

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. Opening Business

A. Call to Order - 6:01 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mr. Frederick, Mrs. Gulden, Mr. Huston, Mrs. Rice,
Mrs. Keeney, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walter

Board Members Absent: Mr. Lippy

Also Present: Dr. Scola, Dr. Seiple, David Fry, Troy Wentz, Andrew Walker,
Heather Wagaman, Dr. Hilyard, Matthew Martino, Mark Hershner, Jody
Kessinger, Dr. Abels, Lisa Jackson, Kathy Forbes.

II. Recognition of Visitors: None

Public Comments: None

III. Approval of minutes from Past Meetings - The Board is requested to approve the minutes for March 23, 2026. ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Rice.
Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

IV. Superintendent's Report - Dr. John Scola

- Innovation in Action Follow-up - Video produced by Dr. Seiple and David Fry was shown. From a simple idea this turned into a great event with work provided by other people. Rewarding that twenty staff and greater than fifty students made the night special. Had to ask people to leave the ILC at the end of the event. Worked out well. Sent out the video today to Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Williams and staff along with the League of Innovative Schools. 400 guests were present for this program which highlighted forward thinking programs, STEAM, Integrative Learning Center programs, AP Courses, Spanish Instruction, E Sports Arena, among other programs. This celebration brought learning to life. Thank you to all who joined. Dr. Seiple did a lot of work on the video. Talented teachers who work with students on a daily basis. High School was in good condition. Comments were incredibly positive. Video will go out on Facebook to show visitors continually throughout the year. An every other year event possibly to make our school district the school district of choice.

- V. Assistant to Superintendent's Report - Dr. Susan Seiple
- Pennsylvania Educational Leadership Journal Feature - District will be featured with systematic use of AI. There was an application and the District was chosen and will be featured next month. Thank you to Dr. Scola, Principals, Mr. Fry and teachers. This is exciting for the District.

VI. Matters for Which Board Action is Required

A. Personnel

- 1) Retirement - The Board is requested to approve the following retirements:

Professional Employee:

Matthew Mowrey, Teacher at Hanover Street Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Mowrey will retire with over 24 years of service to the District. ([enclosure](#))

Sandra Chase, School Counselor at Clearview Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Chase will retire with 27 years of service to the District. ([enclosure](#))

Classified Employees:

Pamela Smith, part-time Cafeteria Worker at Washington Elementary, effective May 29, 2026. Ms. Smith will retire with over 9 years of service to the District. ([enclosure](#))

Anthony Lawrence, Adult Patrol Worker, effective May 28, 2026. Mr. Lawrence will retire with approximately 15 years of service to the District. ([enclosure](#))

Denise Motter, full-time Secretary at Hanover High School, effective July 1, 2026. Mrs. Motter will retire with 30 years of service to the District. ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Keeney made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Smith. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

- 2) Resignation - The Board is requested to approve the following resignations:

Professional Employee:

Connor Coggins, Grade 5 ELA Teacher at Hanover Middle School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Malorie Krout, Speech Language Pathologist, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Gulden made a motion to approve, Second by

Mrs. Shea. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

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

Classified Employee:

Wayne Dohler, from Cafeteria Worker, part-time, 4.5 hours per day, to Learning Support Teaching Assistant, full-time, 7 hours per day, at Hanover High School, effective April 6, 2026. Rate of compensation will remain the same.

Gameworker:

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

Substitute Employee:

Thomas Weaver, Extended Substitute, Learning Support Teacher at Hanover High School, effective March 23, 2026 through approximately the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Rate of compensation will be in accordance with the current Substitute Rate Schedule.

Summer Workers:

Rate of compensation will be \$12.00 per hour (new hire) and \$12.50 per hour (returning) for summer 2026, pending successful completion of all required employment paperwork as applicable.

Emma Cortina (new)
Chase Roberts
Mason Kress
Chase Foreman
Dawson McMaster
Eli Caler
Sean Timson
Braydon Cortina

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Gulden. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

- 4) Bus/Van Drivers - The Board is requested to approve the following van driver:

Lincoln:

Corry Bradford

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Rice. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

B. Budget and 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 \$571,244.22, Cafeteria totaling \$42,289.42, and Capital Reserve totaling \$8,381.01, for a grand total of \$621,914.65. ([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 8-0.

- 2) 2026-2027 General Fund Preliminary Budget Approval - The Board is requested to approve a preliminary tax millage for the 2026-2027 General Fund Preliminary Budget, with no change of 0.00 mills (0.00%) (Act 1 maximum 4.8%), remaining at 23.06 mills and an expenditure level totaling \$45,990,877, and with additional to-be-determined assignments or transfers, at an estimated \$2,240,000. This preliminary budget reflects no use of fund balance. In addition, the Board is requested to approve a preliminary per capita tax (Act 679) of \$0.00 (prior \$0.00), and per capita tax (Act 511) of \$0.00 (prior \$0.00), and occupational tax of \$0.00 (prior \$0.00). The Board is requested to approve a preliminary earned income tax at 0.5% and real estate transfer tax at 0.5%. The budget will be on public display for thirty days, with final adoption of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget scheduled for on or after May 11, 2026.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Huston made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Keeney. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

- 3) Sams Real Estate Business Trust Tax Assessment Appeal - The administration recommends approval for settlement of the tax assessment appeal (Case No. 2023-SU-002999) for Tax Parcel 67-000-ED-0013.00-00000 Wilson Avenue, Hanover Borough, York County, Pennsylvania owned by Sams Real Estate Business Trust for an assessed value of \$4,890,480, effective as of July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2026. The District administration and solicitor are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement and to resolve this pending tax assessment appeal case.

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve, Second by

Mrs. Gulden. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

- 4) Capital Reserve Project 2026 - The Board is requested to approve the Nighthawk Sculpture in the amount of \$38,000, with additional site work costs, to be expensed from the Capital Reserve Fund. ([enclosure](#))

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Rice made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Smith. Approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Adjournment: 6:13 PM

Next Board Meeting - April 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Troy S Wentz