

**Hazleton Area Board of Education
Regular Monthly School Board Meeting
Hazleton Area School District
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Hazleton Area Career Center – Large Group Instruction Room
5:00 P.M., Thursday, February 26, 2026**

- A - Call to Order by Board President
 - B - Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
 - C - Attendance Roll Call
 - D - Announcement of Executive Sessions:
 - February 26, 2026 – Contract Negotiations & Personnel
 - E - Public Comment Directed to Board on Agenda Items Only
 - F - Student Representative – Troy Gaydos
 - G - Approve Board Meeting Minutes:
 - Regular Monthly School Board Meeting – January 22, 2026
 - Special School Board Meeting – February 12, 2026
 - H - Treasurer Report for January, 2026
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Curriculum & Instruction / Career Center

Approve Items 1-12 With One Motion (APPROVED ALL EXCEPT NO. 11 FAILED)

1. Recommend Board approve the purchase of power strips from Amazon, to be used for charging computers that will be used for testing purposes, at a total cost of \$31,870.75. Pricing as per U.S. Communities Contract # R-TC-17006.
2. Recommend Board approve the purchase of calculators for testing purposes from Amazon at a total cost of \$10,606.85. Pricing as per U.S. Communities Contract # R-TC-17006. *
3. Recommend Board approve for the Hazleton Area High School's JROTC Program to work in collaboration with Wilkes University's Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering to establish an Experiential Robotics Program at the Hazleton Area High School. JROTC cadets involved with the Robotics Program will, in turn, be offered the chance to participate in an eight-week Robotics Program/Workshop at Wilkes University over the summer months.
4. Recommend Board approve Kacy Thomas, student at HAAS & member of the Youth Advisory Committee of the Luzerne Foundation, to coordinate a district-wide dress down fundraiser to raise funds for grants given through the Youth Advisory Committee. The dress-down would be held on March 8, 2026.
5. Recommend Board approve the Friends of Rachel Club to host Nathan Harmon, an inspirational speaker from Your Life, to speak on May 15, 2026 and May 16, 2026.
6. Recommend Board approve Hannah Mintz, teacher at HAHS, to complete 180 internship hours with Dr. Anthony Conston, Principal at HAHS. The internship is part of obtaining her Master of Education in Educational Leadership through Alvernia University. The internship hours will be completed before/after teaching hours and during planning periods from May 11, 2026 through August 21, 2026. *

7. Recommend Board approve the following students to complete required university/college observations/student teaching within the district:
 - a. Yasmin Marie Vasquez – Commonwealth University
 - b. Fatima Soriano – Commonwealth University
 - c. Federico Guterrez – University of Scranton
 - d. Rosalyn Sanchez – Northeast Counseling
 - e. Michael Marcus – Pennsylvania State University
 - f. Kiarely Corcino – LCCC *
 - g. Christina Hebel – Commonwealth University *
 - h. Brynn Glickert – Grand Canyon University *
 - i. Charenlyn Ramos – LCCC *
 - j. Kathleen Andrade – LCCC *

8. Recommend Board approve the Class of 2029 to host the annual Pi Day Fundraiser. Teachers and staff in all high school buildings will volunteer to get pied in the face for the Class of 2029. Students will pay \$1.00 to vote for their teacher to win. Teachers who raise the most money will get pied on March 13, 2026 at the Hazleton Area High School. *

9. Recommend Board approve 6 students and 2 advisors to attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from March 11-13, 2026. The total cost of meals will be \$944.00 and registration is \$800.00. If a student should take a 1st place award, they will have the opportunity to compete at the International Leadership Conference.

10. Recommend Board approve 24 Skills USA students and 4 advisors to attend the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 8-10, 2026. The cost of registration is \$110.00 per person, and the TEAMWORKS competition has an extra fee of \$400.00 due to the extensive project that will be made. The cost breakdown is as follows:

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| Registration | \$ 3,480.00 |
| Hotel (which includes meals) | \$ 9,296.00 |
| Total | \$12,776.00 |

11. Recommend Board approve the Chapter 339 K-12 Guidance Plan and 2025-2026 Guidance Program. * **(FAILED)**

12. Recommend Board approve two teams of 4 from the Hazleton Area Career Center Nurse Aide and Health Careers classes to compete at the Pennsylvania College of Technology 1st Anatomage competition on March 5, 2026. The competition transportation is being sponsored with Title IV funding. *

* Not on Committee Meeting Agenda

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

Approve Items 13-15 With One Motion (APPROVED)

13. Recommend Board approve the rental of the Plains Township pavilion for \$75.00 to use for the Early Intervention picnic in May. (paid by EI state funds) *

14. Recommend Board approve the purchase of an Anatomage virtual cadaver table for Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences for \$107,346.00, to be paid to Anatomage Inc. from the Ready to Learn Grant. (Sole Source)
15. Recommend Board approve the purchase of bilingual student folders for parent communication from School Datebooks for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$18,458.88 to be paid with Title I, Title IV, CSI, Title III, & Immigrant funds. (Lowest of 3 quotes)

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Security

Approve Items 16-18 With One Motion (APPROVED)

16. Recommend Board appoint Nelsida Garcia to the position of Full-time Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Replacement and budgeted)
17. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Flock Safety LPR, fka Falcon camera in the amount of \$3,150.00 at signing and an annual recurring amount of \$3,000.00 to fulfill a 3-year contract. (2026-2029) (Pending review by The Slusser Law Firm) *
18. Recommend Board approve the 5-year (12/11/2025-12/11/2030) contract with ZeroEyes for continued Weapon Detection Service Software for up to 900 camera streams in the amount of \$158,976.00 per year. (Pending review by The Slusser Law Firm) *

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Nutrition & Transportation

Approve Items 19-21 With One Motion (APPROVED)

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| a. Ismenia De La Rosa Sandoval | HACC | 5.5 | Transfer |
| b. Fauris Duran Feliz | MMEMS | 6.5 | Transfer |
| c. Asiria Mateo | HEMS | 6.5 | Transfer |
| d. Margaret Mead | HTEMS | 6.5 | Transfer * |
| e. Amy Bobrowski | HEMS Manager | 8.0 | Transfer * |

20. Recommend Board approve contracted school bus & van drivers provided by Rohrer Bus Services for the 2025-2026 school year.
21. Recommend Board approve contracted van drivers provided by Krise Transportation Services for the 2025-2026 school year.

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FYI

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

Facilities & Capital Projects

Approve Items 22-34 With One Motion (APPROVED)

22. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Alfredo Ramirez Pinales, Custodial Floater, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on January 22, 2026. *
23. Recommend Board appoint Domingo Abreu Gerez 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)
24. Recommend Board appoint Clarivel De La Cruz Adams to the position of Full-time Custodian, FEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer)
25. Recommend Board appoint John Giannetta to the position of Full-time Custodian, FEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer)
26. Recommend Board appoint Laura Ellis 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)
27. Recommend Board appoint Stepanie Genery to the position of Full-time Custodial Floater. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted)
28. Recommend Board appoint Ferdinan Montalvo Toledo to the position of Full-time Custodial Floater. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) *
29. Recommend Board appoint Sandra Sanchez to the position of Full-time Custodial Floater. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) *
30. Recommend Board appoint Ronald Kmetz to the position of Full-time Maintenance, MKEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) *
31. Recommend Board approve NRG Controls North Inc. to repair rooms C108, C103, and Locker Room unit HP with leaking valve at McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary/Middle School in the amount of \$14,022.00. Pricing as per COSTARS # 040-E22-165. *
32. Recommend Board approve the purchase of an Electric Scissor Lift model Skyjack SJ 3226E 25' lift from Action Lift in the amount of \$19,230.83. Lowest of three quotes.

33. Recommend Board approve the installation of metal siding on the trailers at Drums Elementary/Middle School by Galtieri Construction Company in the amount of \$29,680.00. Pricing as per PA COSTARS # 008-E24-1355.
34. Recommend Board approve the trimming of trees by Planutis Landscaping for a total of \$17,400.00. Lowest of three quotes solicited:
 - a. Maple Manor Elementary/Middle School -\$3,200.00
 - b. Hazleton Area High School - \$7,800.00
 - c. Hazleton Area Career Center - \$2,400.00
 - d. Hazle Township Early Learning Center - \$1,900.00
 - e. Administrative Building - \$2,100.00

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Technology

35. Recommend Board award the following E-Rate PEPPM Mini-Bids for networking equipment to be installed throughout the Hazleton Area School District: **(APPROVED)**

| <u>Mini-Bid Name</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Estimated E-Rate Discount</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| PEPPM E-rate Bid – Wireless Access Points | IntegraONE | \$ 39,240.00 | \$ 33,354.00 |
| PEPPM E-rate Bid – Switches | IntegraONE | \$1,111,710.47 | \$944,953.90 |
| PEPPM E-rate Bid – Fiber Cables & Trays | No Bids Received | | |

FYI

- Homebound Student Report

Student Activities, Athletics & Extra-Curricular

Approve Items 36-39 With One Motion (APPROVED)

36. Recommend Board approve the retaining of the following coaches:
 - a. Joseph Smolinsky – Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country
 - b. Mary Kelly – Varsity Field Hockey
 - c. Scott Sacco – Varsity Football
 - d. Joseph Ursta – Boys/Girls Golf
 - e. Ryan Scarcella – Varsity Boys Soccer
 - f. Matthew Michelin – Varsity Girls Soccer
 - g. Elizabeth Grohol – Girls Tennis
 - h. Carmen Ramos – Varsity Girls Volleyball
 - i. Edward Zawatski – Boys/Girls Water Polo
 - j. Neal Graziano – Head Coach Freshman Football
 - k. Michele Planutis – Jr. High Boys/Girls Cross Country
 - l. Rebecca Kaschak – Jr. High Field Hockey

37. Recommend Board approve Mesko Glass to renovate the Harman-Geist Stadium press box in the amount of \$60,000.00. (As per COSTARS Contract # 008-E25-1617)
38. Recommend Board approve the proposal from All American Athletics for the Hazleton Area High School Gymnasium floor resurfacing project at a cost of \$75,500.00. Pricing as per COSTARS # 014-212.
39. Recommend Board approve the proposal from Bachert Construction, LLC to relocate the storage sheds at the Cougar Park Track to the inside area of the southwest corner of the track. The cost of relocation is \$16,500.00. The cost may increase by \$7,000.00 if footings are needed. (Lowest of 4 Quotes Solicited)

Finance

Approve Items 40-53 With One Motion (APPROVED ALL EXCEPT ITEM NO. 47 REMOVED)

40. Recommend Board approve the Property Tax Refunds.
41. Recommend Board approve the Surplus List.
42. Recommend Board approve the following Grant & Royalty Check:
 - a. Beyond the Classroom Grant Program – The Education Foundation awarded 23 applicants receiving funding across 11 Hazleton Area School District School locations.
 - b. Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. – Royalty Check – Spirit Wear Sales – Check No. 89429 *
 - c. American Lung Association – TRU Grant – Cyber Academy – Check No. 85445 *
 - d. Headway Marketing, LLC /Fairway Motors – 2025 Chevy Youth Sports Sponsorship – Check No. 66029 *
43. Recommend Board approve the Henkels & McCoy, Inc. Master Services Agreement for the Freeland Elementary / Middle School Construction Project. (Reviewed by The Slusser Law Firm)*
44. Recommend Board approve ICS Consulting Inc. to continue site services for the below project: *
 - Drums Elementary/Middle School Parking Lot/Driveway Project – Our site services fees are not to exceed \$49,000.00 which will include site supervision, administration, project management from March 2026 – September 2026. Time will be charged on a time and material basis for the previous month and will not exceed the amount here in.
45. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of a Fisheye security camera paid from Title IV-BSCA Grant: *

| | <u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u> | <u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10.2660.650.431.10.220.406 | \$ 1,295.40 | |
| 10.2660.650.431.30.220.406 | \$ 99.91 | |
| 10.1190.329.431.30.490.406 | | \$ 456.85 |
| 10.1190.329.431.30.810.406 | | \$ 534.34 |
| 10.1190.611.431.30.810.406 | | \$ 39.58 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.210.406 | | \$ 76.82 |

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| 10.1190.646.431.10.220.406 | \$ 6.30 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.230.406 | \$ 42.12 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.231.406 | \$ 12.47 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.240.406 | \$ 34.35 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.250.406 | \$ 34.35 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.260.406 | \$ 25.00 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.270.406 | \$ 25.00 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.290.406 | \$ 101.86 |
| 10.1190.646.431.10.490.406 | \$ 6.27 |

46. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for parent engagement activities and supplies to paid with 2025-2026 Title I funds: *

| | <u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u> | <u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10.3300.611.411.00.120.000 | \$ 26,125.00 | |
| 10.2271.360.411.10.220.000 | | \$ 4,125.00 |
| 10.2271.360.411.10.240.000 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 10.2271.360.411.10.250.000 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 10.2271.360.411.10.270.000 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 10.2271.360.411.10.290.000 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 10.2271.360.411.10.490.000 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 10.2271.581.411.10.230.000 | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 10.2271.581.411.10.240.000 | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 10.2271.581.411.10.270.000 | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 10.2271.581.411.10.290.000 | | \$ 3,000.00 |

47. Sealed bids and/or request for proposals (RFP’s) will be received by Mr. Robert J. Krizansky, Board Secretary / Business Manager, Hazleton Area School District, 1515 West 23rd Street, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania 18202-1647, until 11:00 A.M. E.S.T., Thursday, January 29, 2026, for the following: **(ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**
- 1) Contracted Student Transportation Routes – Regular Education 2026-2031 RFP
 - 2) Contracted Transportation for Early Intervention Services 2026-2031 RFP
48. Recommend Board approve the proposal for Rare Plant Relocation & Tree Removal, Proposal No. 1083923.300 from Barry Isett & Associates for the HASD Campus Access Road in the amount of \$56,500.00 plus reimbursable expenses. (To be reviewed and approved by The Slusser Law Firm)
49. Recommend Board approve the Conrad Siegel Actuaries Agreement – Pennsylvania Trust (GASB 75) for the fiscal years ending 6/30/2026 & 6/30/2027 at a cost not to exceed \$9,700.00. (Approved by Slusser Law Firm)
50. Recommend Board approve the Authorized Official Resolution for the Public School Facility Improvement Grant of \$4,230,840.00 which represents 75% of the total estimated project cost of \$5,641,120.00, administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for HVAC & Indoor Air Quality Improvements at West Hazleton Elementary/Middle School.
51. Recommend Board approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 2026-2027 General Operating Budget and Resolution.

52. Recommend Board approve the posting and advertising for five (5) summer office employees at \$13.00 per hour and five (5) summer grounds employees at \$13.00 per hour to be shared among the following departments for the summer of 2026:

- a. Business Office
- b. Superintendent's Office
- c. Maintenance/Grounds
- d. Special Education
- e. Warehouse
- f. ESL
- g. Transportation

53. Sealed bids and/or request for proposals (RFP's) will be received by Mr. Robert J. Krizansky, Board Secretary / Business Manager, Hazleton Area School District, 1515 West 23rd Street, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania 18202-1647, until 11:00 A.M. E.S.T., Wednesday, February 25, 2026, for the following:

- 1) Maintenance Department Night Shift Supervision Contractor RFP

54. Bills (**APPROVED**)

- a. Law Offices of Angela J Evans
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3964 – \$108.00
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3966 – \$198.00
- b. KCBA Architects, Inc.
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269205 – New Elementary School – Invoice No. 49603 – \$247,500.00 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Project No. 0269204 – Freeland E/M School Addition/Renovation – Invoice No. 49602 – \$14,157.20 (General Fund)
- c. Deluca Law Offices
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 02/19/2026 – \$660.00 (General Fund) *
- d. BDA Architects
 - Professional Services – Project No. 25023.00 – HASD Field House Fit-Out – Invoice No. 17717 – \$45,602.50 (General Fund) *
- e. General Fund
 - Activities – \$23,235.43
 - Athletics – \$129,542.47
 - Cafeteria – \$335,184.10
 - Tax Refunds – \$2,025.06
 - Weekly – \$5,112,911.34
 - Monthly – \$587,712.56

* Not on Committee Meeting Agenda

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

Superintendent of Schools

Approve Items 55-68 With One Motion (APPROVED)

55. Recommend Board approve the attached conference request list.
56. Recommend Board approve the attached school functions request list.
57. Recommend Board approve the attached substitute list.
58. Recommend Board approve Carmen Ramos, HAHS teacher & doctoral candidate at the American College of Education, to interview recent graduates that have taken the Spanish for Native Speakers courses as part of her doctoral study. The research explores the perspectives of former Spanish for Native Speakers students regarding instructional practices that influence their academic performance in Spanish for Native Speaker courses.
59. Recommend Board approve the MOU between the Hazleton Area School District and Maternal and Family Health Services. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm)
60. Recommend Board approve the following revised policies:
 - a. 123.2 – Employment of Varsity Head Coaches
 - b. 140.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Charter School, Cyber Charter School, or Pennsylvania Private Faith-Based School Students
61. Recommend Board approve a leave for NOV006, HAEA, effective January 28, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
62. Recommend Board approve a leave for WAS006, HAEA, effective March 16, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
63. Recommend Board approve a leave for ANI002, HAEA, effective February 5, 2026, which will consist of the use of sick time.
64. Recommend Board approve an unpaid leave for RAC005, HAESPA, effective January 29, 2026.
65. Recommend Board approve an unpaid leave for LAT009, SEC, effective January 30, 2026.
66. Recommend Board approve a leave for SCH008, HAESPA effective January 21, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
67. Recommend Board approve a leave for MCL002, HAEA, effective January 29, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
68. Recommend Board approve a leave for AQU001, HAEA, effective May 1, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.

Approve Items 69-88 With One Motion (APPROVED)

69. Recommend Board approve a leave for HAG001, TEAM, effective February 18, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
70. Recommend Board approve a leave for WIL032, SPO, effective February 9, 2026, which will consist of the use of sick time.
71. Recommend Board approve a leave for HOM002, TEAM, effective March 1, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (intermittent).
72. Recommend Board approve a leave for GEN015, ADMIN, effective February 16, 2026, which will consist of the use of sick, vacation and personal time.
73. Recommend Board approve an unpaid leave for DIA011, HAESPA, effective February 5, 2026.
74. Recommend Board approve a leave for BLA001, HAEA, effective February 19, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
75. Recommend Board approve a leave for OHA001, HAEA, effective February 16, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (intermittent).
76. Recommend Board approve a leave for ZOL008, HAEA, effective February 16, 2026, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (intermittent).
77. Recommend Board approve a military leave for KRA008, HAEA, effective March 3, 2026.
78. Recommend Board approve a sabbatical leave for FIT002, HAEA, effective for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.
79. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee THA001 effective January 26, 2026. (subject to a 60 day hold)
80. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee ROD030 effective January 27, 2026.
81. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee FLA009 effective January 28, 2026.
82. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee COR032 effective January 29, 2026.
83. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee JON018 effective January 29, 2026.
84. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee CRU006 effective January 30, 2026.
85. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee FEL009 effective January 30, 2026. (appointed to new position effective February 2, 2026)
86. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee PER024 effective January 30, 2026.
87. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee ARI015 effective February 6, 2026.
88. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee VEN003 effective February 16, 2026.

Approve Items 89-99 With One Motion (APPROVED ALL EXCEPT ITEM NO. 91 REMOVED)

- 89. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee GUS002 effective February 20, 2026.
- 90. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee MAC014 effective February 22, 2026.
- 91. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee LOW002 effective February 25, 2026. **(ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**
- 92. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee WOL008 effective March 4, 2026.
- 93. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee SAN033 effective March 5, 2026.
- 94. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee ROD014 effective March 10, 2026.
- 95. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Michelle Hopkins, Early Intervention Compliance Motor Service Facilitator, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on January 22, 2026.
- 96. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Quirelys Hernandez, Paraprofessional, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on January 22, 2026.
- 97. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of 6.5 hr. Paraprofessional. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (Replacement & budgeted)
 - a. Ryan Finley
 - b. Leanne Murphy
 - c. Gleiry Sanchez Pena
- 98. Recommend Board appoint Carmen Tejeda to the position of Bilingual Liaison. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) *
- 99. Recommend Board approve the following tenure list:

| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Certification</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|----|-------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| a. | Brittany Barletta | Occupational Therapist | DEMS | June 23, 2025 |
| b. | Sherri Konopka | Special Education PK-8; Grades Pk-4 | DEMS | June 23, 2025 |
| c. | Rebecca Porpiglia | Grades 4-8 (All subjects 4-6, Science 7-8) | HACA | May 27, 2024 |
| d. | Nicole Smolinsky | Grades Pk-4 | HTEMS | July 27, 2025 |

** Una copia traducida de esta agenda estará disponible en la reunión de la Junta.

Conference Request for Regular Board Approval February 26, 2026

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>CONF/CLINIC/DATE</u> | <u>COST/FUND</u> |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Helen Rettger HAAHA | PMEA District 9 Band Dallas High School 2/4-6/2026 | -0- |
| 2. Clayton Brown HAHS | Making The Dead Come Alive: Environmental Education Workshop Summit Hill, PA 3/5/2026 | \$19.58 (Inst. Staff Dev.) |
| 3. Nicole Zakrewsky HAHS | Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition Virtual 2/4/2026 | -0- |
| 4. Nicole Zakrewsky HAHS | Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition Virtual 2/10/2026 | -0- |
| 5. Michelle Zukoski Admin | 2026 Stronger Connections Conference King of Prussia, PA 3/18-19/2026 | \$129.20 (Title I Funds) |
| 6. Amie Yanac HAHS | Organ & Tissue Donation Awareness Spring Conference State College, PA 5/15/2026 | \$134.85 (OTDA Grant) |
| 7. Dora Foderaro MKEMS | Assistive Technology for Young Children Virtual 3/25/2026 | -0- |
| 8. Helen Rettger HAAHA | PMEA Region IV Band Hazleton Area High School 3/11-13/2026 | -0- |
| 9. Lisa Murphy HAAHA | National Art Education Convention Chicago, IL 3/5-6/2026 | -0- |

Conference Request for Regular Board Approval February 26, 2026

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>CONF/CLINIC/DATE</u> | <u>COST/FUND</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 10. Samantha DeSpirito MKEMS | PsychNetwork LIU 18, Kingston, PA 2/20/2026 | -0- |
| 11. Helen Rettger HAAHA | Luzerne County Band Wyoming Area Secondary School 2/24/2026 | -0- |
| 12. Jacqueline Steber MKEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$49.30 (Title I Funds) |
| 13. Ronnie Tutko MMEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$40.46 (Title I Funds) |
| 14. Kristy Porambo MMEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | -0- |
| 15. Michelle Zukoski Admin | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$39.25 (Title I Funds) |
| 16. Regina Ercolani MKEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$49.30 (Title I Funds) |
| 17. Kimberly Scalleat HTELC | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$39.15 (Title I Funds) |
| 18. Mary Lynn Hartz FEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | -0- |
| 19. Kathryn Bannon FEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$35.96 (Title I Funds) |

Conference Request for Regular Board Approval February 26, 2026

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>CONF/CLINIC/DATE</u> | <u>COST/FUND</u> |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 20. Amy Rush FEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | -0- |
| 21. Jonathan Juka HTELC | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$39.15 (Title I Funds) |
| 22. Teri Gennaro VEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$31.90 (Title IV Funds) |
| 23. Jaime Fiume VEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$39.15 (Title IV Funds) |
| 24. Ashley Palermo WHEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$43.50 (Title I Funds) |
| 25. Peter Bobrowski WHEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$43.50 (Title I Funds) |
| 26. Allyson Trella HTEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | -0- |
| 27. Robin Frask HAHS | Making The Dead Come Alive: Environmental Education Workshop Summit Hill, PA 3/5/2026 | -0- |
| 28. Michael Latoff DEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$36.25 (Title IV Funds) |

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| 29. Angela Hoffman ASES | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$37.27 (Title I Funds) |
| 30. Tara Masias ASES | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$37.70 (Title I Funds) |
| 31. Heather Balliet HEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$36.25 (Title I Funds) |
| 32. Maria Corrado HEMS | Writing Schoolwide Plans with AI LIU 18, Kingston, PA 3/20/2026 | \$36.25 (Title I Funds) |
| 33. Kimberly Weir HAHS | Making The Dead Come Alive: Environmental Education Workshop Summit Hill, PA 3/5/2026 | -0- |
| 34. Darrin Arndt HACC | Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers Wilkes-Barre, PA 5/12/2026 | \$91.35 (Inst. Staff Dev.) |
| 35. Fred Barletta HAHS | Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association State Conference Hershey, PA 3/17-20/2026 | \$555.85 (Athletics) |
| 36. Cathy Brogan HAHS | Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association State Conference Hershey, PA 3/17-20/2026 | \$555.85 (Athletics) |
| 37. Allyson Radocha HACC | States SKILLS USA Competition Hershey, PA 4/8-10/2026 | -0- |

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| 38. Angela Avillion HACC | States SKILLS USA Competition Hershey, PA 4/8-10/2026 | -0- |
| 39. Helen Rettger HAAHA | PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra Carbondale High School 3/5/2026 | -0- |
| 40. Melissa Wartman MKEMS | AIM Institute Research to Practice Symposium Virtual 3/2/2026 | -0- |
| 41. Darrin Arndt HACC | FBLA State Leadership Conference Hershey, PA 4/12-15/2026 | \$531.00 (School Sponsored Activities) |
| 42. Michelle Chyko HACC | FBLA State Leadership Conference Hershey, PA 4/12-15/2026 | \$531.00 (School Sponsored Activities) |

School Functions for Board Meeting: February 26 2026

| <u>School/Date</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Destination</u> |
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| HACC: | | |
| 4/27/2026 | GUIDANCE DEPT | KINGS COLLEGE VISIT |
| 3/11/2026 | HOSA | PENN LEADERSHIP, HERSHEY LODGE |
| 3/13/2026 | HOSA | PENN LEADERSHIP, HERSHEY LODGE |
| 3/5/2026 | ANATOMY | PENN TECH |
| 3/12/2026 | HOSA | PENN LEADERSHIP, HERSHEY LODGE |
| 3/20/2026 | BOCCE/UNITED | PANTHER VALLEY |
| 4/30/2026 | DENTAL ASST | RURAL HEALTH DENTAL |
| 2/25/2026 | WELDING/HVAC | PENN COLLEGE |
| HAHS: | | |
| 4/22/2026 | GUIDANCE DEPT | PENN STATE HAZLETON |
| 4/16/2026 | GUIDANCE DEPT | PENN STATE SCRANTON |
| 2/10/2026 | MOCK TRIAL | LUZERNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE |
| 2/24/2026 | LUZERNE COUNTY BANDFEST | EXETER, PA |
| 2/4/2026 | MOCK TRIAL | LUZERNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE |
| 3/17/2026 | ELD | WILKES UNI |
| 4/8/2026 | ELD | LCCC |
| 3/27/2026 | ELD | KINGS |
| 2/17/2026 | MOCK TRIAL | LC COURTHOUSE |
| 3/6/2026 | SPIRIT CLUB | VEMS READ ACROSS AMERICA |
| 3/2/2026 | SPIRIT CLUB | ASES READ ACROSS AMERICA |
| 2/12/2026 | MOCK TRIAL | LC COURTHOUSE |
| HAAS(STEM): | | |
| 2/28/2026 | PJAS | WILKES UNI |
| 3/18/2026 | SCIECNE CLUB | ART/SPACE MUSEUM |
| 1/31/2026 | MOCK TRIAL | PSU MAIN |
| 2/1/2026 | MOCK TRIAL | PSU MAIN |
| 3/27/2026 | BIO CLASS | LCCC |
| 3/20/2026 | BIO CLASS | LCCC |
| 3/13/2026 | BIO CLASS | LCCC |
| 3/6/2026 | BIO CLASS | LCCC |
| 3/25/2026 | ENGINEERING CLUB | PSU MAIN |
| 4/16/2026 | ENGINEERING CLUB | UNI OF SCRANTON |
| 4/17/2026 | HISTORY CLUB | PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENCE HALL |
| HAAHA: | | |
| 2/18-2/20/26 | HAHS CHORUS | NW AREA HS |
| 2/4/2026 | BAND | PMEA @ DALLAS AREA HS |
| ASES: | | |
| 5/28/2026 | 1ST GRADE | ASES -CHACKOS BOWLING |
| DEMS: | | |
| 5/1/2026 | KINDERGARTEN | SKYZONE |
| 5/28/2026 | 6TH GRADE | PA CAPITAL -HARRISBURG |
| 4/20/2026 | 3RD GRADE | CAMP KRESGE |
| 4/28/2026 | 2ND GRADE AUTISTIC | LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO |
| 3/17/2026 | BAND | DEMS/FEMS |
| FEMS: | | |
| 5/28/2026 | MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS | HERSHEY PARK |
| 5/5/2026 | SADD | HARRISBURG CAPITAL |
| 4/10/2026 | 1ST GRADE | CIRCUS, WILKES-BARRE |
| 3/24/2026 | CHORUS | HAHS |

HEMS:

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| 3/17/2026 BAND | MIOSM-HAHS |
| 5/7/2026 3RD GRADE | ELECTRIC CITY AQUARIUM |
| 5/14/2026 6TH GRADE | CHACKOS BOWLING |
| 5/13/2026 5TH GRADE | RAILRIDERS GAME-MOOSIC PA |
| 5/6/2026 ECOLOGY CLUB | NESCOPECK STATE PARK |
| 3/24/2026 CHORUS | HAHS |
| 5/11/2026 4TH GRADE | CHICKS AND GOATS, DRUMS PA |

HTEMS:

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| 5/18/2026 5TH GRADE | ELECTRIC CITY AQUARIUM |
| 3/17/2026 BAND | MIOSM HAHS |
| 5/8/2026 4TH GRADE | ECKLEY |
| 3/24/2026 CHORUS | HAHS |
| 5/6/2026 3RD GRADE | CHACKOS BOWLING |

MKEMS:

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| 5/13/2026 AUTISTIC SUPPORT | BLOOMSBURG CHILDRENS MUSEUM |
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VEMS:

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| 5/14/2026 AUTISTIC/LIFESKILLS | WILKES BARRE AREA TRACK |
| 3/14/2026 MIOSM | HAHS |
| 3/17/2026 MIOSM | HAHS |
| 5/5/2026 1ST GRADE | FOLKS BUTTE4RFLY FARM |
| 5/18/2026 HISTORY/ART CLUB | WHISPERING WILLOWS PARK |
| 5/7/2026 HEALTH/FITNESS CLUB | WHISPERING WILLOWS PARK, LUNCH, WALK |
| 3/25/2026 ART CLUB | MARYWOOD UNI |
| 4/15/2026 ART CLUB | HAZLETON ART LEAGUE |

WHEMS:

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| 5/6/2026 WHEMS | ELECTRIC CITY AQUARIUM |
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MMEMS:

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| 5/7/2026 5TH GRADE | CHACKOS BOWLING |
| 5/22/2026 6TH GRADE | BEROVAUGN POOL -BERWICK |
| 5/19/2026 7TH GRADE | CHACKOS BOWLING |
| 5/27/2026 4TH GRADE | CAMP KRESGE |
| 6/1/2026 8TH GRADE | KNOEBELS |
| 5/12/2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL | ELECTRIC CITY AQUARIUM |
| 3/3/2026 8TH GRADE | JOHNSON COLLEGE |
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HACA(Cyber):

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| 4/15/2026 3-6 GRADE | ANTHRACITE MODEL RAILROAD SOCIETY-HAZLE TWP |
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**Board Agenda Substitute List
February 26, 2026**

Kelly Education Substitutes

Paraprofessionals-

1. Meliannie Castillo
2. Susana Pizarro

Teachers-

1. Kittrick Danzeisen
2. David DeJesus Alberto
3. Ryan Green
4. Robert Mauro
5. Alyssa Mazurkiwecz
6. Madeline Rohde
7. Andrew Solonoski

Food Service (Pending paperwork)

1. Luissanna Morel
2. Midre Mejia
3. Giada Addar
4. Dary Morel
5. Estheisa Rodriquez
6. Josefina Diaz
7. Yovely Mabel Jimenez Mirabal