

