

December 20, 2023

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

MINUTES

**Hanover Area Junior/Senior High School
Hanover Township, Pennsylvania
December 20, 2023**

A Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Hanover Area School District was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Brian McDermott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Stacy Bleich (phone), Paul Holmgren, Jacob Hyder, Dr. Vic Kopko, Michael Mazur, Brian McDermott

ABSENT: Richard Oravic, Matthew Redick, Rick Stevens

Brian McDermott, Board President, stated a Quorum was established for the meeting.

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent; Attorney Mark Bufalino, District Solicitor; Mrs. Lynn Vitale, Administrative Assistant; several District Administrators and several citizens.

Brian McDermott, Board President, provided the following Executive Session Report: "Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, the Board President wishes to announce that at its Special Meeting, convened for general purposes, on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the Board of Education of the Hanover Area School District held an Executive Session at 5:45PM to discuss matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, threats of or actual litigation and went into a closed executive session at 5:45PM and began the public meeting at 6:00PM. The subjects discussed in executive session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations and threatened or actual litigation. Is there any public input on the Agenda Items Only?"

There was no input from press or public.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES/REPORTS:

None

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent, offered his report, which noted the following:

- Mr. Barret had no report for the evening but wished everyone a happy holiday.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL:

It was moved by Dr. Vic Kopko and seconded by Mr. Paul Holmgren: To approve the following motion #1:

Amend the 2023-24 school calendar as follows: (Exhibit G-1)

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Full Day Students/Staff
(1st Make-Up Day for Monday, December 18, 2023)

BOARD VOTE:

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Kopko, Mazur, McDermott

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Oravic, Redick, Stevens

Chair declared the motions carried.

FINANCIAL:

It was moved by Michael Masur seconded by Jacob Hyder: To approve the following motions #1:

Adopt the Act 1 Resolution indicating that the Board of Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by more than the Act 1 index of 7.8%.
(Exhibit F-1)

Mr. Nathan Barrett, Superintendent, noted that this action was a matter of formality and at this time, this Board of Education is not seeking any tax increase at this time.

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BOARD VOTE: (ON MOTION #1 ABOVE):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Hyder, Mazur, McDermott

NO: Kopko

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Oravic, Redick, Stevens

Chair declared the motions carried.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Michale Mazur seconded by Jacob Hyder: To Table Motion #2.

1. Appoint Jacob Hyder, as the Hanover Area representative for the Wilkes-Barre Career & Technical Center for December 2023 through December 2026.

2. **(Tabled)** Appoint Paul Holmgren as the Board of Education Treasurer for December 2023 to May 2024.

BOARD VOTE (On Motion to TABLE #2):

YES: Bleich, Hyder, Kopko, Mazur, McDermott

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: Holmgren

ABSENT: Oravic, Redick, Stevens

Chair declared the motion to Table Motion #2 carried.

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Michael Mazur to: Approve Motion #1 above.

BOARD VOTE (On Motion to Approve #1):

YES: Bleich, Holmgren, Kopko, Mazur, McDermott

NO: NONE

ABSTAIN: Hyder

ABSENT: Oravic, Redick, Stevens

Chair declared the motion to approve Motion #1 carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

FUTURE MEETINGS:

January Work Session: January 9, 2024

January Regular Meeting: January 9, 2024

President McDermott then called for Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Paul Holmgren, seconded by Dr. Vic Kopko to adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:07PM.

ATTEST:  _____, Secretary

Rick Stevens
Hanover Area School Board