

Hanover Public School District
School Board Meeting
Administration Building - 403 Moul Avenue, Hanover, PA

January 27, 2025
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A. Opening Business

- Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Board Members Present: Mr. Frederick, Mrs. Gulden, Mr. Huston, Mrs. Kacar, Mrs. Keeney, Mr. Lippy, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walter
 - Student Board Members Absent: Finley Mummert & Keatyn Bull
 - Also Present: Dr. Scola, Dr. Seiple, David Fry, Troy Wentz, Steven Kroon, Dennis Kroon, Amanda Morgret, Kelcee Keller, Kayla and Ray Blair, Brady McClintock, Madison Maloney, Deb Wildasin, Jim McMahon, Jessica Strausbaugh, Sonny Strausbaugh, Emily and Josh Robertson, Grayson Robertson, Christy and Kevin Beckner, Natalie Beckner, Sean Davidson, Alex Davidson, Megan Kennis, Sophie Kennis, Mark Lawrence, Evelyn Lawrence, Nancy Barrerazi, Jody Kessinger, Dr. Hilyard, Matthew Martino, Lisa Jackson, Kathy Forbes, Mark and Megan Wherley, Andrew Walker, Mark Hershner, Additional Second Grade Students and Parents.

B. Recognition of Visitors: None

C. Public Comments: None

D. Committee Reports

York County School of Technology – Keeney, Representative; Gulden, Alternate - Meeting was held last Thursday and students prepared dinner for the Joint Operating Committee. Liam Long was represented from Hanover as part of the culinary program. Budget is moving forward to the Districts with a 3.51% increase. Feasibility study update was provided at the meeting.

Recreation – Shea, Representative; Frederick, Alternative

Meet & Discuss Professional, Classified & Administrative – Frederick, Chair; Gulden, Huston

Lincoln Benefit Insurance Trust – Wentz, Representative - Quarterly trustees meeting to be held on Thursday.

Legislative Liaison with Pennsylvania School Board Association – Shea, Representative

Policy Committee – Shea, Chair; Gulden, Smith, Walter

Educational Programs Committee – Gulden, Chair; Huston, Kacar, Walter ([enclosure](#)) Met on January 21 and discussed Credit Recovery for June in the High School, Camp Invention, Summer Academy, new textbooks in the area of the sciences, including,

Biology, Chemistry, AP Physics, and Environmental Science. Currently available for public review. Professional development day to be held on January 20. Next meeting is February 19.

Building & Grounds Committee – Gulden, Chair; Smith, Lippy, Kacar ([enclosure](#))
Update received on approved projects from Mr. Kress. Tennis court bids were reviewed and on the agenda this evening. HVAC controls demo will be at the next meeting. New increases to bid limits were reviewed and fiber connectivity from Clearview Elementary to Hanover Street Elementary was discussed. Next meeting is on February 6.

Parents' Advisory Committee – Keeney; Frederick, Alternate - Meeting held January 15 with all schools represented. Elementary discussed holiday shops and behavior incentive programs and fundraisers at each school. Middle School discussed Mini Mini Thon will be held and a Behavior Bash. High School February 3 Winter Sports will end and there was discussion of a twentieth AP course of AP Physics. Dr. Seiple discussed the Comprehensive Plan and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Code to the Future was presented which was interesting and a great presentation. Dr. Hilyard discussed the Penn State Math Program at the Middle School with a retired principal leading the program. The next meeting is March 12.

Lincoln Intermediate Unit – Kacar, Representative - LIU General Operating Budget was approved at an 8.1% increase due to salaries and benefits. No new positions in the budget and increase in technology supplies for cyber protection. Additional state reimbursement for these costs. Hanover increase is \$15.57.

Student Board Members - Finley Mummert & Keatyn Bull

- E. Approval of minutes from Past Meetings - The Board was requested to approve the minutes for December 3, 2024, and January 13, 2025
- Reorganization 2024-12-03 ([enclosure](#))
 - Board Meeting 2024-12-03 ([enclosure](#))
 - Board Meeting 2025-01-13 ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mrs. Gulden and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- F. Dr. John Scola
- School Board Recognition - Pleasure to recognize the School Board. On the tables are items by students from Clearview, Washington, and a video was sent from Hanover Street to recognize what you do. Middle School provided a name plaque and the High School provided the glass kiln and wood base sculpture from the technology education area. Appreciate what the Board does. On a personal note, thank you to the Board for being a-political and making decisions as to what is best for the students. Consistent, incredible job with budgets that are educational friendly, and appreciate what you do for the community.

Dr. Scola commented that thrilled to see children and parents at the meeting. Research shows parent involvement and how children do in school is important. What parents are doing is making a difference. Pleasing to see young people and extraordinary teaching and Elementary principals. He saw Code to the Future while at a conference in San Diego with all ages of students. Their kids could do and so could ours. Principals and teachers receive all the credit. Seven-year-olds doing computer science and will continue from second grade through sixth grade. Computer Science, 8th grade STEAM. Mrs. Morgret is in

the ILC with STEAM activities. Doing a remarkable job. Mr. Walker thanked the Board and Dr. Scola for growth in these areas where there was not always growth happening. Thank you to the parents and students from each elementary school. Students created a code maze. Teachers were introduced including Mr. McClintock, Mrs. Keller, and Mrs. Morgret. The creativity of the students shines through with a phenomenal job and much to be proud of.

- Code to the Future Presentations (Mandy Morgret) - Presented a video of the maze project. Students explained the maze by being matched with Board Members to show the use of Scratch. The students worked with Board Members to present their maze project and had the Board Members try the maze.

Dr. Scola indicated that an AI contest was held with faculty and twenty-three teachers, or twenty percent of the staff participated with amazing ideas.

- AI Presentation (Madison Maloney & Deb Wildasin) - The Pumpkin Town AI Adventure Project was presented. Shared project with video, pictures, and descriptions. IEP goals were combined with students to develop listening and adaptability skills. A book was read followed by comprehensive questions to answer. AI steps were generated to help students of all levels. Students created a Pumpkin Town character of their own. A student video was presented which showed students describing their favorite part of the project. Teachers thanked the Board for allowing them to present and for the great opportunity to think outside the box.

Dr. Scola indicated that differentiation has been wrestled with forever. AI gets the job done and you can have twenty-two different lesson plans for each student to learn on their own level.

- AI Presentation (Jim McMahon) AI images for appropriate use in grades five through seven. Used cleaning plastics from the ocean while not disturbing the fish. Fifth and sixth grade used Lego builds and seventh grade continued to learn AI images. Other teachers have used ideas created with Mr. McMahon in their classrooms. Quick draw where drawing a word was presented with AI trying to guess what the image was becoming. An example was a snowflake and then characteristics of the snowflake were discussed. Noisy Image Widget utilized with say what you see with Google. Students discuss the results and students see growth. AI Image Portfolio with Canva program to create AI image portfolio. Goal is how to use the tool in a non-threatening way. Seventh and Eighth-grade students learning how to use the AI tool as enter High School. Appreciate the opportunity to share.

Dr. Scola indicated both teachers in the ILC took the Praxis test from coming out of the classroom. They have given a lot to the District and without help from STEAM and Code to the Future wouldn't be possible. Thank you to both.

G. Dr. Susan Seiple

- Professional Development - held on January 20. Thank you to Amy Crist. Discussions included Math, Science, Byrnes Health Education Center including student mental health and bullying. The day was productive.

H. Personnel

- 1) Resignations - The Board was requested to approve the following resignation:

Professional Employee:

Brady McClintock, 2nd Grade Teacher at Hanover Street Elementary, effective March 21, 2025.

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the resignation as presented. Second by Mrs. Keeney and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 2) Employment - The Board was requested to approve the following employment:

Classified Employee:

Brenda Thacker, from Classified Substitute to Lunchroom Playground Supervisor, part-time, 2.5 hours per day, at Washington Elementary, effective February 3, 2025. Rate of compensation will remain the same.

Substitute Employees:

Gracelyn Troup, Classified Substitute for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, effective December 19, 2024. Rate of compensation will be in accordance with the current Substitute Rate Schedule.

Mia Arcieri, Day-to-Day Professional/Building Substitute for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, effective January 22, 2025. Rate of compensation will be in accordance with the current Substitute Rate Schedule.

Alyssa Dix, from Lunchroom Playground Supervisor, part-time, 2.5 hours per day, at Washington Elementary, to Classified Substitute for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, effective pending successful completion of all required employment paperwork. Rate of compensation will remain the same.

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Kacar made a motion to approve the employment as presented. Second by Mr. Lippy and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 3) Bus/Van Drivers - The Board was requested to approve the following bus/van drivers:

Susan Eline
Jamie Lang

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the bus/van drivers as presented. Second by Mrs. Walter and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 4) Conferences/Workshops - The Board was requested to approve the following conferences/workshops:

Becky Smith	Technical Symposium
Stacey Wuchenich	Pittsburgh, PA
	February 26 - March 1, 2025
	(enclosure)

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the conferences/workshops as presented. Second by Mrs. Shea and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

I. Finance

- 1) Tennis Court Bid - The Board was requested to approve Construction Masters Services in the amount of \$228,198 for the restoration of the tennis courts. ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Gulden made a motion to approve the tennis court bid as presented. Second by Mrs. Kacar and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 2) Request for Proposal - Transportation Services - The Board was requested to approve the administration to issue a Request for Proposal for Transportation Services for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond.

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the request for proposal for transportation services as presented. Second by Mr. Lippy and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 3) Tax Collector Compensation - The Board was requested to approve tax collector compensation for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2030, per the attached Resolution. ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the tax collector compensation as presented. Second by Mrs. Gulden and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 4) York County School of Technology 2025-2026 Budget - The Board was requested to approve the York County School of Technology 2025-2026 budget with total amount not to exceed \$38,408,636 (of which \$24,883,000, 3.51% increase, is from member contributions), with the District's costs for 2025-2026 estimated to be \$448,015 based on 29.04 students (\$432.148 adjusted for 2024-2025 based on 28.00 students), an increase of 3.67% including regular education, special education, and transportation expenses. ([enclosure](#)) ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Kacar made a motion to approve the York County School of Technology 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Second by Mr. Lippy and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 5) LIU #12 General Operating 2025-2026 Budget - The Board was requested to approve the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 General Operating 2025-2026 Budget in the amount of \$9,132,966 (prior year \$8,421,785) and a cost to the District of

\$2,890.18 (prior year \$2,874.61). ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the LIU #12 General Operating Budget for 2025-2026 as presented. Second by Mr. Lippy and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 6) Tax Collector Exonerations - The Board was requested to exonerate Holly Liska, Tax Collector, from the collection of the following tax bills:

Real Estate Taxes (bill amounts listed as face value, penalty also due)
bills turned over as of December 31, 2024, to York County for collection:

2024 Real Estate Taxes 182 bills \$575,264.45 (prior year 177 bills
\$529,014.69) ([enclosure](#))

2023 Real Estate Interim Taxes 41 bills \$17,143.15 ([enclosure](#))

2022 Real Estate Interim Taxes 9 bills \$1,338.09 ([enclosure](#))

2024 Interim \$0 for District ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the tax collector exonerations as presented. Second by Mr. Lippy and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

- 7) Check Registers - The Board was requested to approve the following check registers from the General Fund including athletic, middle school, and high school activity accounts totaling \$399,129.79 and Cafeteria totaling \$45,917.31, Grand total \$445,047.10 ([General](#)) ([Cafeteria](#))

BOARD ACTION:

Mrs. Keeney made a motion to approve the check registers as presented. Second by Mrs. Walter and approved on a roll call vote of 9-0.

J. Public Comment: None

K. Adjournment: Mr. Frederick adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Board Meetings - February 10 & 24 at 6:00 PM

Troy S Wentz