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**HANOVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
May 12, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:07PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Rick Stevens.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Stacy Bleich, Frank Ciavarella, Jr., (by phone), Paul Holmgren, Jacob Hyder, Michael Mazur, Brian C. McDermott, Rick Oravic, Matthew Redick, Rick Stevens

ABSENT: NONE

Stacy Bleich, Board Secretary, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Mr. Daniel Malloy, Superintendent; Dr. Daphne Pugh, Assistant Superintendent; Attorney Christopher Slusser District Solicitor; several District Administrators, teachers, students, citizens and stakeholders.

Chairman Stevens made the following announcement regarding the Sunshine Act:

“Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, the Board President wishes to announce that at its Regular Meeting, convened for General Purposes on May 12, 2026, the board of education of the Hanover Area School District held an Executive Session to discuss matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, threatened or actual litigation and went into closed or executive session on May 7th and May 12th at 6:00PM. The work session began on May 7th at 7:15PM and the public meeting began on May 12th at 6:07PM. The subjects discussed in executive session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations and threatened or actual litigation.”

Chairman Stevens then asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Board on agenda items only.

No one from Press or Public opted to address the Board on agenda items.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/REPORTS:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren and seconded by Frank Ciavarella: to approve the following minutes/reports:

- Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 14, 2026.

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- Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center Board of Education-Joint Operating Committee Meeting minutes of April 20, 2026.

BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Ciavarella, Holmgren, Hyder, Mazur, McDermott, Oravic, Redick and Stevens

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dan Malloy, Superintendent, offered his report, which noted the following:

Prior to his report, Mr. Malloy asked for a Moment of Silence to honor the passing of Joe Morris, ISS/Hall Monitor.

Mr. Morris served with us as a Hall/In-School Suspension Monitor, where he has been a fixture in the Junior/Senior High School for over a decade. In that time, he had adopted Hanover Area as his own. Any student or adult would tell you that he'd give the shirt of his back for any student in the district. He will truly be missed.

Report of the Superintendent:

- **Student Recognition**
 - Boy's Varsity Wrestling Team finished #2 in the PIAA Wrestling Coaches Association 1st Team All-Academic Team. To qualify for this recognition, the student athlete must have a .600 winning record and a GPA OF 3.98 or higher. We are thrilled to recognize the following student athletes from our Boys' Varsity Team:
 - CJ Caines
 - Jeff Peck
 - Chase Smith
 - Jace Thomas
 - Gregory Vassalo
- The annual Title I meeting, along with a powerful presentation introducing *The Peace Table*, a tool to help children manage big emotions with more confidence and calm, will be held on Wednesday, May 20th in the High School Auditorium. RSVP is required for the event.

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- Recently at the National French Awards Dinner held at King's College on May 13, Victoria Araujo, French I, earned a bronze medal and Fabiola Martinez-Ramirez, French II, placed 2nd in the Northeast Chapter in the National French exam.
- Congratulations to Adrianna Nelson for being chosen for the LIU Post-secondary scholarship. She will be invited to attend the May 20 LIU Board Meeting to be recognized. It is a one-time award of \$1,000.00 for the 2026-2027 academic school year.
- Some upcoming dates to share: May 15, 16, and 17 is the High School's Spring Play, Clue, which will be held in the auditorium; May 16, the elementary play, Grease, will be held at 6PM in the auditorium of Memorial Elementary; May 22nd will be Hawkeye Day; May 27th Fork Over Love will do a meal distribution from 5-6 in the high school parking lot; May 28 Athletic Awards will be held in this auditorium at 6PM; May 30th SHINE STEM. Olympiad will take place at Wilkes University at 8:30PM; June 1st are Academic Awards at 6:30PM in this auditorium; Thursday, June 4th at 6PM will be graduation, in this auditorium as well.
- April 2026 Student of the Month:

Jake Scholton

Mr. John Sipper, Principal of the HA Jr/Sr High School introduced Jake Scholton as the April Student of the Month.

Jake accepted his award and addressed those present:

"Hello everyone. I am standing up here today not as the student of the month but as Jake Scholton. As with everything else, I'm going to keep my talk quick and concise. Thank you to my parents for dealing with me for the last 18 years; I know it has been difficult. If I were you, I would have tried to ditch me somewhere, wouldn't have worked but, hey, to each their own, I guess. Of course, I would like to thank all my teachers who have had to put up with me as I have never been the kid who was always the most diligent and on topic, but I was able to push through and be where I am today. Starting as a kid whose dream was to help others while being the best singer I the world to a senior that knows he wants to be a doctor and is making every stride to get there. I know being in this school has made me the person that I am today. A strong leader by running as officers in school clubs but also a person that people can put their trust into when they need to. Can't say it was always the easiest and best of times, but the good heavily outweighed the bad. There's so much more that I can say about how grateful I am to be receiving this award, but I said I would keep this short and sweet. So, thank you all for coming and listening to me today."

It was moved by Jacob Hyder and seconded by Stacy Bleich: To accept the Report of the Superintendent.

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BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Ciavarella, Holmgren, Hyder, Mazur, McDermott, Oravic, Redick, Stevens

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Jacob Hyder and seconded by Brian McDermott to:

1. Approve the second reading of the following policies:

- Policy Manual- 000 Local Board Procedures – Meetings - #006
- Policy Manual- 200 Pupils-Attendance- #204
- Policy Manual-200 Pupils- Weapons- #218.1
- Policy Manual-600- Finances- Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation- #610
- Policy Manual- 600-Finances- Purchases Budgeted- #611
- Policy Manual- 800- Operations- Emergency Preparedness and Response- #805
- Policy Manual- 800- Operations- Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies- #805.1
- Policy Manual- 800- Operations- School Security Personnel- #805.2

(Exhibit G-1)

2. Approve May 22, 2026, as "Hawkeye Day".

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 AND #2 ABOVE):

YES: Bleich, Ciavarella, Holmgren, Hyder, Mazur, McDermott, Oravic, Redick and Stevens

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared that Motions #1 and #2 PASS.

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Rick Oravic and seconded by Mike Mazur: To approve the following motions #1 through #13.

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1. Ratify the following FNCB (now operating as Peoples Security Bank & Trust) check register(s):

April 9, 2026 – May 4, 2026

(Exhibit F-1)

2. Approve the FNCB (now operating as Peoples Security Bank & Trust) check register(s):

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(Exhibit F-2)

3. Approve the renewal of the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) contract for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

(Exhibit F-3)

4. Approve the proposed, final general operating budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year: Projected Revenues of \$52,034,146.00 and Project Expenditures of \$52,034,146.00.

(Exhibit F-4)

5. Approve the renewal of CSIU software services for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

6. Approve payment to Quandel for the Construction Phase of the New Elementary School in the amount of \$36,099.00.

7. Approve payment to Hadley Construction, Inc. for the Second Floor – East and 1st Floor – East Phase (less retainage of the New Elementary School in the amount of \$202,500.00.

8. Approve the renewal of the Northeast Counseling Services affiliation agreement effective May 12, 2026.

9. Approve the renewal of the KingSpry Special Counsel agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.

10. Authorize the Business Manager to execute energy contracts on behalf of the district for a period of 24-months or less, or to modify existing contracts, with the Superintendent's approval.

11. Approve the permit costs for the New Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$443,722.76.

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12. Approve the purchase, from K & D Factory Service, of a new door and the necessary hardware for the walk-in freezer in the amount of \$5,490.00 for food service fund unassigned fund balance.

13. Approve the purchase of cheer mats from Dollamur in the amount of \$11,095.00 from unassigned fund balance.

BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTIONS #1 through #13 ABOVE):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Mazur, McDermott, Oravic, Redick, Stevens

NO: Redick (on #9)

ABSTAIN: Bleich (on #2 Check #44823)

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motions carried.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Stacy Bleich and seconded by Frank Ciavarella: To approve the following Motions #1 through #8:

1. Approve the tentative 2026 Graduation List, final list of graduates will be conferred on June 4, 2026.

(Exhibit P-1)

2. Amend the appointments of the following Extra-Curricular Personnel for the 2025 – 2026 School Year:

Track & Field

Brandon Chafin-Head Junior High Track & Field Coach- \$3,006 (less amount paid).

Caitlyn Bly- Varsity Track & Field Volunteer.

3. Accept the resignation of Sheldon Hannis, Crossing Guard, effective April 21, 2026.

4. Accept the resignation of Brandon Chafin, Custodian, effective May 6, 2026.

5. Accept the resignation of Courtney Paden, Special Education Supervisor, effective June 5, 2026.

6. Accept the resignation of Alexandra Kester, Assistant Tennis Coach, effective June 8, 2026.

7. Accept the resignation of Alexandra Kester, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective July 3, 2026.

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8. Accept the resignation of Sharon Schlingman, Certified School Nurse, effective August 14, 2026.

BOARD VOTE (on Motions #1 through #8 Above):

YES: Bleich, Ciavarella, Holmgren, Hyder, Mazur, McDermott, Oravic, Redick, Stevens

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair declared the motions carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Stevens asked if anyone else wished to address the Board.

No one from Press or Public offered comment.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June Work Session: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

June Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

President Stevens then called for Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren seconded by Jacob Hyder: to adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:20PM.

ATTEST: Stacy Bleich, Secretary

Stacy Bleich
Hanover Area School Board