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

Tuesday, October 13, 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, Ms. Rice, Mrs. Keeney, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walter
Board Member Absent: Mr. Lippy

Also Present: Dr. Scola, Dr. Seiple, David Fry, Troy Wentz, Tim Kress, Danielle Mathie (HEA), Amanda Morgret (HEA), Jen Gebhart (HEA), Collin Staub (HEA), Liz Padgett, Dr. Hilyard, Jared Mummert, Mark Hershner, Heather Wagaman, Andrew Walker, Kathy Forbes, Dr. Abels, Lisa Jackson, Jody Kessinger

II. Recognition of Visitors: None

Public Comments: None

III. Approval of minutes from Past Meetings - The Board is requested to approve the minutes for September 28, 2026 (enclosure)

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

IV. Superintendent's Report - Dr. John Scola

- School Board Recognition - Plaque on wall in boardroom recognizing greater than twelve years of service. Over the past forty two years there have been nine members, including Mrs. Shea, Mr. Frederick and Mr. Lippy. Volunteer position and effort and care and responsibility to be a good board member. We have good board members and this is public recognition of efforts. Those listed have received a letter about the plaque.
- Homecoming - Great success. Dr. Abels spoke on the pep rally, parade and football game. Kids had a wonderful time, although the spirit stick award to the seniors may have been controversial. Behavior was spectacular and the game was stressful. Goal line stance at the end to win. Dance was well attended with 380 students and games have been well attended including over 100 students on the field with the band, cheerleaders and football team. Dr. Scola proud of the students and high school football team success as well as the high school field

hockey team qualifying for playoffs. Celebrating the winning.

- Nighthawk Sculpture Trips - Mr. Kress has done a yeoman job. The landscape architect has finalized the benches. The sculpture is on target. Mr. Mummert two days with classroom visits in Art and Welding classes. Two field trips to Columbia, place of work for Mr. Mummert for our students to see first hand with 3D models being made. Ribbon cutting prior to Thanksgiving and an exciting time for the District and proud of the project. Mr. Kress has done a lot of work and excited for the finished product.

V. Assistant to Superintendent's Report - Dr. Susan Seiple

- October 12th Professional Development
  Yesterday professional development was well received. Opportunity for teachers to cycle through stations and understand all that is available for our students.

  Thank you to the following for leading discussions:

  Lisa Fry and Dave Fry – Drones

  Dave Harnish and Doug Harris – Career Pathways

  Ethan Grove and Nicholas Minnich – Technology Education

  Stacey Wuchenich – HS STEAM

  Becky Smith – Computer Science

  Carrie Pimentel and Liz Smith– Culinary Café

  Michael West and Kate Barton – Music Technology

  Julie Smith and Taylor Eyler – Art in STEAM

  Kelcee Keller – Fundations

  Jim McMahon and Drake Myers- Code to the Future facilitation

  Feedback was appreciated and the ability of teachers to talk with their students and share what is available. Pleased with the day.

VI. Matters for Which Board Action is Required

A. Personnel

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

Confidential Employee:
Linda Shultz, full-time Human Resources Generalist, effective January 8, 2027. Mrs. Shultz will retire with 8 1⁄2 years of service to the District, and over 30 years total in public education.

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

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

Student Worker:
Rescind offer to Kylie Tasker, Math Tutor at Hanover Middle School for the 2026-2027 school year effective September 30, 2026.

Gameworkers:
Remove the following people from the 2026-2027 list effective immediately:

- Margaret Neiderer
- Bonnie Naill
- Brian Dell

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

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

Classified Employee:
Miranda Dashnaw, Teaching Assistant/Lunchroom Playground Supervisor, part-time, 4 hours per day, at Hanover Street Elementary, effective pending successful completion of all required employment paperwork. Rate of compensation will be within Level One, commensurate with the current year's Classified Salary Schedule. (enclosure)

Coaches:
Coaching Staff Update for the 2026-2027 Winter season and rate of compensation as listed. (enclosure)

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

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

Professional Employee:
Emily Becker, AS Teacher at Hanover Middle School, leave of absence (FMLA) effective approximately December 4, 2026, for approximately 6 weeks, but not to exceed 12 weeks.

Amanda Morgret, Library Media Specialist/STEAM Teacher at Washington Elementary, intermittent leave (FMLA), up to 12 weeks of time, effective September 29, 2026, for up to one year.

Jennifer Arnold, Intervention Specialist at Hanover Street Elementary, intermittent leave (FMLA), up to 12 weeks of time, effective September 25, 2026, for up to one year.

Jessica Bossalina, School Nurse at Clearview Elementary, leave of absence (FMLA) effective October 21, 2026, for approximately 1-4 weeks, but not to exceed 12 weeks.

Classified Employee:
Gary Garman, Head Custodian at Hanover Middle School, leave of absence (FMLA) effective September 21, 2026, for approximately 12 weeks.

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

5) Conferences/Workshops - The Board is requested to approve the following conferences/workshop:

David Harnish	Cooperative Education Conference Penn Stater Hotel State College, Pennsylvania October 14-16, 2026 (enclosure)

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

6) District Calendar

The Board is requested to approve the 2028-2029 District Calendar (enclosure)

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Keeney made a motion to approve, Second by Mrs. Smith. 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 $934,300.06 and Cafeteria totaling $46,878.96, Grand total $981,179.02 (General) (Cafeteria)

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

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Adjournment: Mr. Frederick adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM

Next Board Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Troy S Wentz