

**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, August 6, 2026**

- A. Call to Order by Board President McBride at **5:01 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	
McBride	X	
O'Donnell	X	
Shemansky	X	
Yenkevich	X	
Yuhas, Jr.	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	

- D. Announcement of Executive Sessions held as follows:

- **August 6, 2026 started at 4:02 P.M. and ended at 4:55 P.M.** – Regarding Contract Negotiations, Litigation, Tax Appeals, Personnel with the following Board members present: Joseph Barletta, Anthony Bonomo, James Chapman, Robert Childs, M.D. (arrived at 4:05 P.M.), Ellen McBride, Jared O'Donnell, Edward Shemansky, Carmella Yenkevich, Wister Yuhas, Jr., Robert Krizansky, Brian Uplinger, Patrick Patte, Daniel Rodgers, Anthony Lamanna, Robert Mehalick, and Solicitor Christopher Slusser (arrived at 4:06 P.M.)

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

- Rick Morelli – commented on agenda item #77.

- F. Approve Board Meeting Minutes: **(APPROVED)**

- Regular Monthly School Board Meeting – June 25, 2026

The following vote includes agenda item(s): F

Motion: Bonomo

Second: Chapman

Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

G. Treasurer Report for June 2026 (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): G

Motion: Bonomo

Second: Chapman

Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

- Superintendent Uplinger announced that agenda item #111 was removed from the agenda.

Curriculum & Instruction / Career Center

Approve Items 1-28 With One Motion (APPROVED)

1. Recommend Board approve the Class of 2028 to hold their Junior Semi at Capriotti's on Saturday, April 3, 2027. (APPROVED)
2. Recommend Board approve The Class of 2027 to hold the annual Senior Sunrise on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at the track next to the HTELC building (rain date will be Thursday, September 3, 2026.) The students will gather at the track at approximately 6:15 A.M. to watch the sunrise to kick off their senior year. The event will last from 6:15 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. (APPROVED)
3. Recommend Board approve The Class of 2030 to host the annual Santa Luncheon on Sunday, December 6, 2026 from 11:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. in the HAHS Library and Cafeteria. (APPROVED)
4. Recommend Board approve the purchase of student desks for Heights-Terrace Elementary/Middle School from Lee Distributors at a total cost of \$34,193.50. Pricing as per COSTARS # 035-E23-198. (APPROVED)
5. Recommend Board approve the purchase of furniture for Drums Elementary/Middle School from Lee Distributors at a total cost of \$13,644.20. Pricing as per COSTARS # 035-E23-198. (APPROVED)
6. Recommend Board approve each school in the district to purchase cell phone lockers to house student cell phones during school hours from Amazon at a total cost of \$25,213.78. Pricing as per U.S. Communities Contract # R-TC-17006. (APPROVED)
7. Recommend Board approve the continued district participation in the Lion's KidSight USA

program for the 2026-2027 school year. The program is a nation-wide program assisting school nurses in providing students with eye screenings and follow-up eye care when needed. There is no cost to the district. **(APPROVED)**

8. Recommend Board approve the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Data Sharing Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Luzerne County Community College for the participation in the SHINE program. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
9. Recommend Board approve the Student Affiliation Agreement between Temple University and the Hazleton Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
10. Recommend Board approve the Internship Agreement between Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and the Hazleton Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
11. Recommend Board approve the School District Affiliation Agreement between Slippery Rock University and the Hazleton Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
12. Recommend Board approve Judy Ann Hislop to assist with the district dental program. The hours for the program will not exceed 85 hours at a rate of \$42.00/hour. Judy is a certified school dental hygienist who retired from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. **(APPROVED)**
13. Recommend Board approve the Master Training Site Agreement between Jefferson Health Corporation and the Hazleton Area Career Center for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
14. Recommend Board approve the Cosmetology Articulation Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Lackawanna College for the 2026-2027 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
15. Recommend Board approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and The Manor at St. Luke Village. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
16. Recommend Board approve students from the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program to complete an observation in the special needs classroom(s) during the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
17. Recommend Board approve students from the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program to complete an observation in the Early Intervention classroom(s) during the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
18. Recommend Board approve students from the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program to complete an observation in the Hazleton Area School District School Nurse department during the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
19. Recommend Board approve the Affiliation Agreements between the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program and the following: (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
 - a. Maylath Valley Health Hospice
 - b. Mountain City Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center
 - c. Fritzingertown Senior Living Community
 - d. Fresenius Dialysis
 - e. Luzerne County Headstart
20. Recommend Board approve the Affiliation Agreements between the Hazleton Area Career Center Nurse Aide/Health Assistant Program and the following: (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
 - a. Forest Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
 - b. Fritzingertown Senior Living Community

c. The Laurels Senior Living Community

21. Recommend Board approve the purchase of classroom furniture for 3 academic rooms at the Hazleton Area Career Center from Lee Distributors. The cost of the furniture is \$69,062.73. Pricing as per TIPS contract # 230301. **(APPROVED)**
22. Recommend Board approve the purchase of the classroom set of 12 Ohm's Law Trainers for Industrial Maintenance from Allegheny Educational Systems. The cost of the trainers is \$43,894.44 and will be paid out of the Perkins Grant. Pricing as per PEPPM contract. **(APPROVED)**
23. Recommend Board approve the purchase of an Ohm's Law & DC Circuits Trainer and storage cabinet for the 12 trainers for Industrial Maintenance from Allegheny Educational Systems. The cost of the trainers and cabinet is \$24,696.20 and will be paid out of the Perkins Grant. Pricing as per PEPPM contract. **(APPROVED)**
24. Recommend Board approve the purchase of MACH 1 combo kit for Welding Technology from Cristiano Welding Supply. The cost of the kit is \$22,582.23 and will be paid out of the Perkins Grant. Pricing per COSTARS # 0000557058. **(APPROVED)**
25. Recommend Board approve the purchase of a welding tool set for Automotive Technology from Snap-On. The cost of the welding set is \$14,440.87 and will be paid for out of the Perkins Grant. Pricing per COSTARS # 008-E22-871. **(APPROVED)**
26. Recommend Board approve the purchase of tools for Electrical Technology and Industrial Maintenance at the Hazleton Area Career Center from Cooper Electric. The cost of the tools is \$10,574.20 and will be paid out of the Perkins Grant. **(APPROVED)**
27. Recommend Board approve the purchase of packing tables & workbench from Uline for Electrical Technology at the Hazleton Area Career Center. The cost of the supplies is \$12,254.88 and will be paid out of the Perkins Grant. **(APPROVED)**
28. Recommend Board approve the purchase of licenses from iCEV Multimedia, LLC for the Health Careers Program and Nursing Assistant Program. The cost of the licenses is \$10,574.00 and will be paid for out of the Perkins Grant. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **1 – 28**

Motion: Bonomo

Second: McBride

Vote: Voice

School Director	"Yes" Votes	"No" Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

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

Approve Items 29-49 With One Motion (APPROVED)

29. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. to provide a nurse for student aide care from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a rate of \$58.00/hour. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**

30. Recommend Board approve the blanket purchase order for Weis Markets to purchase tangible reinforcers for special needs classes for the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
31. Recommend Board approve Alexis Henschenski to work the Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) retroactive to June 23, 2026. Proper clearances are on file as per HASD policy. Funding through LIU 18 for the 2025-2026 ESY Program. **(APPROVED)**
32. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Programs of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2026-2027 school year. (Pending approval by The Slusser Law Firm) (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
33. Recommend Board approve the contract agreements between the Hazleton Area School District and Modern Therapeutics to provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
34. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Interim Health Care to provide a PCA for the 2026-2027 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
35. Recommend Board approve the agreement between Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit and the Hazleton Area School District to provide educational services for students placed within the CSIU region effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
36. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Flashlight Learning for K–8 ELD students in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be paid out of Freeland CSI funds. **(APPROVED)**
37. Recommend Board approve the 2026-2027 Agreement between Hazleton Area School District and United Children’s Home, Inc. to provide intervention services for students neglected, delinquent or at risk. The cost for services is \$26,169.00 to be paid from the required N&D set-aside in Title I, Part A funds. **(APPROVED)**
38. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Flocabulary for 3rd-12th grade students in the amount of \$48,945.40 to be paid to Renaissance from the 2025-2026 CSI and Ready to Learn Grant. **(APPROVED)**
39. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Clear Touch panels and stands in the amount of \$16,600.00 to be paid to Edcate-me.net from Title I funds. Pricing as per PEPPM Contract # 548362-059. **(APPROVED)**
40. Recommend Board approve the amended 2025-2026 agreement between Hazleton Area School District and Catapult Learning, LLC due to federal funding adjustments, paid from the required nonpublic Title I, Part A funds, as follows: Saint Jerome Regional School is amended to \$27,888.00 and Charis Academy is amended to \$56,972.00. **(APPROVED)**
41. Recommend Board approve the 2026-2027 agreement between Hazleton Area School District and Catapult Learning, LLC to provide intervention services for students at Saint Jerome Regional School in the amount of \$26,146.98 from the required nonpublic Title I, Part A funds. (Three quotes obtained) (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
42. Recommend Board approve Brandon McCall, Teen Truth motivational speaker, to hold three assemblies for high school students in the amount of \$5,700.00 to be paid from 2026-2027 Title IV funds. **(APPROVED)**
43. Recommend Board approve the purchase of decodable readers for K-2 students in the amount \$552,240.00 in correlation with the UFLI program to be paid to LAPREA Education from the 2025-2026 Ready to Learn Grant. (Sole Source) (To be reviewed and approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
44. Recommend Board approve the purchase of interactive word building kits and decodable readers to accompany the UFLI program in the amount of \$111,080.00 to be paid to LAPREA Education from Title I 2025-2026 funds. (Sole Source) (To be reviewed and approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**

- 45. Recommend Board approve the purchase of additional decodable readers in the amount of \$9,450.00 to be paid to LAPREA Education from Title I 2025-2026 funds. **(APPROVED)**
- 46. Recommend Board approve the purchase of supplemental materials, SORing into sounds magnets, for K-2 students in the amount of \$107,400.00 to be paid to LAPREA Education from the 2025-2026 Ready to Learn Grant. **(APPROVED)**
- 47. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Leveled Literacy Intervention Systems in the amount of \$166,851.73 to be paid to Heinemann from the 2025-2026 Ready to Learn Grant. **(APPROVED)**
- 48. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Imagine Sonday System, a structured intervention literacy program in the amount of \$56,102.00 to be paid to Imagine Learning from the 2025-2026 Ready to Learn Grant. **(APPROVED)**
- 49. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Career Labs for middle school students in the amount of \$614,600.00 to be paid to Paxton/Patterson Learning Systems from the 2025-2026 Ready to Learn Grant. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **29 - 49**

Motion: Yuhas, Jr.
Second: Shemansky
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Security

Approve Items 50-59 With One Motion (APPROVED)

- 50. Recommend Board approve the purchase of 81 portable radios from Industrial Electronics valued at \$310.66 each for a total of \$25,163.46. These radios have been requested by principals and maintenance and are being paid for through each building's individual budget and not security. All district two way radios are ordered through the Security Department to ensure that they are all consistent in make, model and programming. They are budgeted. Pricing as per COSTARS contract # 012-E22-256. **(APPROVED)**
- 51. Recommend Board appoint Louis Rossi to the position of School Police Officer. Salary and benefits as per H.A.S.D. Police Officer's Employee Group. This is a budgeted position. (Pending paperwork) **(APPROVED)**
- 52. Recommend Board appoint Robert Zientek to the position of School Police Officer. Salary and benefits as per H.A.S.D. Police Officer's Employee Group. This is a budgeted position. (Pending paperwork) **(APPROVED)**
- 53. Recommend Board appoint Mark Sosna to the position of Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per rate per SPFPA contract. (Pending paperwork) (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
- 54. Recommend Board appoint Angel Mateo to the position of Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per rate per SPFPA contract. (Pending paperwork) (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
- 55. Recommend Board appoint Witnny Peralta to the position of Seasonal Security Officer. Salary

and benefits as per rate per SPFPA contract. (Pending paperwork) (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**

56. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Ezequiel Mayi Hernandez, Seasonal Security Officer, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on March 26, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
57. Recommend Board approve current Part-time SPO Gerald Palermo move to a Seasonal SPO effective September 14, 2026. This is budgeted. **(APPROVED)**
58. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Crossing Guard as part of an MOU with Freeland Borough: **(APPROVED)**
- a. Kyle Adomshick - Front St/Birkbeck St
 - b. Tom Blanyar - Entrance to school
 - c. Louise Blanyar - Birkbeck St/Alvin St
 - d. Colleen Krone (Alternate)
59. Recommend Board appoint Barbara Piccola to the position of Cafeteria Monitor. Salary & benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Pending paperwork) (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **50 – 59**

Motion: Chapman
Second: Yuhas, Jr.
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Nutrition & Transportation

60. 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.	Renee Trela	HTEMS	4.5	New hire
b.	Rebecca Coombs	FEMS	6.5	Transfer
c.	Barbara Boris	MKEMS	8.0	Transfer

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **60**

Motion: Chapman
Second: Shemansky
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Facilities & Capital Projects

Approve Items 61-73 With One Motion (APPROVED)

61. Recommend Board appoint Joshua Farley to the position of Full-time Custodian, HAAHA. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
62. Recommend Board appoint Stephanie Genery to the position of Full-time Custodian, VEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
63. Recommend Board appoint Kevin Hearne to the position of Full-time Custodian, HTEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
64. Recommend Board appoint Christine Sereta to the position of Full-time Head Custodian, HACC. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
65. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Estella Santos, Maintenance Substitute, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board meeting held on June 25, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
66. Recommend Board approve Auto Glass Shop to supply and install 3' x 7' dark bronze aluminum medium stile doors and frames at Heights-Terrace Elementary/Middle School in the amount of \$11,550.00. Pricing as per COSTARS #008-E26-1648. (Three quotes solicited) **(APPROVED)**
67. Recommend Board approve Auto Glass Shop to supply and install 3' x 7' dark bronze aluminum medium stile doors and frames at McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary/Middle School in the amount of \$11,550.00. Pricing as per COSTARS #008-E26-1648. (Three quotes solicited) **(APPROVED)**
68. Recommend Board approve Corra's Concrete for the concrete restoration at Heights-Terrace Elementary/Middle School in the amount of \$12,050.00. (Five quotes solicited) **(APPROVED)**
69. Recommend Board approve the contract renewal with Action Lift for the period of October 26, 2026 to October 27, 2029 for inspections and maintenance of hydraulic lifts. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
70. Recommend Board approve Guardian Driveway Maintenance to seal coat Harman-Geist Memorial Field in the amount of \$11,753.00. (Lowest of three quotes) **(APPROVED)**
71. Recommend Board approve the purchase of a John Deere tractor 1M 25 sub-compact utility tractor 18 PTO hp from Deer Country for Freeland Elementary/Middle School in the amount of \$31,359.61. Pricing as per Grounds Power Equipment Contract # 4400028317. **(APPROVED)**
72. Recommend Board approve Disposal Management Service to extend their contract an additional two years per our agreement. (October 1, 2026 - September 20, 2028) **(APPROVED)**
73. Recommend Board approve NRG Controls to supply and install fan speed drive and Baldor

Motor for roof top unit at the Hazleton Elementary/Middle School in the amount of \$10,663.00.
Pricing as per COSTARS # 040-E22-165. (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 61 - 73

Motion: Shemansky

Second: Bonomo

Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Technology

Approve Items 74-77 With One Motion (APPROVED)

74. Recommend Board rescind agenda item #56 approved Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026. (APPROVED)

Recommend Board approve subscription to MagicSchool Enterprise for the 2026-2027 school year. The vendor is Magic School Inc. and the cost is \$84,420.00. Funded from 2026/2027 budget.

75. Recommend Board approve the subscription to MagicSchool Enterprise for the 2026-2027 school year. The vendor is Magic School Inc. and the cost is \$84,420.00. Funded from Ready to Learn grant. (APPROVED)
76. Recommend Board approve the Student Chromebook Use and Self-Insurance Agreement to be distributed to and completed by HASD students and their guardians. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
77. Recommend Board approve the Rock Street Music to complete an onsite evaluation of the current audio equipment and infrastructure in the Hazleton Elementary/Middle School (Castle) Auditorium. This will identify the remaining lines and cables, verify functionality of remaining speakers, and clean up the cabling. It is estimated this will take 28 hours at a total cost of \$11,700.00. (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 74 - 77

Motion: Bonomo

Second: Chapman

Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Student Activities, Athletics and Extra-Curricular

Approve Items 78-82 With One Motion (APPROVED)

78. Recommend Board appoint the following coaches: (APPROVED)
- a. Ann Marie McGrogan – Assistant Coach Middle School Soccer

b. Joseph Homanko Sr. – Assistant Coach Middle School Soccer

c. Amy Roslevege – Girls Tennis Coach
79. Recommend Board approve the position change of Scot Burkhardt from Drums Boys Basketball Head Coach to Assistant Coach Freshman Red Boys Basketball. (APPROVED)
80. Recommend Board approve the rehiring the following spring sports coaches: (APPROVED)
- a. Russ Canzler – Varsity Baseball

b. Natasha Koslop – Girls Lacrosse

c. Heather Natt – Varsity Softball

d. Wister Yuhas – Boys Tennis

e. Dustin Hausherr – Varsity Boys Track and Field

f. Mark Otterbine – Varsity Girls Track and Field

g. Carmen Ramos – Varsity Boys Volleyball

h. Scott Shamany – Freshman Baseball
81. Recommend Board approve the athletic programs for the 2026-2027 school year. (APPROVED)
82. Recommend Board approve the 2-year agreement with HUDL video/streaming services 2026 through 2028 in the amount of \$21,947.95 for 2026-2027 and \$25,000.00 for the 2027-2028 school year. (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 78 - 82

Motion: Bonomo
Second: McBride
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X		X (#80d.)	

Finance

Approve Items 83-103 With One Motion (APPROVED)

83. Recommend Board approve the property tax refunds. (APPROVED)
84. Recommend Board approve the surplus list. (APPROVED)
85. Recommend Board approve a 3-year extension of the HAHS Yearbook contract with Lifetouch for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years. Vendor agreed to honor all terms of the original 3-year agreement. (To be reviewed by The Slusser Law Office) (APPROVED)
86. Recommend Board approve a 3-year extension of the Diplomas & Inserts Contract with Jostens, Inc. for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years. The total 3-year amount will be \$17,467.50. (To be reviewed by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)

87. Recommend Board approve the School District Letter of Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Luzerne County Community College for participation in the SHINE program. **(APPROVED)**
88. Recommend Board approve Resolution #2026-08-06 of 2026. Regarding tax assessment appeals for the 2026-2027 school year. (Reviewed and approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
89. Recommend Board approve the Authorized Official Resolution for the Public School Facility Improvement Grant of \$4,896,674.00 which represents 75% of the total estimated project cost of \$6,528,899.00, administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Indoor Air Quality and HVAC Improvements at Valley Elementary/Middle School. **(APPROVED)**
90. Recommend Board approve the updated price for the Builders Risk Policy from Risk Strategies / Joyce Insurance Group for the following projects: **(APPROVED)**
 - a. Mericle Field House – Phase II – Total Premium \$4,705.00 (This was originally approved at the May 21, 2026, board meeting in the amount of \$4,658.00. However, the \$47.00 terrorism charge was not included in the price.)
91. Recommend Board approve the revised Nutrition, Inc. ala carte list for the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
92. Recommend Board approve the following sealed bids and/or request for proposals (RFP's) to be received by 11:00 A.M. E.S.T., Wednesday, August 5, 2026 (See BID/RFP Tally) **(APPROVED)**
 - 1) Golf Simulator (Bid) – Trackman Inc. – \$62,820.00
 - 2) Police Patrol Rifles (Bid) – Geissele Automatics LLC – \$86,074.50
93. Recommend Board approve quote no. 260488 from decibel Productions, LLC in the amount of \$299,604.65 for an audio system at the Mericle Field House. Pricing as per COSTARS contract # 034-E25-241. **(APPROVED)**
94. Recommend Board approve as per procedure #29 of the rental policy to waive the maintenance and security fees for The Alzheimer's Association for the purpose of conducting the Alzheimer's Walk at the HAHS Track & Field on Saturday, June 27th, 2026 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. **(APPROVED)**
95. Recommend Board approve Amendment No. 2, proposal No. 2403111 in the amount of \$5,900.00 from Benesch for professional engineering services for project no. 30205.30, Drums Elementary/Middle School Land Development project. **(APPROVED)**
96. Recommend Board approve the purchase of a digital scoreboard from Digital Scoreboards in the amount of \$209,640.00 for the HAHS Softball Field as per COSTARS Contract # 032-E22-052. This is being paid from the Athletic Fund. **(APPROVED)**
97. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of a Cape Style Shed/Garage for Heights-Terrace Elementary/Middle School: (2025-2026 Budget) **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.4500.752.000.10.240.000	\$7,875.00	
10.4500.752.000.30.240.000	\$2,625.00	
10.4600.752.000.30.810.000		\$10,500.00

98. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of supplies from Amazon for Newcomer students to be paid from Title III grant: (2025-2026 Budget) **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.1190.611.471.10.231.000	\$946.46	
10.2271.123.471.00.120.000		\$946.46

99. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for payment to No Red Ink Corp. for training to be paid from Ready to Learn grant. (2025-2026 Budget) **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.2271.360.222.30.810.000	\$29,150.00	
10.1100.611.222.30.490.000		\$29,150.00

100. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of supplemental books from Amazon for Speak with Me classes to be paid from Title III-Immigrant grant: (2025-2026 Budget) **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.3300.646.471.10.231.154	\$1,286.78	
10.1190.611.471.30.820.154		\$ 4.80
10.1190.611.471.00.120.154		\$462.69
10.1190.220.471.00.120.154		\$819.29

101. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer to fund GESA/ESCO 2023 - Phase 4b with ICS/Provident effective June 30, 2026: (2025-2026 budget) **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.5230.939.000.00.120.000	\$4,729,456.00	
10.4100.710.000.00.150.000		\$1,480,436.32
10.4100.710.000.00.180.000		\$ 40,000.00
10.4200.710.000.10.240.000		\$ 300,000.00
10.4200.710.000.30.240.000		\$ 100,000.00
10.4200.710.000.10.200.000		\$ 450,000.00
10.4200.710.000.30.200.000		\$ 150,000.00
10.4200.710.000.30.810.000		\$2,209,019.68

102. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for payment to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for virtual and in-person training for Read 180 to be paid from Ready to Learn grant: (2025-2026 Budget) **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.2271.360.222.00.120.000	\$ 17,580.00	
10.1100.611.222.10.260.000		\$ 17,580.00

103. Recommend Board approve the release and transfer of \$4,729,456.00 of Committed Fund Balance, to fund GESA/ESCO 2023 - Phase 4b with ICS/Provident effective June 30, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **83 – 103**

Motion: Chapman

Second: Bonomo

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		X (#90,92(1),93)	
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X	X (#90,92,93)		
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

104. Bills: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Law Offices of Angela J. Evans
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 4119 – \$126.00
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 4120 – \$216.00

- Professional Services – Invoice No. 4122 – \$72.00
- Professional Services – Invoice No. 4123 – \$342.00
- Professional Services – Invoice No. 4153 – \$36.00
- Professional Services – Invoice No. 4151 – \$216.00
- Professional Services – Invoice No. 4150 – \$18.00
- Professional Services – Invoice No. 4149 – \$54.00
- b. BDA Architecture & Design
 - Field House Fit-Out – Project No. 25023.00 – Invoice No. 18396 – \$9,860.00 (General Fund)
- c. Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.
 - Professional Services – HASD Drums Parking Testing & Inspections – CMT – Invoice No. 0213299 – \$17,316.75 (General Fund)
- d. KCBA Architects
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269205 – New Elementary School/Hillside – Invoice No. 49840 – \$330,286.55 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269205 – New Elementary School/Hillside – Invoice No. 49898 – \$330,684.00 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269204 – Freeland E/M School Addition/Renovation – Invoice No. 49839 – \$2,743.00 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269204 – Freeland E/M School Addition/Renovation – Invoice No. 49896 – \$2,654.48 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269202 – High School Concessions Reno – Invoice No. 49838 – \$3,066.67 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269202 – High School Concessions Reno – Invoice No. 49895 – \$3,066.67 (General Fund)
- e. Kobalt Construction, Inc.
 - HASD Athletic Facility Phase 2 – Pay App. No. 2 – \$196,200.00 (General Fund)
 - HASD Athletic Facility Phase 2 – Pay App. No. 3 – \$520,319.70 (General Fund)
- f. Bognet, Inc.
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 1 – Invoice No. C26701.003 – Pay App. No. 3 – \$333,581.12 (General Fund)
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 1 – Invoice No. C26701.004 – Pay App. No. 4 – \$191,496.25 (General Fund)
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 3 – Invoice No. C26501-3 – Pay App. No. 3 – \$40,950.00 (General Fund)
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 3 – Invoice No. C26501-004 – Pay App. No. 4 – \$1,800.00 (General Fund)
 - Field House Fit-Out – Project No. 25023.00-02 – Contract No. 2 Plumbing Construction – Pay App. No. 1 – \$35,226.00 (General Fund)
 - Field House Fit-Out – Project No. 25023.00-02 – Contract No. 2 Plumbing Construction – Pay App. No. 2 – \$137,700.00 (General Fund)
 - HASD Freeland Addition – Project No. S25045 & S25079 – Invoice No. C26704.001 – Pay App. No. 1 – \$87,969.60 (General Fund)
- g. North End Electric
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 2 – Invoice No. 2 – Pay App. No. 2 – \$56,925.00 (General Fund)
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 2 – Invoice No. 3 – Pay App. No. 3 – \$22,275.00 (General Fund)
- h. Beach Lake Sprinkler
 - Field House Fit-Out – Project No. P462 – Invoice No. 5200012684 – Contract No. 16299 – Pay App. No. 1 – \$13,500.00 (General Fund)
 - Field House Fit-Out – Project No. P462 – Invoice No. 5200021466 – Pay App. No. 2 – \$156,676.50 (General Fund)
- i. Skepton Construction, Inc.
 - Field House Fit-Out – Pay App. No. 2 – \$93,852.00 (General Fund)
 - Field House Fit-Out – Pay App. No. 3 – \$454,158.00 (General Fund)
- j. Hosler Corp.
 - Field House – Project No. 25023.00 – Pay App. No. 2 – \$28,260.00 (General Fund)
- k. Advanced Electrical & Communications
 - Field House Fit-Out – Project No. 25023.00-04 – Pay App. No. 1 – \$140,152.50 (General Fund)

- l. ICS Consulting, LLC.
 - HASD GESA Phase 3a – Project No. S25031 – Pay App. No. 012 – \$7,532.10 (Fund 90)
 - HASD GESA Phase 3a – Project No. S25031 – Pay App. No. 013 – \$13,401.18 (Fund 90)
 - HASD GESA Phase 4 – Project No. 25079 – Pay App. No. 007 – \$819,643.32 (Fund 90)
 - HASD GESA Phase 4 – Project No. 25079 – Pay App. No. 008 – \$1,611,509.76 (Fund 90)
- m. Diversified PHL, Inc.
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 5 – Pay App. No. 1 – \$13,995.00 (General Fund)
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 5 – Pay App. No. 2 – \$212,200.20 (General Fund)
- n. Loewke Brill Consulting Group
 - Drums E/M School Parking Lot and Access Improvements – Pay App. No. 5 – \$138,172.50 (General Fund)
- o. All Sports Enterprises, Inc.
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 4 – Pay App. No. 2 – \$198,900.00 (General Fund)
 - HASD HAHS Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Work Scope 4 – Pay App. No. 3 – \$196,416.00 (General Fund)
- p. General Fund **(2025-2026)**
 - Activities – \$4,402.84
 - Athletics – \$99,326.12
 - Cafeteria – \$40,876.97
 - Tax Refunds – \$16,829.03
 - Weekly – \$4,338,579.31
 - Monthly – \$1,430,500.44
- q. General Fund **(2026-2027)**
 - Activities – \$500.00
 - Athletics – \$12,607.44
 - Cafeteria – \$566,852.97
 - Tax Refunds – \$0.00
 - Weekly – \$2,005,739.13
 - Monthly – \$43,633.15

FYI

Treasurer Report
Investment Report

Budget Reports (2026-2027)

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

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **104**

Motion: Chapman

Second: Yuhas, Jr.

Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O'Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X	X (b.,e.,f.,h.,i.,j.,k.)		
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Superintendent of Schools

Approve Items 105-112 With One Motion (APPROVED) – EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM #111 WAS REMOVED

- 105. Recommend Board approve the attached conference request list. (APPROVED)
- 106. Recommend Board approve the attached substitute list. (APPROVED)
- 107. Recommend Board approve the Hazleton Area School District Police Special Orders/Plan. (APPROVED)
- 108. Recommend Board approve the Hazleton Area School District Police Policies and Procedures Manual General Orders. (APPROVED)
- 109. Recommend Board approve the Kelly Education Exhibit A with the revised teacher rates effective September 2, 2026. (APPROVED)
- 110. Recommend Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Built to Deliver Consulting Services Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and EF International Advisors. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
- 111. Recommend Board approve the Monthly Television Programming and Media Services Agreement between Samson Productions, Inc./SSPTV and the Hazleton Area School District. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- 112. Recommend Board approve the following name for the new campus elementary school Anthracite Elementary School. (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 105 – 112 (EXCLUDING #111)

Motion: Bonomo
Second: Chapman
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Approve Items 113-129 With One Motion (APPROVED)

- 113. Recommend Board approve the revised 9-12 ELD Curricula. (APPROVED)
- 114. Recommend Board approve the revised 1-6 Newcomer Curricula for Reading and Math. (APPROVED)
- 115. Recommend Board approve the revised K-12 Math Curricula. (APPROVED)
- 116. Recommend Board approve the revised K-12 Reading Curricula. (APPROVED)
- 117. Recommend Board revise agenda item #26 approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026: (APPROVED)

Recommend Board approve the purchase of HMH Language Launch and Read 180 for grades 3–12 ELD students in the amount of \$96,993.98 to be paid out of Ready to Learn Grant.

- 118. Recommend Board revise agenda item #116 approved at the Regular Monthly School Board

Meeting held on June 25, 2026: **(APPROVED)**

Recommend Board approve the following 2026-2027 schoolwide plans:

- a. CSI-Title I – FEMS, MKEMS, HTELC*
- b. ATSI-Non-Title I – HAHS*
- c. TSI-Title I – WHEMS, HEMS, HTEMS*

- 119. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Saionna Lopez, Paraprofessional, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on April 23, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 120. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Lauren Kalinowski, Elementary Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 121. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Gabrielle Kopczynskie, Elementary Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 122. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Lia Schwenk, Music Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 123. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee NOC002 effective October 9, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
- 124. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee EDD001 effective June 9, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 125. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee LUC005 effective June 18, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 126. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee MCM004 effective June 27, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 127. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee PER019 effective July 9, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 128. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee GRE033 effective July 23, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 129. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee KOC003 effective July 29, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 113 - 129

Motion: Barletta
Second: Bonomo
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Approve Items 130-148 With One Motion (APPROVED)

- 130. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee CLA007 effective August 3, 2026. **(APPROVED)**
- 131. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee DES006 effective August 4, 2026.

(APPROVED)

132. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee GIR002 effective August 10, 2026.
(APPROVED)
133. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee FIT002 effective August 14, 2026.
(APPROVED)
134. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee ROS017 effective August 24, 2026.
(APPROVED)
135. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee KUB003 effective August 28, 2026.
(APPROVED)
136. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee LOW002 effective August 28, 2026.
(APPROVED)
137. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee PAP006 effective August 28, 2026.
(APPROVED)
138. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee SEI005 effective September 1, 2026.
(change in position to Paraprofessional for 2026-2027 school year) **(APPROVED)**
139. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee SKU004 effective September 18, 2026.
(APPROVED)
140. Recommend Board approve a medical sabbatical leave for CRA007, HAEA, effective for the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
141. Recommend Board approve a medical sabbatical leave for KEP001, HAEA, effective for the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
142. Recommend Board approve a medical sabbatical leave for PRO002, HAEA, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. **(APPROVED)**
143. Recommend Board approve the revised job description for Elementary/Middle Guidance Counselor.
(APPROVED)
144. Recommend Board approve the creation, job description, & posting for the position of Mericle Field House & Maintenance Facility Associate. (New position & budgeted) (HAESPA position)
(APPROVED)
145. Recommend Board appoint Michael Bugda to the position of Assistant Principal 9-12, effective July 1, 2026. Salary and benefits as per Act 93 Compensation Plan. (Budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
146. Recommend Board approve the MOU between the Hazleton Area School District and the Administrator's Compensation Plan (ACT 93). (8-6-2026) (Pending approval by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
147. Recommend Board appoint James Hearne to the position of Principal, Hazleton Area Arts & Humanities Academy, effective July 1, 2026. Salary and benefits as per Act 93 Compensation Plan. (Budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
148. Recommend Board appoint Juan Bottia to the position of Psychological Clinician for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAEA Agreement. (New position & budgeted)
(APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 130 – 148

Motion: Bonomo

Second: Chapman

Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X		X (#144)	
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X	X (#144)		
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Approve Items 149-150 With One Motion (APPROVED) – ALL EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM #150 x. WAS REMOVED

149. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Guidance Counselor for Hazleton Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAEA Agreement: (New position and budgeted) (APPROVED)

- a. Dana Snyder
- b. Desiree Sharkey

150. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAEA Agreement: (Replacement & budgeted) (APPROVED)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. Brian Harry | Physical Education |
| b. Michael Bigatel | Physical Education |
| c. Matthew Shamany | Physical Education |
| d. Kaitlyn Diehl | Physical Education |
| e. Thomas Licurgo | Physical Education |
| f. Shane Noonan | Physical Education |
| g. Kayla Noonan | MS Math |
| h. Alexis Pyzia | Art |
| i. Matthew Seamon | Music |
| j. Juliano Ivkovic | Art/Music |
| k. Aidan Malloy | Science |
| l. Daniel Vasquez | Math |
| m. Cassandra Deritis | ELA |
| n. Kayleen McHale | ELA |
| o. Fernando Obando | ELD |
| p. Katherine Concepcion Ada | ELD |
| q. David Alberto | ELD |
| r. Marla Guerrero | ELD |
| s. Judy Rodriguez | ELD |
| t. Samy Lopez | Newcomer |
| u. Jordan Woitko | Elementary |
| v. Jocelyn Klesh | Elementary |
| w. Jordan Minzola | Elementary |
| x. Erica Testa | Elementary (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA) |
| y. Jamie Halpin | Elementary |
| z. Brittannie Luscavage | Elementary |
| aa. Eric Swiech | Elementary |
| bb. John Zola | Business |
| cc. Zachary Fuchick | Business |
| dd. James McGarry | Business |
| ee. Rafael Hernandez | Computer Applications |
| ff. Michael Stagg | Computer Applications |
| gg. Evan Matyas | Chemistry |
| hh. Mikayla Greech | Special Education |
| ii. Paige Kuehn | Special Education |
| jj. Amelia Loftus | Special Education |
| kk. Deborah Baran | Special Education |

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 149 – 150 (EXCLUDING 150 x.)

Motion: Yuhas, Jr.
Second: Bonomo
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Approve Items 151-154 With One Motion (APPROVED)

151. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Teacher for Hazleton Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAEA Agreement: (Replacement and budgeted) (APPROVED)
- a. Dennis Buchman

b. Julia Hinkle

c. Amanda Marizan

d. Cassandra Spock

e. Kathleen Wychock

f. Kelly Allen

g. Scott Zoscin

h. Mia Nemeth

i. Aileen Miseses

j. Jarred Maylath

k. Hailey Meiser

l. Jessica Witinski

m. Benjamin Wysocki

n. Grace Babinchak

o. Vincent Castrine

p. Melanie Dzurishin

q. Tabatha Kanuck

r. Tara Klinger

Elementary

Elementary

Elementary

Elementary

Elementary

Elementary

Physical Education

ELA

Newcomer

Social Studies

Early Intervention

Special Education

Special Education

Behavior Technician

Behavior Technician

Behavior Technician

Behavior Technician
152. Recommend Board appoint Frank Pollock to the position of Warehouse Courier. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (New position and budgeted) (APPROVED)
153. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Bilingual Community Liaisons for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (New position and budgeted) (APPROVED)
- a. Rosandra Young

b. Jhamy Melendez
154. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of 6.5 hr. Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (Replacement & budgeted) (APPROVED)
- a. Sarah Rhinesmith

b. Melanee Benjamin

c. Danielle Calucci

d. Caryl Cara

e. Tracey Forish

f. Maureen Gregory

g. Ann Kropp

h. Aubree Nester

- i. Maria Pastorella
- j. Jennifer Perez
- k. Ryana Sanchez
- l. Almida Medina
- m. Sara Weikel

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 151 – 154

Motion: Chapman
Second: Bonomo
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

Approve Items 155-159 With One Motion (APPROVED)

155. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of 6.5 hr. Bilingual Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (APPROVED)
- a. Lucia Guerrero

(Replacement and budgeted)
- b. Melvelin Santana Hernandez

(Replacement and budgeted)
- c. Ashley Vegazo

(New position and budgeted)
- d. Quirelys Hernandez

(New position and budgeted)
- e. Mayra Nazario Robles

(New position and budgeted)
- f. Jenny Pena

(New position and budgeted)
- g. Maria Pena

(New position and budgeted)
- h. Brihanda Tejada Castellanos

(Replacement and budgeted)
156. Recommend Board appoint Antonia De Leon Romero to the position of Bilingual Community Liaison Coordinator effective August 10, 2026. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (Replacement and budgeted) (APPROVED)
157. Recommend Board approve the PA Pre-K Counts pass-through allocations to community partner agencies for the 2026-2027 program year in the following amounts: (APPROVED)
- a. Country Charm (Phoenix Children's Academy) – \$613,500.00

b. Pixie Paradise – \$409,000.00

c. Child Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (CDC of NEPA) – \$409,000.00

d. Sugarloaf Daycare – \$76,688.00

e. Hazleton YMCA – \$1,012,275.00
158. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living (MyCIL) to provide transitional skills to students from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Pending approval by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
159. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and AspenGold Behavioral Health to provide individualized ABA and IBHS services to students from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Pending approval by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 155 – 159

Motion: Bonomo
Second: Chapman
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM

- Michael Velotta – commented on the Maple Manor Band Program.
- Elaine Maddon Curry – commented the Castle Auditorium Board.
- Rick Morelli – commented on Castle Auditorium Equipment.
- Nate Eachus – commented on Mericle & NorthPoint asking for a 10-year tax break. He also commented on the incident that occurred at the McAdoo-Kelayres El./Mid. School Gymnasium involving his father Todd Eachus.
- Bonomo left at 6:11 P.M.
- Melanna Arias – commented on about graduating early for boot camp.
- Bonomo returned at 6:17 P.M.
- Evelise Eufracio-Childs – commented on her husband statements (Dr. Childs)

Motion to Adjourn (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **Adjournment (6:26 PM)**

Motion: Shemansky

Second: Yuhas, Jr.

Vote: Roll

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X			
Childs	X			
McBride	X			
O’Donnell	X			
Shemansky	X			
Yenkevich	X			
Yuhas, Jr.	X			

SECRETARY