

**December 7, 2021**

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

**MINUTES**

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Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School  
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania  
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**NOTE:** The Board of Education held this Regular School Board Meeting in person. Due to the ongoing pandemic and for the health and safety of individuals, the meeting was streamed live using the virtual platform *Zoom*, so that the public had the option to attend in person or participate virtually.

A Reorganization Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held in person, with the option of virtual attendance, using the virtual platform *Zoom*, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 6:06PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. John J. Mahle, Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG**

Mr. Mahle welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Meeting of the Hanover Area School Board for the Hanover Area School District.

**Presentation of Certificates of Election and Administration of Oath to New/Reelected Board Members by District Justice**

**Joseph Halesey:**

Stacy Bleich, Dr. Vic Kopko, Richard Oravic, and Rick Stevens

**Appointment of Temporary Chairperson:**

It was moved by Stacy Bleich, seconded by Rick Stevens, to appoint Mike Masur as Temporary Chairperson.

**BOARD VOTE:** YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Oravick, Potsko, Redick, Stevens.

No: None:

ABSTAIN: Masur

ABSENT: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

**PRESENT:** Stacy Bleich, Paul Holmgren, Dr. Vic Kopko, John J. Mahle, Jr., Michael Mazur, Richard Oravic, Joyce Potsko, Matthew Redick, Rick Stevens

**ABSENT:** None

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Mr. Rick Stevens stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:** Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent; Attorney Jack Dean, District Solicitor; Judge Joseph Halsey, District Magistrate; Mrs. Lisa Kitchen, Administrative Assistant; and several citizens.

**Election of President:**

Mr. Masur accepted nominations for President of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Masur that John J. Mahle, Jr. be reinstated as President of the Hanover Area School District Board of Directors.

**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Oravic, Mazur, Potsko, Redick, Stevens

No: None:

ABSTAIN: Mahle

ABSENT: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Mahle assumed the President's Chair.

**Election of Vice President:**

Mr. Mahle accepted nominations for Vice President of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Oravic, seconded by Mr. Redick to nominate Dr. Vic Kopko as Vice President of the Hanover Area School District Board of Directors.

**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Mazur, Mahle, Oravic, Potsko, Redick, Stevens

No: None:

ABSTAIN: Kopko

ABSENT: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

**Appointment of Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Representative:**

Mr. Mahle accepted nominations for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Representative.

It was moved by Mr. Oravic, seconded by Ms. Potsko to appoint Mr. Rick Stevens as the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Representative from December 2021 to June 30, 2022 Mr. Stevens will serve the remainder of the three (3) year term which expires on June 30, 2022.

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**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Oravic, Potsko, Redick,  
No: None:  
ABSTAIN: Stevens  
ABSENT: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

**Appointment of Pennsylvania School Boards Association  
Legislation Representative:**

Mr. Mahle accepted nominations for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Legislation Representative.

It was moved by Mr. Mahle, seconded by Dr. Kopko that Mr. Matt Redick serve as the Hanover Area School Board's Pennsylvania School Boards Association Legislation Representative from December 2021 to December 2022.

**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Mazur, Oravic, Potsko, Stevens  
No: None:  
ABSTAIN: Redick  
ABSENT: None  
Chair declared the motion carried.

**SETTING OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY  
WORK SESSIONS:**

It was moved by Ms. Bleich seconded by Dr. Kopko to set the Work Sessions of the Board of Education as follows:

That the Work Sessions of the Board of Education shall be held the First Tuesday of each month at 5:00PM at the Hanover Area Junior Senior High School, with the exception of the January meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, January 11, 2022.

**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Kopko, Holmgren, Mazur, Mahle, Oravic, Potsko, Redick, Stevens  
No: None:  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

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**SETTING OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:**

It was moved by Mr. Redick, seconded by Mr. Oravic: to set the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education as follows:

That the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education shall be held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM at the Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School, with the exception of the January meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, January 11, 2022.

**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Kopko, Holmgren, Mazur, Mahle, Oravic, Potsko, Redick, Stevens

No: None:

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

**USE OF FACIMILE SIGNATURES:**

It was moved by Mr. Mahle, seconded by Mr. Stevens, to approve use of facsimile signatures and to authorize the President, Vice President and Secretary to enter into transactions on behalf of the Hanover Area School District and in accordance with Board Policy.

**Board Vote:** YES: Bleich, Kopko, Holmgren, Mahle, Mazur, Oravic, Potsko, Redick, Stevens

No: None:

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

**STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT:**

"I'd like to thank my colleagues for appointing me to another term of President of the Board of Education. I believe that the main goal of our Board of Education is to provide leadership and direction which will result in the best possible education, opportunities and experiences for all children of this District. I welcome our new board member, Mr. Richard Oravic and congratulate our reelected members, Mrs. Stacy Bleich, Dr. Vic Kopko and Mr. Rick Stevens. Once again, I would like to thank my fellow board members, Mr. Barrett, the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Hanover Area for all your help and support. Thank you."

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Mr. Holmgren, seconded by Dr. Kopko: To adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 6:17PM.

**BOARD VOTE:**

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mahle, Masur, Oravic, Potsko, Redick, and Stevens

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Chair declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

**Rick Stevens**  
**Hanover Area School Board**