REGULAR MEETING
of the
Board of School Trustees
Held in the Board Room
of the
Hanover Community School Corporation
Administration Building
9520 W. 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN  46303

MINUTES
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
6:00 PM

I. Welcome and Call to Order
President Sheehy called the meeting to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

III. A Moment of Silence
President Sheehy asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence.

IV. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
Secretary Renae Helton took roll call. Present were: Trustee Sheehy, Trustee Marilyn Kaper, Trustee Renae Helton, Trustee Robert Petyko and Trustee Todd Wilkening. Also in attendance were Superintendent Michael Livovich and Business Manager Quinnlyn Van Rys.

V. Commendations and Special Recognition –
A. Science Olympiad team competed in the Indiana State Championships. The team competed in events that showed off their knowledge of physics, as well as a large number of tests in the different sciences and math. Recognition goes to Brent Austgen, Brain Cherbak, Jesse Cherbak, Adam Esch, Mark Furman, Nathan Jackson, Aaron Jackson, Jim Laud, Josh Perez, Jeremy Perez, Kara Smith, Matt Spur, Aaron Trent, Gabriel Garrity, Brandon King, and Coach – Travis Lechien.

B. “Community Volunteer Service Achievement” is being given to recognize Janet Neitzel and Linda Brumbaugh. For supervising the Early Bird Walkers Club (members from the community) from 5:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from January – March 2007.

C. “10 mile achievement “is being given to recognize the Early Bird Walkers Club members that walked over 10 miles. Linda Brumbaugh 528 laps/52.8 miles, Joan
Torrence 300 laps/30 miles, Debra Sudicky 315 laps/31.5 miles, Janet Neitzel 101 laps/10.1 miles, Berneese Slankard 250 laps/25 miles, Sue Larocca 110 laps/11 miles.

D. CYO 6th Grade Girls Basketball, Regular Season and Tournament Champions: Amanda Anguiano, Sami Brown, Chloe Combs, Hannah Green, Nicolette Hahn, Alyssa Howard, Rachel Orsini, Summer Pattison, Rebecca Plant, Blayr Poston, Elizabeth Price, Tiphani Ward, Rita Zambon, Christine Zychowski, Coach Jim Pattison and Assistant Coach, Jim Pattison (Sr.).


F. Youth Art Month participants were recognized in Indianapolis for Youth Art Month. Five students from each elementary school were selected to have their art on display at the State House in Indianapolis. Collin Banasiak, Stephanie Gerlach, Kelsi Indreica, Melissa McDermott, Lorenzo Vega, Kyle Taylor, Madeline Bogathy, Alexandria Fouch, Katie Shriner, & Samantha Britton.

G. American School Counselor Association announces 2007 RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) Honorees. Recognition goes to Middle School and High School Counselors. Mille Postma, Middle School and Lila Garrett, High School

H. The Lily Scholarship offers four-year, full-tuition scholarships to Indiana students who intend to work toward a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private college or university in Indiana. Recipients are considered on the following evidence of leadership, recommendations, essays, grade point average, unique/ unusual circumstances, financial need, neatness and thoroughness of application, and a finalist interview. This outstanding achievement has been awarded to Hanover Central’s Nathan Jackson. He will be attending Rose-Hulman Institute in Terre Haute, IN.

VI. Approval of the Agenda (0166)
Superintendent Livovich noted that he has some additions (bolded) Item V.A.; Item D. Approval of Facility Requests 6. and 7. are added; IX. Personnel Recommendations, B.1. Extra and Co-Curricular, addition of i. Recommend Saturday School Supervisor. Revisions were made on Item V. Commendations and Special Recognition G.(strike through) made to the agenda.

Trustee Wilkening moved to approve the agenda as revised. Trustee Kaper seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

VII. Fifteen Minute Public Comments and Discussion (0167.3)
Mr. Andy Yakubik, 11650 N. Magoun, St. John, IN. Topic: He is heading the remonstrance petition drive for the new middle school project. Petitions are picked up on April 20 from the Auditor’s Office and that petition period ends on Monday, May 20, when we must turn them in.
We are currently getting the petition gatherers and are putting a lot of information together. He has been meeting with various administrators, officials, and some of the experts working on the project, and have been going through all the numbers. There is a huge volume of information available to people. He is working on those numbers and the data. Some interesting information: St. John conservatively estimates that 85% of all new development there is happening south of 101st. There are only 3-4 parcels north of 101st that could still support some kind of subdivision but they are still not actively doing that. Everything that is building in St. John is coming to our district. They anticipate 300 new residences similar to 2005. He has provided a resource, a website, for all community members to view: [www.yes4hanover.org](http://www.yes4hanover.org) which has links and information about the project, as well as, an individual tax calculator. The state has released its projections as to the official assessed values for 2008-09. we have been growing at about a 6% rate. They are assuming a similar rate for the next two years.

Trustee Wilkening stated that there has been no communication or consideration of this project with any involvement from St. John. The first petition gatherer meeting is scheduled for tonight at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Yakubik detailed the process of petition gathering. Thus far, he has 25-30 people who have expressed an interest in working on this project.

Kevin Bachar, 12500 Tall Oaks Dr., Cedar Lake, IN. Topic: concern with people making concerted efforts to harm children. There have been attempts by questionable people trying to become bus drivers. He asked if that issue had been considered and what are some safeguards put in place either publicly or secretively so that concern can be addressed.

Superintendent Livovich noted that we do a criminal background check on every volunteer and employee. We call references and employers for each individual.

VIII. Approval of the Consent Agenda (0166.1)

A. Approval of Minutes
   1. Executive Session
      a. Executive Session, February 27, 2007 (before Regular Board meeting)
      b. Executive Session, February 27, 2007 (immediately after Regular Board meeting)
      c. Open Executive Session, March 13, 2007 (before Regular Board meeting)
      d. Executive Session, March 13, 2007 (immediately after Regular Board meeting)
      e. Executive Session, March 27, 2007

   2. Regular Meeting
      a. March 13, 2007

   3. Special Meeting

B. Approval of Payroll and Expense Claims in the amount of $481,853.12.
C. Approval of Extra-Curricular Accounts
   1. Jane Ball Elementary School
   2. Lincoln Elementary School
   3. Hanover Central Middle and High Schools
      a. Athletics

D. Approval of Facility Requests
   1. Hoosier Baseball League to use Hanover High School Baseball Field in Spring (late) and Summer 2007 on Sundays only from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
   2. Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce and Town of Cedar Lake to use Hanover High School Gymnasium (old one) for the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra to perform, in the event of inclement weather, on Saturday, June 23, 2007, from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
   3. Hanover Central Pom Cats to host a Mini Dance Camp at Lincoln Elementary School on Saturday, April 21, 2007, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
   4. Cedar Lake Master Plan Steering Committee to host a Town Meeting on the New Master Plan at Hanover Central High School Cafeteria on Thursday, April 26, 2007, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
   5. Cedar Lake Park & Recreation Department to host the Hershey Track & Field Meet at Hanover Central High School Outdoor Track on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
   6. Hanover Jr. Wildcats Football to use the Hanover Central High School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
   7. Town of Cedar Lake to use the Hanover Central High School Cafeteria on Monday, April 30, 2007, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Trustee Kaper moved to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Trustee Helton seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Approval of Personnel Report/Recommendations

A. Personnel Report

   1. Resignation of High School Science Teacher, Louis Zeheralis
   2. Resignation of High School Language Arts Teacher, Rosemary Cook
   3. Resignation of High/Middle School FACTS Teacher, Erica Rich
   4. Resignation of Gifted and Talented LEAP Teacher (extra-curricular), Margo Herndon

B. Personnel Recommendations

   1. Extra and Co-Curricular
      a. Jane Ball Elementary-NONE
b. Lincoln Elementary- NONE  
c. Hanover Central MS  
i. Recommend Saturday School Supervisor, Jerry Smith  
d. Hanover Central HS-NONE  
e. Athletics- NONE  

2. Curricular  
a. District  
i. Recommend Bus Driver, David Morelli  
ii. Recommend Food Service Director, Dana Bogathy  
iii. Summer School Dates  
   • High School (June 11, 2007 to July 20, 2007)  
   • Middle School (July 9, 2007 to August 3, 2007)  
   • Elementary School (July 16, 2007 to August 3, 2007)  
iv. Permission to Create and Post Summer School Positions (pending enrollment)  
b. Jane Ball Elementary- NONE  
c. Lincoln Elementary- NONE  
d. Hanover Central Middle School- NONE  
e. Hanover Central High School- NONE  

Trustee Kaper moved to approve the personnel report. Trustee Wilkening seconded the motion.

Trustee Kaper noted that she wants to add the name(s) on the personnel report when a position is read. It will not be listed on the agenda, but the name and position will be read at the public Board meeting.

Motion was unanimously carried.

X. Informational Items (0166)  
A. Policies—First Reading  
   1. Policy 3205- Substitute Teacher Standards and Assessment, revised  
   2. Policy 3186 - Standards of Employee Conduct - Certified Staff  
   3. Policy 3210 – Staff Ethics  
   4. Policy 3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare  
   5. Policy 3231 - Outside Activities of Staff and Extra-Curricular Staff  

B. Business  
C. Other  

XI. Action Items (0166)  
A. Policies  
   1. Policy 1543- Non-Renewal of Administrative Contracts, Revised  

Trustee Wilkening moved to table approval of the policy until the next Board meeting. Trustee Petyko seconded the motion. Trustee Kaper voted nay. Motion was unanimously carried.
Trustee Wilkening stated that he would like to have more dialogue on this policy. Trustee Petyko said that he would like more time to read the information and has had problems opening the information.

B. Other

1. Hanover Central Middle School Reading Textbook Adoption
Principal Robert McRae reported that the middle school teachers have selected Holt Rhinehart & Winston for the grades 6-8 reading books which are on the official state list of textbooks to be adopted.

Trustee Kaper moved to approve the reading textbook adoption selections. Trustee Petyko seconded the motion, and, thus, was unanimously carried.

2. Approval of Seedlings Early Childhood Services for 2007-2008 school year
Superintendent Livovich presented the Seedlings Early Childhood Services Contract for 2007-2008 school year. This is a continuing contract. We pay nothing to them, they pay nothing to us. We offer them rooms at Jane Ball and Lincoln. Our district’s kids have first choice for enrollment in the program.

Trustee Kaper moved to approve the Seedlings Early Childhood Services Contract for 2007-08 school year. Trustee Petyko seconded the motion, and, thus, was unanimously carried.

XII. Discussion/Reports (up to 30 minutes, if needed)

A. Report of the Superintendent of Schools and Committee Reports

B. Report of Board Representative to Various Committees, Board, and Councils

Trustee Helton asked for a report on the St. John water issue and what they approved for our middle school property. Trustee Wilkening said that the St. John Utility Regulatory Board which is separate from their Town Council has extended their utility district all the way to 125th Ave. from State Line to Cline Ave. which encompasses all of unincorporated Hanover Township to the north. It does not include south of 125th which affects about 2100 residents. What has happened is that people were worried about being annexed and they were reassured that this was not an annexation process. What it does is allow St. John to create a district to charge for water and sewers starting in 2008 for all the people who live in that area. Then, they have no obligation to bring in that water or sewer in any timely fashion. Hopefully, there is an avenue for residents in the Township to remonstrate against this. We need to work on getting annexation into the town.

C. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

1. Special Board meeting in April – Superintendent Livovich noted that this meeting has to be scheduled for reduction in force and must be done
by May 1. He requested a meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

2. Other

D. Future Calendar of Events
   1. Special Board meeting on April 23, 2007, 5:30 P.M.
   2. Northwest Indiana Public School Study Council (NWIPSSC) Annual Dinner Meeting, April 24, 2007
   3. Legacy Foundation Dinner Honoring Nathan Jackson on April 25, 2007

XIII. For the Good of the Order, Announcements (0166)
Mr. Fetty made the following announcements: The varsity baseball game vs. Lowell at the Railcat stadium has been rescheduled for April 17 and the Hanover Central relay will be held on April 26. A choral program has been scheduled for April 11, 12, and 13 at 7:00 P.M. We are preparing for our high school awards day on May 9. Prom will be held on May 25.

XIV. Adjournment (0166)
Meeting was adjourned.

Approved this 8th day of May, 2007

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Board of School Trustees