

**Hazleton Area Board of Education
Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Hazleton Area School District
Public Meeting
Hazleton Area Career Center – Large Group Instruction Room
2:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

- A. Call to Order by Board President Shemansky at **2:23 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	
Atty. Nicole Bednarek (The Slusser Law Firm)	X	
Patrick Patte	X	
Danny Rodgers	X	
Anthony Lamanna	X	
Robert Mehalick	X	

D. Announcement of Executive Sessions held as follows:

- **August 5, 2025 started at 1:06 P.M. and ended at 2:17 P.M.** – Regarding Litigation, Personnel and Student Safety with the following Board members present: Joseph Barletta, Anthony Bonomo, James Chapman, Dr. Robert Childs, Linda DeCosmo, Jeff Kubitz, Ellen McBride, Edward Shemansky, Joseph Zeller, Jr., Robert Krizansky, Brian Uplinger (arrived at 1:20 P.M.), Patrick Patte, Daniel Rodgers (arrived at 1:23 P.M.), Anthony Lamanna, Robert Mehalick, Solicitor Christopher Slusser and Attorney Nicole Bednarek (The Slusser Law Firm)

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

- Carmella Yenkevich – commented on agenda items #105.
- Pat Tomsho – commented on agenda item #105.

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

- Regular Monthly School Board Meeting – June 26, 2025

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

Motion: Bonomo
Second: DeCosmo
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			

G. Treasurer Report for June 2025 (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): G

Motion: Bonomo

Second: DeCosmo

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			

Curriculum & Instruction / Career Center

Approve Items 1-11 With One Motion (APPROVED)

1. Recommend Board approve the following list of student teachers/interns and/or field observers:
(APPROVED)

- Marilenny Then Lizardo – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Ryleigh Cain – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Mercedes Santos – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Morgan McAndrew – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Isabella Ramirez – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Savanna Serfass – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Samantha Andreuzzi – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Kirsten Deckert – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Ryan Green – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University
- Yarlin Jujols – Commonwealth University/Bloomsburg University

2. Recommend Board approve the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences Regional meetings and competitions invoices to be submitted in weekly payments for the 2025-2026 school year. This will allow payments to be made so that students can participate in events without any disqualifications.
(APPROVED)

3. Recommend Board approve the purchase of consumable grocery items from Weis Markets by the Family and Consumer Science class teachers, Mary-Jo Zola and Amy Roslevege. This will encourage students to learn and engage in hands-on meal preparations. Each middle school has budgeted \$300.00 per quarter per teacher to spend for their class. This will allow the grocery bill to be paid immediately after purchase. (APPROVED)

4. Recommend Board approve all PMEA memberships and all other band and/or music event invoices to be submitted in weekly payments for the 2025-2026 school year. This will allow payments to be

made so that students can participate in all festivals without any disqualifications. **(APPROVED)**

5. Recommend Board approve the handbooks for the following schools for the 2025-2026 school year: **(APPROVED)**
- a. Arthur St. Elementary School
 - b. Hazleton Elementary/Middle School
 - c. Hazle Township Early Learning Center
6. Recommend Board approve Bethany Dudeck, teacher at HEMS, to complete 180 practicum hours with Debbie Kupsho, Principal at HEMS, to satisfy a requirement of Point Park University Teaching and Leadership M. Ed with Principal Certification (K-12). The practicum hours will be completed before/after teaching hours and during planning periods from August 24, 2025 through October 17, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
7. Recommend Board approve The Class of 2027 to host the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. in the HAHS Gymnasium. **(APPROVED)**
8. Recommend Board approve the Financial Aid Contract for Anthony Bellizia, Financial Aid Consultant for the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
9. Recommend Board approve the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Data Sharing Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Wilkes University for the participation in the SHINE program. (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
10. Recommend Board approve the following furniture purchases from Hertz Furniture Systems. Pricing as per KPN 202012-02C: **(APPROVED)**
- a. HAHS, Quote # 722631 – \$19,939.60
 - b. FEMS, Quote # 722573 – \$16,667.45
 - c. HTEMS & MMEMS, Quote # 722536 – \$13,213.20
11. Recommend Board approve the continued participation of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Technical Assistance Program (TAP) for the 2025-2026 school year. The program is offered to career and technical centers. HACC has participated in this program since 2008. It assists in the delivery of professional development and assists in paying for the cost of the NOCTI testing materials. **(APPROVED)**

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

Motion: DeCosmo

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			

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

Approve Items 12-31 With One Motion **(APPROVED)**

12. Recommend Board approve the blanket purchase order for the purchase of tangible reinforcers for special needs classes from Weis Markets for the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**
13. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and New Story Schools at the following per diem tuition rates for the regular school calendar year and the Extended School Year Services per pupil: \$325.00/per day low rate, \$380.00/per day medium rate, \$440.00/per day high rate, and \$549.00/per day extra high rate. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
14. Recommend Board approve Special Education holding monthly autism parent education training groups in English and Spanish starting in August. **(APPROVED)**
15. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Q-Global licenses to be used by school psychologists for testing in identifying students with special needs from Pearson at a cost of \$37,286.55 for the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**
16. Recommend Board approve the purchase of sensory supplies for the 2025-2026 school year for new autistic classrooms from Amazon at a cost of \$18,445.17. Pricing as per U.S. Communities Contract # R-TC-17006. **(APPROVED)**
17. Recommend Board approve the purchase of furniture for Special Education classrooms in the amount of \$36,115.14 from Hertz Furniture Systems. Pricing as per KPN contract #202012-02C. The purchase will be paid through ACCESS Funds. **(APPROVED)**
18. Recommend Board approve the following teachers to work the Special Education Extended School Year (ESY). All candidates must have proper clearances as per HASD policy. Funding through LIU 18 for the 2024 - 2025 ESY Program. **(APPROVED)**

Teachers:

- a. Christine Gavio - Retroactive to 7/14/2025
 - b. Juan Romero - Kelly Substitute - Retroactive to 7/10/2025
19. Recommend Board approve the agreement between Children's Service Center and the Hazleton Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year at the following rates. Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) \$150.00 per student per day and Therapeutic Educational Program (TEP) \$196.00 per student per day. The summer rates will be \$75.00 for PHP and \$98.00 for TEP. There are also additional fees that could possibly be charged for special circumstances based on individual situations. These are listed in the addendum and will require school district consultation prior to fees being applied. (Approved by the Slusser Law Firm) (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
 20. Recommend Board approve the Service Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Peace of Mind Yoga Studio (POM) to provide yoga classes to our high school Special Education students for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$145 per class. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
 21. Recommend Board approve the agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Programs of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2025-2026 school year. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (Renewal) **(APPROVED)**
 22. Recommend Board approve the renewal of Read 180 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Technology for grades 7-12 for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$22,072.50. **(APPROVED)**
 23. Recommend Board accept the Early Intervention allocation of IDEA 619 K-5 Pass Through Funds in the amount of \$52,858.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**
 24. Recommend Board approve the renewal of DocuSign for the Early Intervention Department for the 2025-2026 school year. The cost is \$8,000.00 and will be paid by State Early Intervention funds. **(APPROVED)**
 25. Recommend Board approve the estimate for ESL Services from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2025-2026 school year at an estimated cost of \$17,250.00. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**

- 26. Recommend Board approve the donation of backpacks, school supplies and lunch boxes from Maternal & Family Health Services. The estimated value is \$8,400.00. (APPROVED)
- 27. Recommend Board approve the MOU between the Hazleton Area School District and Age of Learning for My Reading & My Math Academy pilot program student licenses for the Hazle Township Early Learning/Newcomer Center. There is no cost to the district. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
- 28. Recommend Board approve the Build-a-Bear program for \$14,927.00 inclusive of workshop presentations for first-grade students, to be paid to Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. from 2024-2025 Title I, CSI, Ready to Learn Grant, and Title IV funds. (lowest of 3 quotes) (APPROVED)
- 29. Recommend Board approve the purchase of My Path reading and math site licenses for 3rd-8th grade for \$81,725.00 to be paid to Imagine Learning from 2024-2025 Title I and Title IV funds. (APPROVED)
- 30. Recommend Board approve the purchase of Language and Literacy and Imagine Math site licenses for \$29,500.00 for FEMS to be paid to Imagine Learning form 2024-2025 Title I and CSI funds. (APPROVED)
- 31. Recommend Board approve the renewal of a 3-year license subscription for Nearpod for \$73,854.00 to be paid to Renaissance from Title I, and the Ready to Learn Grant. (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 12 – 31

Motion: Chapman
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			

Security

Approve Items 32-36 With One Motion (APPROVED)

- 32. Recommend Board appoint Joseph Scalise to the position of Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Replacement & budgeted) (Pending paperwork) (APPROVED)
- 33. Recommend Board appoint Ernest Keiper to the position of Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Budgeted) (Pending paperwork) (APPROVED)
- 34. Recommend Board appoint Eric Pettit to the position Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Replacement & budgeted) (Pending paperwork) (APPROVED)
- 35. Recommend Board appoint Shikeyia Schuster to the position of Cafeteria Monitor. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Budgeted) (Pending paperwork) (APPROVED)
- 36. Recommend Board appoint Jeffrey Sledjeski to the position of Part-time Seasonal Security Officer. Salary and benefits as per SPFPA contract. (Budgeted) (Pending paperwork) (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 32 - 36

Motion: DeCosmo
Second: Zeller
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 37-39 With One Motion (APPROVED)

37. 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)**

	Name	School	Hours	Type
a.	Lisa Kaminski	VEMS	5.5	Transfer
b.	Yennifer Aracena Valdez	MMEMS	5.0	New hire

38. Recommend Board approve the purchase of five iPads and five iPad cases for the Hazle Township Early Learning Center Cafeteria from the Apple Store in the amount of \$1,894.75. **(APPROVED)**
39. Recommend Board approve contracted van drivers provided by Krise Transportation Services for the 2025-2026 school year. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 37 - 39

Motion: DeCosmo
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			

Technology

Approve Items 40-41 With One Motion (APPROVED)

40. Recommend Board approve the purchase of 48 Lenovo ThinkPad E16 laptop computers with docking stations, ViewSonic Monitors, and Logitech Keyboards. Total cost is \$67,770.72. Devices will be used by school office secretaries and maintenance staff. The vendor is GDC IT Solutions. Pricing as per PEPPM 542242-001 contract. Budgeted in 2025/2026 budget. **(APPROVED)**
41. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Systems Support Technician. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA agreement: **(APPROVED)**

- a. Catherine Frumkin (Replacement & budgeted)
- b. Ethan Broskoskie (Budgeted)
- c. Aaron Kacyon (Budgeted)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 40 - 41

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			

Facilities & Capital Projects

Approve Items 42-53 With One Motion (APPROVED)

- 42. Recommend Board appoint Nicholas Hawk to the position of Full-time Custodian, HAHS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
- 43. Recommend Board appoint Joseph Planutis to the position of Full-time Custodian, HTEMS, effective July 3, 2025. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
- 44. Recommend Board appoint Peter Andrasko to the position of Full-time Maintenance, ASES/HAA, effective June 30, 2025. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
- 45. Recommend Board appoint Yisset Candelario De Espinal to the position of Full-time Custodian, DEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
- 46. Recommend Board appoint Yanil Soto Lugo to the position of Full-time Custodian, HAAH. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
- 47. Recommend Board appoint Michael Berger 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)**
- 48. Recommend Board appoint Sixta Adams 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)**
- 49. Recommend Board appoint Daniel Rodriguez to the position of Full-time Custodian Floater, effective July 2, 2025. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
- 50. Recommend Board appoint Robert MacNeal to the position of Full-time Head Custodian, FEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**

51. Recommend Board appoint Corey Zanolini to the position of Full-time Head Custodian, VEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) (Transfer) **(APPROVED)**
52. Recommend Board appoint Anthony Corrado to the position of Full-time Head Custodian, HTEMS. Salary and benefits as per the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local union No. 401. (Replacement and budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
53. Recommend Board approve a memorial painted on the gym floor at the Hazleton Elementary/Middle School in memory of Juan Silva. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **42 – 53**

Motion: DeCosmo
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			

Student Activities, Athletics and Extra-Curricular

Approve Items 54-58 With One Motion **(APPROVED)**

54. Recommend Board approve a leave of absence for Lauren Kutney, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 season. (Coincides with her teaching leave) **(APPROVED)**
55. Recommend Board approve the resignation of the following coaches: **(APPROVED)**
- a. Logan Jones – Assistant Boys/Girls Golf Coach
 - b. Adrian Otero – Assistant Football Coach
56. Recommend Board approve the reassignment of the following coaches: **(APPROVED)**
- a. Alyssa Shamany from Freshman Girls Basketball Coach to Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 season
 - b. Scott Shamany from Freshman Boys Basketball Coach to Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
 - c. Brian Harry from Jr. High Soccer Coach to Varsity Assistant Coach Girls Soccer
 - d. Marsha Kringe from Head Coach Jr. High Field Hockey to Assistant Coach Jr. High Field Hockey
 - e. Rebecca Kaschak from Assistant Coach Jr. High Field Hockey to Head Coach Jr. High Field Hockey
57. Recommend Board appoint the following coaches: **(APPROVED)**
- a. Grace Babinchak – Assistant Coach Boys/Girls Golf
 - b. Joseph Bayzick – Assistant Coach Jr. High Football
 - c. William Minnick – Assistant Coach Jr. High Football
 - d. Marissa Oakes – Assistant Coach Varsity Field Hockey (split salary with Tom Sokalofski)
 - e. Sabryn Dobbins – Assistant Coach, Game Team, Varsity Cheerleading
 - f. Gregory Mazurek – Head Coach Girls Tennis
 - g. Richard Morelli – Volunteer Assistant Jr. High Football Coach
 - h. Joshua Heck – Assistant Football Coach

58. Recommend Board accepting the PIAA Interscholastic sports programs for the 2025-2026 school year. (attached list) **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **54 – 58**

Motion: McBride

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			

Finance

Approve Items 59-69 With One Motion (APPROVED)

59. Recommend Board approve the property tax refunds. **(APPROVED)**
60. Recommend Board approve the Automobile insurance renewal for the Hazleton Area School District from RCS Insurance Brokerage, Inc. in the annual premium amount of \$47,540.00 (July 1, 2025 – July 1, 2026). **(APPROVED)**
61. Recommend Board approve the attached list of properties by Keystone Reality Advisors for appeal for the 2025 tax year. **(APPROVED)**
62. Recommend Board approve the School District Letter of Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and Wilkes University for the participation in the SHINE program. **(APPROVED)**
63. Recommend Board approve the Consultant Agreement between HASD and Governmental Revenue Strategies, LLC. **(APPROVED)**
64. Recommend Board approve the Audio-Video Service Agreement with decibel Productions, LLC.
65. Recommend Board approve the following revised policies: **(APPROVED)**
- a. 627 – Cash Handling and Deposits (new)
 - b. 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

66. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for unused overtime to purchase additional supplemental books from Simple Solutions to be paid with 2024-25 Title I funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.1190.646.411.10.230.000	\$3,450.00	
10.3300.123.411.00.120.000		\$3,450.00

67. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for Speak With Me snacks (15 days) to be paid with 2024-25 Title III funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.3300.635.471.10.231.000	\$1,125.00	
10.1190.646.471.10.200.000		\$802.49
10.1190.646.471.10.250.000		\$322.51

68. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for professional development and site licenses for My Path Reading and Math from Imagine Learning to be paid with 2024-25 Title I and Title IV funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.2271.360.411.10.490.000	\$ 750.00	
10.1190.650.431.10.210.000	\$1,258.95	
10.3300.230.411.00.120.000		\$ 750.00
10.2420.611.431.10.290.000		\$1,258.95

69. Recommend Board approve the budget transfer for the purchase of Great Writing student books from Cengage Learning to be paid with 2024-25 Title III funds. **(APPROVED)**

	<u>DEBIT (To Acct)</u>	<u>CREDIT (From Acct)</u>
10.1190.646.471.10.220.000	\$2,940.00	
10.1190.646.471.10.240.000	\$ 21.84	
10.1190.646.471.10.270.000	\$1,960.00	
10.3300.151.471.10.270.000		\$ 4,641.00
10.3300.151.471.30.270.000		\$ 280.84

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **59 – 69**

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		X (#63)	

70. Bills **(APPROVED)**

- a. Law Offices of Angela J. Evans
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3781 – \$684.00
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3782 – \$558.00
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3784 – \$ 54.00
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3785 – \$144.00
 - Professional Services – Invoice No. 3787 – \$ 90.00
- b. Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.
 - Professional Services – Schematic Design Phase – HASD New Campus Elementary School – Invoice No. 0201635 – \$8,310.00 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Land Development Plans – HASD Indoor Athletic Facility – Invoice No. 0201631 – \$10,672.50 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Civil Engineering Design – HASD Tennis Courts – Invoice No. 0201633 – \$18,177.72 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Construction Materials Testing – HASD Drums Parking Testing & Inspections – CMT – Invoice No. 0201661 – \$1,636.40 (General Fund)
 - Professional Services – Land Development Plans – HASD Campus Access Road – Invoice No. 0201634 – \$22,677.50 (Fund 93)

c. KCBA Architects

- Professional Services – Project No. 0269202 – High School Concessions Renovation – Invoice No. 49287 – \$8,586.67 (General Fund)

d. ICS Consulting, LLC.

- HASD GESA Phase 3 – Project No. S25007 – Pay App No. 005 – \$1,646,840.41 (Fund 90)
- HASD GESA Phase 3a – Project No. S25031 – Pay App. No. 001 \$194,500.12 (Fund 90)
- HASD GESA Phase 3b – Pay App. No. 001 – \$355,500.00 (Fund 51)
- HASD High School Tennis Improvements – Project No. S25044 – Invoice No. 12847 – \$3,750.00
- HASD Freeland E/M School Add & Reno – Project No. S25045 – Invoice No. 12848 – \$8,700.00
- HASD New Elementary School – Project No. S24033 – Invoice No. 12853 – \$148,750.00

e. M & J Excavation, Inc.

- Drums E/M School Parking Lot and Access Improvements – Pay App. No. 3 – \$27,251.50 (General Fund)

f. General Fund (2024-2025)

- Board Run through 7/24/2025
 - Activities – \$6,429.39
 - Athletics – \$11,832.14
 - Cafeteria – \$16,290.52
 - Tax Refunds – \$360.52
 - Weekly – \$1,719,871.96
 - Monthly – \$689,061.05
- Board Run 7/25/2025 through 8/5/2025
 - Activities – \$1,322.51
 - Athletics – \$10,584.22
 - Cafeteria – \$2,608.98
 - Tax Refunds – \$0.00
 - Weekly – \$523,489.46
 - Monthly – \$600,165.80

g. General Fund (2025-2026)

- Board Run through 7/24/2025
 - Activities – \$0.00
 - Athletics – \$0.00
 - Cafeteria – \$504,261.00
 - Tax Refunds – \$0.00
 - Weekly – \$21,816.56
 - Monthly – \$499.00
- Board Run 7/25/2025 through 8/5/2025
 - Activities – \$0.00
 - Athletics – \$3,848.97
 - Cafeteria – \$0.00
 - Tax Refunds – \$2,136.68
 - Weekly – \$1,143,538.80
 - Monthly – \$46,236.90

FYI

- Treasurer Report
- Investment Report
- Rental Requests
- Outstanding Rental Balances
- List of Rentals (2024-2025)
- Anticipated Cash Flow (2025-2026)

Budget Reports (2024-2025)

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

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 70

Motion: Bonomo
Second: DeCosmo
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 71-76 With One Motion (APPROVED)

- 71. Recommend Board approve the attached conference request list. (APPROVED)
- 72. Recommend Board approve the attached substitute list. (APPROVED)
- 73. Recommend Board approve the naming of the Hazleton Elementary/Middle School Gym Court as the Juan Silva Court. (APPROVED)
- 74. Recommend Board approve the Consulting Services Agreement between the Hazleton Area School District and EF International Advisors. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
- 75. Recommend Board approve the Partial Agreement between Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 and the Hazleton Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic services. Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic services would be billed at \$112.44 per day. This is in addition to educational costs for partial that the district is billed for on a monthly basis. (Approved by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
- 76. Recommend Board approve Judy Ann Hislop to assist in the state mandated Dental Hygiene Services Program (DHSP) at the Hazleton Area Career Center. The hours for the program will not exceed 85 hours at a rate of \$38.00/hr. Judy is a certified school dental hygienist retired from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 71 – 76

Motion: DeCosmo
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 77-92 With One Motion (APPROVED) – (AGENDA ITEM #84 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA)

77. Recommend Board approve the Organizational Charts for the Office of the Superintendent & District. **(APPROVED)**
78. Recommend Board approve the continuation of the Fueling Brains program in the following schools: Hazleton Area Academy (Pre-K, EI), West Hazleton Elementary/Middle (Kindergarten, ES), Hazle Township Early Learning Center (Kindergarten), Newcomers Center (Kindergarten), Arthur Street Elementary (Kindergarten), Cyber Academy (Kindergarten), Heights-Terrace Elementary/Middle (Kindergarten), and McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary/Middle (Kindergarten). (Approved by Slusser Law Firm) **(APPROVED)**
79. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Shelby Moon, Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
80. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Ashley Murphy, Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
81. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Victor Nolasco, Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
82. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Natalie Priessnitz, Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
83. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Jaymie Roddy, Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
84. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Erica Testa, Long-term Substitute Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA)**
85. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Yosara Gonzalez, Long-term Substitute Teacher, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
86. Recommend Board rescind the appointment of Rossell Burgos Rodriguez, Bilingual Liaison, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
87. Recommend Board rescind the resignation of employee ROD024 effective July 2, 2025, approved at the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held on June 26, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
88. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee MEN010 effective June 26, 2025. (subject to a 60 day hold) **(APPROVED)**
89. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee NIC013 effective June 26, 2025. (subject to a 60 day hold) **(APPROVED)**
90. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee GIA003 effective June 29, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
91. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee SHA029 effective July 23, 2025. **(APPROVED)**
92. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee DUD009 effective July 24, 2025. (subject to a 60 day hold) **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 77 – 92 (EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEM #84)

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 93-103 With One Motion (APPROVED)

93. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee GRE031 effective August 15, 2025.
(APPROVED)
94. Recommend Board approve the resignation of employee THE001 effective August 22, 2025.
(APPROVED)
95. Recommend Board approve the retirement of employee RHO002 effective June 6, 2025.
(APPROVED)
96. Recommend Board approve the retirement of employee TUC001 effective January 2, 2026.
(APPROVED)
97. Recommend Board approve a leave for GRE023, ESPA, effective July 2, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act. (APPROVED)
98. Recommend Board approve a leave for DEL024, TEAM, effective June 30, 2025, which will consist of the use of sick, vacation and dock time. (APPROVED)
99. Recommend Board approve a leave for FEI002, ESPA, effective July 14, 2025, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act. (APPROVED)
100. Recommend Board appoint Mary Ann Quinn to the position of Attendance Officer for Hazleton Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA Agreement. (Budgeted) (APPROVED)
101. Recommend Board appoint Jennifer Zola and Kevin O’Hara as Attendance Office & Social Work Co-Department Heads. They will share the annual rate. Rate as per HAEA Agreement (APPROVED)
102. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Speech Clinician for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per HAEA Agreement: (New position & budgeted) (APPROVED)

a. Gisbely Reyes

b. Melissa Lucas
103. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Teacher for Hazleton Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA Agreement: (Budgeted) (APPROVED)

a. Richard Cosgrove

b. Elizabeth Marizan

c. Bailee Connors

d. Rachel Lakkis

e. Luisa Martinez

f. Joshua Samec

g. Donna Kilgore

h. Eric Velez

i. Megan Hess

j. Erica Yenchick

Science

Elementary

Elementary

Elementary

ELD

Social Studies

Early Intervention

Special Education

Special Education

Special Education

- k.

AnnaMarie Bridges

Special Education

l.

Juliana Oberto

Elementary

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 93 – 103

Motion: DeCosmo
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		X (#100)	

Approve Items 104-107 With One Motion (APPROVED) - EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM #104 (l – o) WERE REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

104.

Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher for Hazleton Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the HAEA Agreement: (Budgeted) (APPROVED) (l through o WERE REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

a.

Aidan Malloy

Science

b.

Fredrick Blase

Math

c.

Bryce Greco

Social Studies

d.

Jarred Maylath

MS Social Studies

e.

Eric Swiech

MS Science

f.

Amanda Kalada-Kania

Elementary

g.

Shane Noonan

Physical Education

h.

Madeline Ramirez

Elementary

i.

Michael Stagg

Business

j.

Michael Zalutko

Elementary

k.

Catherine Maleski

Elementary

l.

Art (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

m.

Music (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

n.

Music (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

o.

Music (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

p.

Zachary Fuchick

CTC Career Explorations

q.

Duane Evans

Early Intervention

r.

Marla Guerrero Tejeda

ELD

s.

Katherine Concepcion Ada

ELD

t.

Seidy Bobadilla

ELD

u.

Lisa McClendon

Special Education

v.

Olivia Eckert

Special Education

w.

Christine Zahorchak

Special Education

x.

Fernando Obando

Special Education

y.

Hanzel Brito Che

Special Education

z.

Wilmary Ulloa Martinez

Special Education

aa.

Franchesca Aquino Ramirez

Special Education

bb.

Tatiana Villar

Special Education

cc.

Alexus Warne

Special Education

dd.

Cassandra Mahaffey

Special Education

ee.

Ashley Cragle

Special Education

ff.

Grace Babinchak

Special Education

gg.

Deborah Zizzo

Special Education

hh.

Jamie Domyan

Special Education

ii.

Cindy Elliott

Special Education

105. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Cyber Coordinator for Hazleton Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary and benefits as per the Act 93 Agreement. (Budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
- a. Sherry McBride
 - b. Michele Medek
 - c. Maria D’Amato

106. Recommend Board approve the creation of the position Director of ESL. **(APPROVED)**
107. Recommend Board approve the job description for the Director of ESL. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): **104 – 107 (EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEM #104 (l-o))**

Motion: Barletta
Second: McBride
Vote: Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Barletta	X			
Bonomo	X			
Chapman	X		X (#105(c))	
Childs	X	X (#105)		
DeCosmo	X			
Kubitz	X			
McBride	X		X (#105 (a))	
Shemansky	X			
Zeller	X			

Approve Items 108-111 With One Motion (APPROVED) - EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM #111 (t – cc) WERE REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

108. Recommend Board appoint Lindsay Wagner to the position of Director of ESL. Salary and benefits as per Act 93 Agreement. **(APPROVED)**
109. Recommend Board appoint Gina Makuta to the position of Full-time Financial Secretary, HAA. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**
110. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of Office Assistant/Part-time Secretary. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (Replacement & budgeted) **(APPROVED)**

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| a. Mary Jones | Office Assistant | WHEMS |
| b. Kristen Durso | Office Assistant | HTEMS |
| c. Tara Yanuzzi | Office Assistant | HTELC |
| d. Orimel Duran | Office Assistant | HEMS |
| e. Eza Chaudhry | Part-time Secretary | EI-Oblates |

111. Recommend Board appoint the following to the position of 6.5 hr. Paraprofessional. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract: (Budgeted) **(APPROVED) (t through cc WERE REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**

- a. Carissa Davis
- b. Breanna Pollack (Transfer)
- c. Michelle Stanley
- d. Lindsey Weidow (Transfer)
- e. Melissa Temchatin (Transfer)
- f. Kim Kuzmitsky
- g. Joaquin De La Cruz
- h. Ashley Rehl
- i. Nicole Greising
- j. Mary Yanuzzi
- k. Sharon Albright
- l. Shantal De Soto

- m. Cesarina Gonzalez Salcedo
- n. Colleen Wilkinson
- o. Rosa Elba Vicioso Jimenez
- p. Vilmary Pineda Rosario
- q. Deborah Flanagan Breznitsky
- r. Christine Puzzetti
- s. Omaylis Rodriguezmichel
- t. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- u. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- v. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- w. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- x. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- y. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- z. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- aa. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- bb. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- cc. _____ (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 108 – 111 (EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEM #111 (t-cc))

Motion: Bonomo
Second: DeCosmo
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 112-115 With One Motion (APPROVED) - EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM # 112 WAS REMOVED)

- 112. Recommend Board appoint _____ to the position of 6.5 hr. Library Paraprofessional. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (Replacement & budgeted) (ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
- 113. Recommend Board appoint Solanlly Sosa to the position of 6.5 hr. Bilingual Paraprofessional. Salary and benefits as per HAESPA contract. (New position & budgeted) (APPROVED)
- 114. Recommend Board approve the Interagency Agreement between Hazleton Area School District Early Intervention and Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC.) (Pending approval by The Slusser Law Firm) (APPROVED)
- 115. Recommend Board approve the following tenure list: (APPROVED)

	Name	Certification	Location	Effective Date
a.	Aimee Fay	School Speech & Language Pathologist Pk-12	EI	August 12, 2024
b.	Thomas Kozerski	Chemistry 7-12	HAHS	April 23, 2023
c.	Lauren Metz	Grades Pk-4	FEMS	December 19, 2020
d.	Melissa Meyers	Grades Pk-4	VEMS	May 20, 2024

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 112 – 115 (EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEM #112)

Motion: Chapman
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			

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM

- Richard Wienches – commented on the Black Creek Wetlands Trail.
- Michele Planutis – commented on the Celebration of Life of Juan Silva.
- Mary Jane Starczyk – commented on the rental of the HAHS Baseball Field.
- Russ Canzler – commented on the rental of the HAHS Baseball Field.

Motion to Adjourn (APPROVED)

The following vote includes agenda item(s): Adjournment (3:15 PM)

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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