

**Hazleton Area Board of Education  
 Regular Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes  
 Hazleton Area School District  
 Public Meeting  
 Hazleton Area Career Center – Large Group Instruction Room  
 5:00 P.M., Thursday, October 23, 2025**

- A. Call to Order by Board President Shemansky at **5:14 P.M.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
- C. Attendance Roll Call

School Director	Present	Absent
Barletta	X	
Bonomo	X	
Chapman	X	
Childs	X	
DeCosmo		X
Kubitz	X	
McBride	X	
Shemansky	X	
Zeller	X	

Administrator	Present	Absent
Brian Uplinger	X	
Robert Krizansky	X	
Atty. Chris Slusser		X
Patrick Patte	X	
Danny Rodgers	X	
Anthony Lamanna	X	
Robert Mehalick	X	
Nicole Bednarek (The Slusser Law Firm)	X	

D. Announcement of Executive Sessions held as follows:

- **October 9, 2025 started at 4:04 P.M. and ended at 5:01 P.M.** – Regarding Property Acquisition & Personnel with the following Board members present: Joseph Barletta, Anthony Bonomo, James Chapman, Dr. Robert Childs, Linda DeCosmo, Ellen McBride, Edward Shemansky, Joseph Zeller, Jr., Robert Krizansky, Brian Uplinger, Daniel Rodgers, Anthony Lamanna, Robert Mehalick, Solicitor Christopher Slusser (via speaker phone) and Attorney Nicole Bednarek (Slusser Law Firm)
- **October 23, 2025 started at 4:00 P.M. and ended at 5:09 P.M.** – Regarding Property Acquisition & Personnel with the following Board members present: Joseph Barletta, Anthony Bonomo, James Chapman, Dr. Robert Childs, Jeff Kubitz, Ellen McBride, Edward Shemansky, Joseph Zeller, Jr., Robert Krizansky, Brian Uplinger, Patrick Patte, Daniel Rodgers, Anthony Lamanna, Robert Mehalick, Attorney Nicole Bednarek (Slusser Law Firm), Attorney Ray Wendolowski (Personnel Issue Only) (left at 4:20 PM), Wister Yuhas, Jr. (Personnel Issue Only) (left at 4:15 PM) and Daneil Gentile (Personnel Issue Only) (left at 4:15 PM)
- Superintendent Uplinger announced that agenda items #67, #80, #81, #109 (i,j,k,l) were removed from the agenda.

E. Public Comment Directed to the Board on Agenda Items Only:

- Carmella Yenkevich – commented on agenda items #1 & #69.
- Betsy Durso – commented on agenda item #106.
- Janet Korinchock – commented on agenda item #1.

F. Student Representative – Troy Gaydos presented his monthly report for October 2025.

- Our annual homecoming festivities were held last week and were a tremendous success. The parade participation was our best yet. The inaugural homecoming carnival brought together numerous clubs and organizations to provide a fun and enjoyable night for our students. The annual homecoming dance was our most attended to date, with nearly 1000 students filling the HAHS gym.
- This past weekend the HAHS Marching Band competed in the Tournament of Bands Region 2 Championships. The band placed 1<sup>st</sup> with a score of 85.5 for placement, visual, and music presentation. Senior Ciarra Bracero was selected to receive a TOB Region 2 Scholarship to support further education in music. The band will next compete on November 2 in the Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey.
- Hazleton Area High School would like to congratulate the over 125 seniors, who applied to Penn State at workshops held at the high school in the month of October. We would like to thank Penn State Hazleton Admissions Staff for assisting students with the application process.

**G. Approve Board Meeting Minutes: (APPROVED)**

- Regular Monthly School Board Meeting – September 25, 2025

**The following vote includes agenda item(s): G**

**Motion:** Bonomo

**Second:** McBride

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**H. Treasurer Report for September 2025 (APPROVED)**

**The following vote includes agenda item(s): H**

**Motion:** McBride

**Second:** Bonomo

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

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**Curriculum & Instruction / Career Center**

**Approve Items 1-11 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

1. Recommend Board approve the implementation of the Goblins pilot AI math tutor program for grades 6-10 at a cost of \$42,000.00 to be paid to Goblins, Aha Inc. from Title I, III, and IV funds. **(APPROVED)**
2. Recommend Board accept an anonymous donation of \$200.00 to Arthur Street Elementary School. The donation is to purchase Halloween costumes for students without one for the Halloween Parade. **(APPROVED)**
3. Recommend Board approve The Class of 2027 and the Athena Club to sponsor a dance celebrating the music and culture of all 21 Spanish speaking countries. This event titled “El Carnaval” will take place on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Maple Manor Gymnasium from 7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. All proceeds will benefit the Class of 2027 and an Athena Club Scholarship awarding excellence in the education of diverse women. The cost of tickets is \$5.00. **(APPROVED)**
4. Recommend Board approve Corrine Gerhart, HAHS Teacher, to complete 350 internship hours with Dr. Uplinger and Dr. Mehalick as part of obtaining her Superintendent Certification through Delaware Valley University. The practicum hours will be completed before/after teaching hours and during planning periods throughout the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**
5. Recommend Board approve the SADD club in partners with PENN DOT, Life Flight, local fire departments/ambulances and the Hazleton PSP to display a mock DUI collision site and mock judicial hearing program at the Hazleton Area High School on April 14, 2026. (rain date of 4/15/26) **(APPROVED)**
6. Recommend Board approve the HAHS SADD Club to host a Red Ribbon Week October 27-31, 2025. Participants would follow daily themes to dress down. **(APPROVED)**
7. Recommend Board approve the following students to complete required university and/or college course requirements within the HASD, pending clearance approval by HR: **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Addison Totin – Commonwealth University
  - b. Nicole Sphor – Commonwealth University
  - c. Kayla Oliver – Commonwealth University
  - d. Kelin Geary – Commonwealth University
  - e. Adam Nensteil – Commonwealth University
  - f. Brooke Charette – Bloomsburg University
  - g. Juliana Salvato – King’s College
  - h. Thomas Day – King’s College
  - i. Alicia Boyd – King’s College
  - j. Caleb Costas Cruz – King’s College
  - k. Elianys Delgado-Rosado – King’s College
  - l. Charenlyn Ramos – Lackawanna College
8. Recommend Board approve the WHEMS Cheerleader Boo Gram Fundraiser. Students pay \$1.00 to send a message to other students with candy attached. Candy grams will be delivered October 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
9. Recommend Board approve the purchase of one Manheim Auction vehicle (2014 Nissan Frontier) for the Automotive program at the Hazleton Area Career Center in the amount of \$5,662.00 to be paid for out of the Perkins grant. **(APPROVED)**
10. Recommend Board approve the Affiliation Agreement between Forest Hills Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center and the Hazleton Area Career Center Nurse Aide Career Program. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
11. Recommend Board approve the renewal of the Student Blanket Liability Protection Against Lawsuits Insurance Coverage for the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Nurse Aide, Health Careers & Dental Assisting programs effective January 1, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

**FYI**

- The Occupational Advisory Committee meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in the Career Center cafeteria.

- The Pre-NOCTI testing was held for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade eligible students on October 7-8, 2025.

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **1 – 11**

**Motion:** Bonomo

**Second:** Chapman

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Special Education, English Language Department (ELD), Federal Programs & Alternative Education**

**Approve Items 12-18 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

12. Recommend Board approve Jennifer Joseph and Corinne Gerhart to run a fundraiser from the Coffee Hut at Hazleton Area High School. They will be creating a cookbook with recipes submitted by district employees. It will be called "Cougars in the Kitchen". All profits will go to the Emotional Support students' end of the year field trip. **(APPROVED)**
13. Recommend Board approve the purchase of 50 iPads and cases for Special Education students in the amount of \$18,197.50 from the Apple Store for Education Institution. Pricing as per PEPPM Apple bid. Proposal # 2112303421. This is a budgeted item. **(APPROVED)**
14. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of 6.5 hr. Bilingual Paraprofessional. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Clarielis Soto Jimenez (New position & budgeted)
  - b. Rosario Caba (New position & budgeted)
  - c. Joimy Germosen (New position & budgeted)
15. Recommend Board approve Hope Schirmer, Newcomer Teacher, to conduct a research study at the Newcomer Center for Penn West University. **(APPROVED)**
16. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Care Options for Kids for the 2025-2026 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
17. Recommend Board approve the Too Good for Drugs Program to provide drug prevention and education programs to the students at the elementary, middle, and high schools for \$30,000.00, to be paid to Pathways to Recovery from Title IV 2025-2026 funds. **(APPROVED)**
18. Recommend Board approve the following teachers to provide after school tutoring at Freeland Elementary/Middle School, to be paid from 2025-2026 CSI funds, at the contracted rate of \$40 per hour as per HAEA Contract: **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Michael J. Fox
  - b. Sarah Higgs
  - c. Lisa Gasper
  - d. Lori Pursell
  - e. Kelly Greenish
  - f. Melissa Lomax-Pongrazzi

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **12 – 18**

**Motion:** Bonomo  
**Second:** McBride  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Security**

**Approve Items 19-21 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

- 19. Recommend Board approve the resignation of Luis Perez-Gonzalez as Crossing Guard effective September 30, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
- 20. Recommend Board appoint Moises Caba to the position of Crossing Guard at Samuels Avenue and Poplar Street effective October 6, 2025. This is a replacement position. **(APPROVED)**
- 21. Recommend Board appoint Heidy Luis to the position of Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Pending paperwork) (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **19 - 21**

**Motion:** Zeller  
**Second:** Bonomo  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Nutrition & Transportation**

**Approve Items 22-25 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

- 22. Recommend Board approve the cafeteria transfers-new hires as listed below. These are all open positions and rate is based on the HAESPA contract: **(APPROVED)**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>
a.	Mariely Gutierrez De Utate	HAHS	6.5	Transfer
b.	Ismenia De La Rosa Sandoval	HACC	5.0	New hire
c.	Michele Poproch	HTELC	5.0	New hire
d.	Rosalee Maldonado	HTEMS	4.5	New hire
e.	Elizabeth Acevedo	WHEMS	5.0	New hire

23. Recommend Board approve the Senior Citizens Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025 at Maple Manor Elementary/Middle School from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. **(APPROVED)**
24. Recommend Board approve contracted school bus & van drivers provided by Rohrer Bus Services for the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**
25. Recommend Board approve contracted van drivers provided by Krise Transportation Services for the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**

**FYI**

- All Driver and Route information is on file and available for review in the Transportation-Routing Department.

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **22 – 25**

**Motion:** Bonomo  
**Second:** Chapman  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Technology**

**Approve Items 26-27 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

26. Recommend Board approve the adoption of new policy no. 815.6 - Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Education. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
27. Recommend Board approve the subscription to MagicSchool Enterprise for the 2025-2026 school year. The vendor is Magic School Inc. and the cost is \$49,178.00. Funded through Title IV. **(APPROVED)**

**FYI**

- Homebound Student Report

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **26 - 27**

**Motion:** Bonomo  
**Second:** McBride  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

## Facilities & Capital Projects

### Approve Items 28-36 With One Motion (APPROVED)

28. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Stevan Dordevic, Full-time Custodian Floater, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on September 25, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
29. Recommend Board appoint Catalina Caba to the position of Full-time Custodian, MMEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
30. Recommend Board appoint Yohanny Vidal to the position of Full-time Custodian, HEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
31. Recommend Board appoint Domingo Abreu Gerez to the position of Full-time Custodian Floater. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
32. Recommend Board appoint Damaris Vargas to the position of Full-time Custodian Floater. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
33. Recommend Board appoint Gerald Gelgot to the position of Full-time Custodian, MKEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
34. Recommend Board approve the contract renewal with Action Lift for the period of October 28, 2025, to October 27, 2026, for inspections and maintenance of hydraulic lifts. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
35. Recommend Board approve a three-year agreement (11/1/2025-10/31/2028) with Unifirst for the supply of dry mops. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm)
36. Recommend Board approve the operating lease of four (4) new plow trucks from Enterprise Fleet Management. The first is a 2026 RAM 2500 4x4 regular cab 8ft box with a plow at a cost of \$912.43 for a 60-month term. The other three are a 2026 RAM 2500 4x4 regular cab 8ft box at a cost of \$728.13 for a 60-month term. These three trucks will replace a truck that has reached the end of its lease term. Monthly cost may be lower after trade in of previous lease. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **28 – 36**

**Motion:** McBride

**Second:** Bonomo

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

## Student Activities, Athletics and Extra-Curricular

### Approve Items 37-43 With One Motion (APPROVED)

37. Recommend Board approve the resignation of the following coaches: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Taylor Cannon – Head Coach Drums Girls Basketball
- b. Meghan McKinley Zukoski – Head Coach West Hazleton Cheerleading

38. Recommend Board appoint the following coaches: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Mia Nemeth – Varsity Softball Assistant Coach
- b. Shane Noonan – Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
- c. Patrick Sharkey – Head Coach Freshman Scarlet Boys Basketball
- d. Thomas Erbe – Assistant Coach Freshman Scarlet Boys Basketball
- e. Nathan DeBalko – Head Coach Freshman Silver Boys Basketball
- f. Brian Billig – Assistant Coach Freshman Silver Boys Basketball
- g. Michael Barletta – Interim Head Coach Freshman Girls Basketball (KUT003 on leave)
- h. Michael Bartholomew – Assistant Coach Freshman Girls Basketball
- i. David Shafer – Head Coach Jr. High Wrestling

39. Recommend Board appoint the following Jr. High Cheerleading Coaches: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Meredith O'Donnell – Head Coach Drums
- b. Cheyenne Payne – Assistant Coach Drums
- c. Cali Solarek – Head Coach Freeland
- d. Joleen Oressie – Assistant Coach Freeland
- e. Michele Planutis – Head Coach Hazleton
- f. Lisa Clement – Assistant Coach Hazleton
- g. Brittany Capparell – Head Coach Heights-Terrace
- h. Tracy Ference – Assistant Coach Heights-Terrace
- i. Leighann Feola – Head Coach Maple Manor
- j. Mary Jo Zola – Assistant Coach Maple Manor
- k. Martika Paulshock – Head Coach McAdoo-Kelayres
- l. Sarah Williams – Assistant Coach McAdoo-Kelayres
- m. Laura Barletta – Head Coach Valley
- n. Lindsey Wagner – Assistant Coach Valley
- o. Rebecca Porpiglia – Head Coach West Hazleton
- p. Kristyn Stanek – Assistant Coach West Hazleton

40. Recommend Board appoint the following Jr. High Boys Basketball Coaches: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Scot Burkhardt – Head Coach Drums
- b. Jonathan Veet – Head Coach Freeland
- c. Da'mir Faison – Head Coach Hazleton
- d. Gregory Cechak – Assistant Coach Hazleton
- e. Brian Cusatis – Head Coach Heights-Terrace
- f. Joseph Homanko Jr. – Assistant Coach Heights-Terrace
- g. Wister Yuhas III – Head Coach Maple Manor
- h. Matthew Gentile – Assistant Coach Maple Manor
- i. Alexander Lennartz – Head Coach McAdoo-Kelayres
- j. Eric Swiech – Assistant Coach McAdoo-Kelayres
- k. Zachery Capparell – Head Coach Valley
- l. Engels Caba – Head Coach West Hazleton

41. Recommend Board appoint the following Jr. High Girls Basketball Coaches: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Samantha Falencki – Head Coach Drums
- b. Ryan Wilner – Head Coach Hazleton
- c. Crystal Wilner – Assistant Coach Hazleton
- d. Matthew Michelin – Head Coach Heights-Terrace
- e. Brian Harry – Assistant Coach Heights-Terrace
- f. Robert Kotansky – Head Coach Maple Manor
- g. Amy Roslevege – Head Coach McAdoo-Kelayres
- h. Deanna Shimko – Head Coach Valley
- i. Sean Malone – Assistant Coach Valley
- j. Haley Fisher – Head Coach West Hazleton

- k. Luz Mejia – Assistant Coach West Hazleton
- l. Brian Sones – Head Coach Freeland
- m. Jarred Maylath – Assistant Coach Freeland

- 42. Recommend Board approve payment to Riddell Corp. for football equipment reconditioning in the amount of \$13,391.79. Pricing as per COSTARS #014-091. **(APPROVED)**
- 43. Recommend Board approve the salary scale for District II Officials agreement for the period 2025-2026 to 2028-2029. **(APPROVED)**

**The following vote includes agenda item(s): 37 - 43**

**Motion:** Zeller  
**Second:** Bonomo  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Finance**

**Approve Items 44-70 With One Motion (APPROVED) – AGENDA ITEM #67 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

- 44. Recommend Board approve the Surplus List. **(APPROVED)**
- 45. Recommend Board approve the Property Tax Refunds. **(APPROVED)**
- 46. Recommend Board approve the following donation: **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Amazon AVP 1 – supplies to the High School Math Department
- 47. Recommend Board approve the draw schedule for the following list of projects. The School Board has determined to undertake capital improvements to the School District’s buildings and facilities, consisting of energy performance upgrades (including HVAC, electrical, and lighting improvements) as well as additional non-energy improvements, which may include, but are not limited to, the repair and installation of walkways and driveways, roof repair or replacement, fire system upgrades, and the payment of costs associated with issuing the Bonds (collectively, the “Capital Projects”). **(APPROVED)**
- 48. Recommend Board approve the following list of projects for GESA/ESCO 2023 – Phase 4 with an estimated total of \$10,000.000 with ICS/Provident. **(APPROVED)**

Facility	GESA Phase 4 Scope of Work											
	Chiller Installation	New Chilled Water Piping	New Corridor Ceilings	Add Cooling to Classrooms	DOAS Installation	Chilled Water Pump Installations	Building Addition / MEP	Building Addition Fire Alarm Upgrade	Building Addition Burglary System	Chiller Replacement - New Admin RTU	Air Handler Replacement	Card Access Upgrades
Arthur Street Elementary School												
Drums Elementary / Middle School											X	
Freeland Elementary/Middle School	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hazleton Area Career Center												
Hazleton Area High School												
Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences												
Hazleton Elementary / Middle School												X
Heights-Terrace Elementary/Middle School									X			
Hazle Township Early Learning Center												
Maple Manor Elementary / Middle School												
McAdoo Kelayres Elementary / Middle School												
Valley Elementary / Middle School												
West Hazleton Elementary / Middle School												
Academy of Early Learning / Warehouse												X
Academy of Arts & Humanities												X

- 49. Recommend Board adopt a 2025 Parameters Bond Resolution as presented authorizing general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$12,000,000.00 to undertake Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. **(APPROVED)**
- 50. Recommend Board approve the proposal from Benesch for Professional Engineering Services for the Harman-Geist Stadium Press Box Renovation in the amount of \$9,500.00. **(APPROVED)**
- 51. Recommend Board adopt a Resolution of the HASD Board to Sign the Conflict Waiver for the Slusser Law Firm to work on the School District Expansion Project. **(APPROVED)**
- 52. Recommend Board approve the Conflict Waiver for Slusser Law Firm. **(APPROVED)**
- 53. Recommend Board approve the service agreement for the LMO II Folder / Sealer, serial no. 1076/ Model No. LMQ II in the Business Office from 11/1/2025 to 10/31/2026 in the amount of \$570.00 with PHE Plus, Inc. **(APPROVED)**
- 54. Recommend Board approve proposal No. 3914342 from Robert M. Sides Family Music Centers in the amount of \$70,512.00 for Music Supplies, Instruments & Equipment as per COSTARS Contract No. #034-E22-171. **(APPROVED)**
- 55. Recommend Board approve the Hazleton Area School District to remit the school property taxes received on the following (2) properties to the Hazleton City Land Bank for the following amount of years specified below beginning with the 2025 – 2026 tax year. **(APPROVED)**
  - a. 71-T8SW42-001-008-000 (328 E. Broad Street) – 1-year
  - b. 71-T8SW42-007-11A-000 (97-99 S. Church Street) – 3-year
- 56. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of BTM Studio Cohorts (Phase 1) from E.F. International Advisors, LLC. **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.2271.650.000.00.120.000	\$182,996.75	
10.1100.645.000.10.120.000		\$145,548.55
10.1100.645.000.10.200.000		\$ 37,448.20

- 57. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer from the Teacher Conference budget into the Administrative Conference budget due to not having enough money initially budgeted. **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.2380.581.000.10.800.000	\$3,000.00	
10.1100.581.000.10.800.000		\$3,000.00

58. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of a metal detector for Charis Academy (formerly ICS) to be paid from Title IV-BSCA Grant: **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.2660.611.431.10.330.406	\$ 337.56	
10.1500.611.431.10.330.406		\$ 337.56

59. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer to correct the original budget. **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.2271.513.114.00.120.850	\$175,000.00	
10.1241.513.114.00.120.850		\$175,000.00

60. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for services from Catapult Learning, LLC to provide intervention services for Immanuel Christian School (Charis Academy) to be paid partially with 2025-26 Title II funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.1500.329.421.10.330.000	\$277.00	
10.1190.121.421.10.240.000		\$277.00

61. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer to the correct accounts for professional development to be paid with 2025-26 Title IV funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.2271.360.431.00.120.000	\$8,500.00	
10.1190.650.431.10.260.000		\$8,500.00

62. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of four AED machines for Charis Academy (formerly ICS) to be paid from Title IV-BSCA Grant: **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.2835.611.431.10.330.406	\$6,999.80	
10.1500.611.431.10.330.406		\$6,999.80

63. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for books for Speak with Me classes to be paid with 2025-26 Title III-Immigrant funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.3300.646.471.00.120.154	\$4,384.13	
10.1190.646.471.00.120.154		\$4,384.13

64. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer to reclassify budgeted money to proper accounts for the 2025-26 CSI grant: **(APPROVED)**

	<b><u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u></b>
10.1190.650.419.10.210.000	\$91,692.74	
10.1190.611.419.10.210.000	\$15,000.00	
10.1190.650.419.10.250.000	\$50,000.00	
10.1190.121.419.10.250.000		\$ 41,487.00
10.3300.191.419.10.210.000		\$ 34,480.39
10.3300.191.419.10.250.000		\$ 19,448.00
10.3300.191.419.30.210.000		\$ 11,493.46
10.3300.196.419.30.210.000		\$ 1,000.00
10.3300.213.419.10.210.000		\$ 45.75
10.3300.213.419.10.250.000		\$ 61.00
10.3300.213.419.30.210.000		\$ 15.25
10.3300.220.419.10.210.000		\$ 2,637.75
10.3300.220.419.10.250.000		\$ 1,487.77
10.3300.220.419.30.210.000		\$ 955.75

10.3300.230.419.10.210.000	\$ 11,723.33
10.3300.230.419.10.250.000	\$ 6,612.32
10.3300.230.419.30.210.000	\$ 4,247.78
10.3300.250.419.10.210.000	\$ 300.00
10.3300.250.419.10.250.000	\$ 200.00
10.3300.250.419.30.210.000	\$ 300.00
10.3300.260.419.10.210.000	\$ 293.08
10.3300.260.419.10.250.000	\$ 165.31
10.3300.260.419.30.210.000	\$ 106.19
10.3300.271.419.10.210.000	\$ 7,063.88
10.3300.271.419.10.250.000	\$ 9,418.50
10.3300.271.419.30.210.000	\$ 2,354.63
10.3300.272.419.10.210.000	\$ 252.72
10.3300.272.419.10.250.000	\$ 336.96
10.3300.272.419.30.210.000	\$ 84.24
10.3300.275.419.10.210.000	\$ 45.63
10.3300.275.419.10.250.000	\$ 60.84
10.3300.275.419.30.210.000	\$ 15.21

65. Recommend Board approve the following Repository Sale: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Parcel No. 19-13-387 in North Union Township, Schuylkill County. Current Owner is JL Technology Inc. Bidder is Kelly R. Sheluga. Purchase price is \$1,200.00.

66. Recommend Board approved the following *revised* proposals from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.: (These agreements will replace the agreements that were Board approved on 12/19/2024 & 8/28/2025) **(APPROVED)**

- a) HASD Indoor Athletic Facility – **\$289,300.00**
  - a. Civil Engineering Services \$ 38,500.00
  - b. Civil Engineering Bid/Construction Phase Services \$ 64,000.00
  - c. Confirmatory Stormwater Infiltration Testing \$ 3,300.00
  - d. As-Built Survey \$ 27,000.00
  - e. Project Bidding/Procurement \$ 6,500.00
  - f. Construction Management Services \$ 150,000.00
- b) HASD Tennis Courts – **\$44,800.00**
  - a. Civil Engineering Design \$ 14,500.00
  - b. Sewage Planning Modules \$ 800.00
  - c. Clean Fill Certification (If requested) \$ 500.00/each
  - d. Civil Engineering Bid/Construction Phase Services \$ 21,500.00
  - e. Geotechnical Engineering Observation \$ 4,500.00
  - f. As-Built Survey \$ 3,000.00
- c) HASD Campus Access Road – **\$178,000.00**
  - a. Preliminary Infiltration Evaluation and Supplemental Geotechnical Investigation \$ 11,500.00
  - b. Botanical Survey \$ 1,000.00
  - c. Hydraulic and Hydrologic Study \$ 9,000.00
  - d. Joint Permit for Water Obstruction and Encroachment \$ 14,000.00
  - e. Wetland Mitigation Design \$ 6,000.00
  - f. Exceptional Value (EV) Wetland Antidegradation Analysis \$ 9,000.00
  - g. Civil Engineering Design \$ 76,500.00
  - h. Civil Engineering Bid/Construction Phase Services \$ 34,000.00
  - i. As-Built Survey \$ 17,000.00
- d) New Campus Elementary School – **\$471,900.00**
  - a. Preliminary Infiltration Evaluation and Supplemental Geotechnical Investigation \$ 15,100.00
  - b. Final Geotechnical Engineering Report \$ 8,000.00
  - c. Topographic Survey – West 23rd Street Parcel \$ 3,000.00
  - d. Transportation Impact Study \$ 22,000.00

- e. Exceptional Value (EV) Wetland Antidegradation Analysis \$ 5,000.00
- f. Civil Engineering Design \$ 275,000.00
- g. Sewage Facilities Planning Module \$ 8,000.00
- h. Civil Engineering Bid/Construction Phase Services \$ 110,000.00
- i. Confirmatory Stormwater Infiltration Testing (If required) \$ 3,300.00
- j. As-Built Survey \$ 22,000.00
- k. Clean Fill Certification – Topsoil Stockpile (If requested) \$ 500.00

- 67. Recommend Board approve the premium equivalent healthcare rates for 2026. (To be reviewed and approved by the Slusser Law Firm) **(ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**
- 68. Recommend Board accept the donation from ETA Insurance Group in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a new Field Hockey scoreboard at the 23<sup>rd</sup> & Lincoln Streets location. **(APPROVED)**
- 69. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer from the 2024-2025 Budget to fund future building / property acquisitions. **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.5230.939.000.00.120.000	\$12,000,000.00	
10.(various accounts)		(\$12,000,000.00)
(Accounts provided on separate handout)		

- 70. Recommend Board approve the release and transfer of \$12,000,000.00 of Committed Fund Balance, to fund future building / property acquisitions as of June 30, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **44 – 70 (EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEM #67)**

**Motion:** Chapman  
**Second:** Bonomo  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
<b>Barletta</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Bonomo</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Chapman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Childs</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X (#55)</b>		
<b>DeCosmo</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Kubitz</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>McBride</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Shemansky</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X (#55)</b>	
<b>Zeller</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X (#55 &amp; #65)</b>	

- 71. Bills: **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Law Offices of Angela J. Evans
    - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3867 – \$882.00
  - b. KCBA Architects
    - Professional Services – Project No. 0269202 – High School Concessions Renovation – Invoice No. 49425- \$8,586.66 (General Fund)
    - Professional Services – Project No. 0269205 – New Elementary School – Invoice No. 49426 – \$165,485.83 (General Fund)
    - Professional Services – Freeland E/M School Addition/Renovation – Project No. 0269204 – Invoice No. 49435 – \$21,386.17 (General Fund)
  - c. Barry Isett & Associates
    - Professional Services – HASD Campus Access Road – Invoice No. 0204660 – \$12,839.25 (Fund 93)
    - Professional Services – HASD Indoor Athletic Facility – Invoice No. 0204656 - \$6,731.02 (General Fund)
    - Professional Services – HASD New Campus Elementary School – Invoice No. 0204663 – \$20,569.70 (General Fund)

- Professional Services – HASD Tennis Courts – Invoice No. 0204658 – \$4,586.07 (General Fund)
- d. ICS Consulting, LLC
  - HASD GESA Phase 3 – Project No. S25007 – Pay App No. 007 – \$605,551.90 (Fund 90)
  - HASD GESA Phase 3 – Project No. S25007 – Pay App No. 008 – \$191,574.00 (Fund 90)
  - HASD GESA Phase 3a – Project No. S25031 – Pay App. No. 003 – \$84,262.41 (Fund 90)
  - HASD GESA Phase 3a – Project No. S25031 – Pay App. No. 004 – \$179,984.25 (Fund 90)
  - HASD GESA Phase 3b – Project No. S25047 – Pay App. No. 003 – \$289,752.89 (Fund 51)
  - HASD GESA Phase 3b – Project No. S25047 – Pay App. No. 004 – \$35,569.26 (Fund 51)
- e. General Fund (2024-2025)
  - Athletics – \$7,907.85
  - Cafeteria – \$45,650.00
  - Weekly – \$196,314.74
  - Monthly – \$541,575.75
- General Fund (2025-2026)
  - Activities – \$26,596.08
  - Athletics – \$49,635.49
  - Cafeteria – \$119,632.16
  - Tax Refunds – \$1,302.71
  - Weekly – \$2,198,791.97
  - Monthly – \$2,107,335.88

**FYI**

- Treasurer Report (2025-2026)
- Investment Report
- Student Activities
- Rental Requests
- Outstanding Rental Balances

**Budget Reports (2025-2026)**

- a. Revenue Report
- b. Expenditure Report
- c. Expense Report by Object

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **71**

**Motion:** Bonomo  
**Second:** Shemansky  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Superintendent of Schools**

**Approve Items 72-76 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

- 72. Recommend Board approve the attached conference request list. **(APPROVED)**
- 73. Recommend Board approve the attached school functions request list. **(APPROVED)**
- 74. Recommend Board approve the attached substitute list. **(APPROVED)**
- 75. Recommend Board approve the HA Lifesavers to organize a dress-down fundraiser for Men's Health Awareness Day. The dress-down day would be held on November 19, 2025. Participants would donate \$5.00 to wear blue. The proceeds would be donated to the Movember Foundation. **(APPROVED)**
- 76. Recommend Board approve the contract between HASD and International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America (SPFPA) and its Amalgamated Local 506 for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030. (Pending approval by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **72 – 76**

**Motion:** Chapman  
**Second:** McBride  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Approve Items 77-92 With One Motion (APPROVED) – EXCEPT AGENDA ITEMS #80 & #81 WERE REMOVED**

- 77. Recommend Board approve the renewal of the following Temporary License Agreements with the Laurel Mall Tenant, LLC (Lexington Realty International) for the term of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm): **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Rental Unit # 35 & 35A
  - b. Southside Storage Room
  - c. Pylon Sign
- 78. Recommend Board approve the Born to Shine Assemblies with Mike Sullivan held on September 29 & 30, 2025 at Valley Elementary/Middle School, Drums Elementary/Middle School, West Hazleton Elementary/Middle School, and Arthur Street Elementary School. The cost of the assemblies is \$17,500.00 and will be paid through Time Study-ACCESS Funds. **(APPROVED)**
- 79. Recommend Board approve the JROTC Program to host the US Army Parachute Virtual Trainer on November 6, 2025. The Parachute Virtual Trainer is a 50 ft. trailer that simulates airborne operations, and parachute jumps as well as other virtual training scenarios. **(APPROVED)**
- 80. Recommend Board approve to suspend policy no. 302 - Central Office Academic Administrators Hiring & accept the resignation of Dr. Brian T. Uplinger, Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately. **(ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**
- 81. Recommend Board appoint Dr. Brian T. Uplinger as Superintendent of Schools effective immediately for a five (5) year term through June 30, 2030. **(ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**
- 82. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee ROD024 effective September 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

83. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee MON011 effective September 30, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
84. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee ROD029 effective October 17, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
85. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee REH002 effective October 30, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
86. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee MAL016 effective October 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
87. Recommend Board approve the retirement of employee DUR002 effective October 15, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
88. Recommend Board approve the retirement of employee OBR002 effective October 24, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
89. Recommend Board approve a leave for FAY003, HAEA, effective October 14, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick time. **(APPROVED)**
90. Recommend Board approve a leave for BEA005, ESPA, effective October 9, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick, personal and dock time. **(APPROVED)**
91. Recommend Board approve a leave for GOU006, ESPA, effective September 19, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick time. **(APPROVED)**
92. Recommend Board approve a leave for NEN002, ESPA, effective October 8, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick, personal and dock time. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **77 – 92 (EXCLUDING #80 & #81)**

**Motion:** Bonomo  
**Second:** Chapman  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Approve Items 93-108 With One Motion (APPROVED)**

93. Recommend Board approve a leave for DUD008, HAEA, effective September 25, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act. **(APPROVED)**
94. Recommend Board approve a leave for HAM002, ESPA, effective November 12, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick time. **(APPROVED)**
95. Recommend Board approve a leave for MCM004, HAEA, effective December 15, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick time. **(APPROVED)**
96. Recommend Board approve a leave for GEN001, TEAM, effective October 8, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick time. **(APPROVED)**
97. Recommend Board approve a leave for DEA005, HAEA, effective August 9, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (intermittent). **(APPROVED)**

98. Recommend Board approve a leave for NEM004, HAEA, effective December 12, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act. **(APPROVED)**
99. Recommend Board approve a leave for SAL005, HAEA, effective September 19, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick time. **(APPROVED)**
100. Recommend Board approve a leave for MAR065, HAEA, effective August 13, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (intermittent). **(APPROVED)**
101. Recommend Board approve a leave for NOV006, HAEA, effective October 9, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act. **(APPROVED)**
102. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Mary Yanuzzi, Paraprofessional, approved at the Special School Board Meeting held on August 5, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
103. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Jendha Jimenez, Pre-K Paraprofessional, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on September 25, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
104. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Lisandra Arroyo, Pre-K Paraprofessional, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on September 25, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
105. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Ashley Peralta, Part-time General Secretary, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on September 25, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
106. Recommend Board appoint Helen Rettger to the position of Band Director for Hazleton Area School District for 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA Agreement. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
107. Recommend Board appoint Patrick Rettger to the position of Music Teacher for Hazleton Area School District for 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA Agreement. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
108. Recommend Board appoint Ashley Brennan to the position of Special Education Teacher for Hazleton Area School District for 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA Agreement. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **93 – 108**

**Motion:** McBride

**Second:** Bonomo

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**Approve Items 109-111 With One Motion (APPROVED) - EXCEPT AGENDA ITEMS #109 i-1 WERE REMOVED**

109. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of 6.5 hr. Paraprofessional. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
  - a. Isairis Altagracia Perez
  - b. Patsy Brito
  - c. Adrienne Maloney

- d. Aisha Odeh
- e. Shital Samip Bodiwala
- f. Melvelin Santana
- g. Lori Sass
- h. Madelyn Wolk
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- k. \_\_\_\_\_ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- l. \_\_\_\_\_ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

110. Recommend Board appoint Valkiry Wagner to the position of 5.5 hr. Pre-K Paraprofessional, HAA. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
111. Recommend Board approve the following tenure list: **(APPROVED)**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
a.	Kerrin Metallo	Special Education PK-12; English as Second Language (ESL) PK-12	HEMS	September 1, 2025
b.	Alexis Platek	Speech & Language Impaired PK-12	HAA	October 27, 2025
c.	Rebecca Samec	Grades PK-4	HTELC	October 27, 2025

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **109 – 111 (EXCLUDING #109 i-l)**

**Motion:** Chapman  
**Second:** McBride  
**Vote:** Voice

<u>School Director</u>	<u>“Yes” Votes</u>	<u>“No” Votes</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM**

- Janet Korinchock – commented on what the HASD rankings are nationally, the importance of family consumer science classes, age appropriate books, parents ability to opt kids out of certain lessons, transitioning, cursive writing and cell phone restrictions.

**Motion to Adjourn (APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **Adjournment (5:51 PM)**

**Motion:** McBride  
**Second:** Barletta  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
DeCosmo				X
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X			
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

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