

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

January 28, 2026
(January 26, 2026)
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- A. Opening Business
- Call to Order - 6:03 PM
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Board Members Present: Mr. Frederick, Mrs. Gulden, Mr. Huston, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walter
 - Board Members Absent: Mrs. Keeney, Mr. Lippy
 - Also Present: Dr. Scola, Dr. Seiple, David Fry, Troy Wentz, Jody Kessinger, Dr. Hilyard, Dr. Abels, Matthew Martino, Andrew Walker, Lisa Jackson, Heather Wagaman, Kathy Forbes

B. Recognition of Visitors: None

C. Public Comments: None

D. Committee Reports

York County School of Technology – Keeney, Representative; Gulden, Alternate - Mrs. Keeney asked to share that the budget was voted on thus far by eight Districts with five passing the budget. A Hanover student, Greg Rath, grade 11, through the National Hotrodders was awarded a \$12,000 scholarship for any technical college school.

Recreation – Smith, Representative; Frederick, Alternative - Met January 6 and interviewed candidates for the Rec Board to be presented to Borough Council. Clay Reichart, a former Hanover student, was recommended.

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

Lincoln Benefit Insurance Trust – Wentz, Representative - Quarterly Trustees Meeting will be held tomorrow with health insurance rates for 2026-2027 being approved.

Legislative Liaison with Pennsylvania School Board Association – Shea, Representative

Policy Committee – Shea, Chair; Gulden, Smith, Rice - Meeting next month.

Educational Programs Committee – Gulden, Chair; Huston, Rice, Walter - Met on the 20th and reviewed graduation requirements, which is on the agenda for approval, with state post secondary readiness and received a curriculum assessment presentation and reviewed the stakeholder survey. Next meeting is February 18 at 4:30 PM.

Building & Grounds Committee – Gulden, Chair; Smith, Lippy, Walter ([enclosure](#))

Held January 8 at Washington Elementary with a tour of the building. High School univents, Washington Elementary window coverings, High School science labs with architect Crabtree Rohrbaugh working on the design, replacement of a 1999 dump truck and Middle School Science lab with in house cosmetic changes were discussed. Next meeting is February 5 at Clearview Elementary.

Parents' Advisory Committee – Keeney, Representative; Frederick, Alternate - Meeting was postponed.

Lincoln Intermediate Unit – Shea, Representative - Approval of the General Operating Budget, which is on the agenda this evening. Student services market pricing for services were approved. Executive Director of the LIU reported that state and federal dollars from the late state budgets have been received and the bank loan was paid off that the LIU took out during the budget delay.

Student Board Members – Keatyn Bull and Payton Sherman

- E. Approval of minutes from Past Meetings - The Board is requested to approve the minutes for January 12, 2026 ([enclosure](#)).

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Gulden. Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

- F. Dr. John Scola
- Board Appreciation - January is the month for Board Appreciation and gifts are at your places. The High School described the pen and pencil set through Mrs. Wuchenichs' class, with use of the 3D printer and it took six hours to develop one. Mrs. Julie Smith class with jewelry and the marketing of the product. This class has become very popular. Mr. Fry described the bamboo printers that are self-sufficient. Middle School tote bags with Mr. McMahon design and publishing program along with sublimation and printer and heat press with 8th grade students and a note inside. Mr. Walker described the elementary gifts where each classroom theme was super heroes and appreciation and Mrs. Wagaman had discussions with students, who didn't realize the positions are unpaid. Dr. Scola, the Board is the reason why I am still working, because the only politics on the Board is what is best for students. Thank you and we appreciate your service and the difference you make in the students. Mr. Frederick thanked the principals and the students for the items.
- G. Dr. Susan Seiple
- January 19th Professional Development - Well received especially the Collins Writing presenter.
 - Stakeholder Engagement - Surveys have been returned and reinforced that Federal grants are being spent appropriately.

Dr. Scola commented about the graduation credits that have been presented to the Educational Program Committee. The graduation rate is 92.3%, which is the highest that it has been. In order to maintain and improve, the Physical Education credits were holding back with students coming to the District needing additional Phys Ed credits. Electives are selected by the students. Customer centered and these requirements will make a difference of one to five students per year, which is powerful. Pleased with the change.

H. Motion - The administration is recommending that students, in order to graduate from Hanover High School, must attain 24 credits, effective July 1, 2026, comprised of the following:

- 4 Credits of English
- 3 Credits of Math
- 3 Credits of Science
- 3 Credits of Social Studies*
- 0.5 Credits of Physical Education
- 0.5 Credits of Health
- 1 Credit in either Science, Social Studies, Math, or STEAM
- 9 Elective Credits of approved courses found in the Educational Planning Guide

*Required

* Civics Test

* Personal Finance Exam ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Gulden made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Rice. Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

I. Personnel

1) Resignation - The Board is requested to approve the following resignation:

Substitute Employee:

Laura Kanagy, Professional Substitute, effective December 31, 2025.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Gulden. Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

2) Termination - The Board is requested to approve the following termination:

Classified Employee:

Alyssa Dix, Teaching Assistant at Hanover Street Elementary, effective January 15, 2026.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Rice. Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

3) Employment - The Board is requested to approve the following employment:

Substitute Employees:

Steve Wiles, Professional Substitute, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Rate of compensation will be in accordance with the current Substitute Rate Schedule.

Thomas Clowes, Professional Substitute, for the remainder of the 2025-2026

school year. Rate of compensation will be in accordance with the current Substitute Rate Schedule.

Troy Chrismer, Classified Substitute, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Rate of compensation will be in accordance with the current Substitute Rate Schedule.

Gameworker:

Chris Hull, Gameworker for the 2025-2026 school year. Rate of compensation will be as listed on the SA-107a Athletic/Event for Payment Form.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Smith. Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

- 4) Leave of Absence - The Board is requested to approve the following request for leave of absence:

Classified Employee:

Steve Laughman, Maintenance Craftsman II, leave of absence (FMLA) effective January 30, 2026, for approximately 4-6 weeks.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Gulden. Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

- 5) Bus/Van Drivers - The Board is requested to approve the following Bus/Van Drivers and Aides:

Lincoln:

Van Drivers

Taylor Bermudes
Larry Trent
Zulma Martinez-Thomas
Mary Krichten
Allent Fream

Bus Drivers

Kierra Gross
Heather Wolf
Richard Lease
Teresa Bush

Bus Aides

Ily Velazquez Smith
Liyah Zartman

Van Aide
Destiney Shue

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Gulden made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Shea.
Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

J. Finance

- 1) Check Registers - The Board is requested to approve the following check registers from the General Fund including athletic, middle school, and high school activity accounts totaling \$1,384,869.49, Cafeteria totaling \$24,448.25, and Capital Reserve totaling \$78,704.83, for a grand total of \$1,488,022.57 ([General Fund](#)) ([Cafeteria](#)) ([Capital Reserve](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mr. Huston.
Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

- 2) Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 General Operating 2026-2027 Budget - The Board is requested to approve the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 General Operating 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$9,444,489 (prior year \$9,132,966) and a cost to the District of \$0 (prior year \$2,890.18) ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Gulden.
Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

- 3) Tax Collector Exonerations - The Board is 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, 2025, to York County for collection:

2025 Real Estate Taxes 179 bills \$594,014.57 (prior year 182 bills \$575,264.45) ([enclosure 2025 Full](#))

2025 Real Estate Interim Taxes 5 bills \$13,650.60 ([enclosure](#))

2024 Real Estate Interim Taxes 26 bills \$9,217.36 ([enclosure](#))

2023 Real Estate Interim Taxes 3 bills \$366.84 ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mr. Huston.
Approved on a roll call vote of 7-0.

K. Public Comment: None

L. Adjournment: Mr. Frederick adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Board Meeting - February 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Board Meeting - February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Troy S Wentz