

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
April 26, 2022**

I. OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Vanessa Wolsky, Board Secretary, at 7:30 p.m. in the IMC at Memorial Junior School, 61 Highland Avenue, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Mrs. Wolsky read the following statement:

In accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting was provided to the newspaper of record, appropriately posted and sent to the Township Clerk on January 13, 2022.

Present: Board Members:	Mr. Stephen Furda Mrs. Gina Marie Winkler Mrs. Marcella Wilson Dr. Lynda Wright Mrs. Kathryn McSorley Mr. Marc Amoresano Mrs. Lisa Bomengo Mrs. Patricia Mattia
Superintendent Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Mr. Michael J. Wasko Mrs. Vanessa M. Wolsky

Absent: Board Member:	Mr. Jeffrey Basile
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II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Morris County Superintendents' Middle School Leadership Award

Jadyn Monaco was recognized for receiving the 2021-2022 Morris County Superintendents' Middle School Leadership Award which is given annually to one graduating eighth grade student from each middle school in Morris County.

Morris County School Boards Association 2021 Unsung Hero Award

Josh Smith was recognized for receiving the 2022 Morris County School Boards Association Unsung Hero Award which is presented to eighth grade students who have distinguished themselves in unique ways, who model good citizenship, and possess a quiet strength that inspires others in the spirit of volunteerism.

MCCEA Poster Contest Winners –

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The following students were recognized for having their artwork chosen for the MCCEA Pride Poster Contest:

Claire Cho – Memorial Junior School
Emily Lin – Mountview Road School
Anna Hendricks - Mountview Road School

North Jersey Area Band & Regional Band

The following MJS students were recognized for being selected for the North Jersey Area Band:

Evelyn Hare
Bethany Rizzo
Jack Van Seggern

Jack Van Seggern was also recognized for being selected for the North Jersey Region Band.

Public Hearing of the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Wasko and Mrs. Wolsky gave a presentation on the 2022-2023 proposed budget. A copy of the PowerPoint is available on the District website.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Public Meeting	02/15/22
Special Public Meeting	03/15/22
Regular Public Meeting	03/22/22

Motion: Mr. Furda **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Approved:** Unanimous

IV. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wolsky reported that the cash balance as of March 31, 2022 was \$4,661,857.69. The interest in the General Fund to date is \$432.46 and the interest in the HTSACC Fund is \$36.06.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wasko said, "Tonight, Vanessa Wolsky, our Business Administrator and I presented the 2022-2023 District Budget, to the members of the Board of Education and the general public. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Education, our district administrators, and faculty & staff who all did their part and contributed to the development of an outstanding budget that will continue to meet the needs of our students while being mindful of the tax implications to the residents of Hanover Township.

Also, a special thanks to Vanessa, and our business office staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes overseeing and managing the day to day tasks of the budget to ensure that we meet all of the legal requirements and financial obligations associated with spending public monies. Thank you.

Similar to last month, I would like to provide every one with a brief COVID-19 Update. Since our last BOE meeting there have been 12 confirmed positive cases. In each instance the school nurse and building principals worked with our local health department and directly contacted the parents/guardians of each individual considered a “close contact.” Also, as of Friday, April 8th, a COVID-19 District Dashboard has been posted on the homepage of our district website. The dashboard is updated each Friday afternoon to reflect the week’s total.

As you may know, the New Jersey Department of Education has recently announced the revision of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. We are aware that there has been a great deal of conversation around this topic as well as misinformation as to how the revised standards are required to be implemented on the local school district level. I would like to take this opportunity to provide the community with some clarification: on what this means for Hanover Township Public Schools.

On April 14th, we received a memo from the Department of Education clearly stating that there are no specific mandated lessons, activities, or materials that are required to be used by local school districts to teach the revised standards. Essentially, this gives individual school districts the latitude on how to “best” implement and deliver the revised standards based on our local curriculum in a developmentally and age appropriate manner and this is the approach the Hanover Township Public School District will take moving forward. Something we call the “Hanover Way.” Discussions have already occurred with Mr. Wasserman, our Director of Curriculum, the district administrative team, our health and physical education teachers, as well as our school nurses to clarify that the alignment to the revised health standards will be made using our current teaching practices and materials that promote healthy habits, relationships, and making good choices. We will stay the course and remain status quo. Thankfully we are very fortunate to have a seasoned administrative team and teaching staff that understand the expectations of our community and know and recognize that parents are the primary sexuality educators for their children. Parents have had and will continue to have the right to “opt out” of instruction in health, family life education, or sex education that is in conflict with their conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs without penalty. As a reminder, our current curriculum is posted on the District website.

Next I would like to draw everyone’s attention to a few items on the personnel agenda both the regular agenda and supplemental agenda. During one’s educational career everyone remembers when they reach 3 key “Milestones.” The first is the day you get your first job, the second is the day you get tenure, and usually the third milestone is the day you retire. On tonight’s agenda, we have a little bit of everything.

Items number 1 and 2 on the regular agenda, I would like to congratulate Vicki Cobane and Lara Rouillard for being recommended for tenure, effective September 1, 2022.

Item number 3, I would like to congratulate to Mary Vitiello, special education aide, who has decided to retire effective July 1, 2022. Speaking of retirement, item #1 on the supplemental agenda, I would like to extend a very special congratulations to Diane Mascolo, who, after serving the district for 31 years as a math teacher at Memorial Junior School has decided to retire. During her time at MJS Diane has worn many hats working as both a full time and part time staff member, long term substitute and she even served as a co-president of the HTEA. On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank Mary and Diane for their many years of service to students of the Hanover Township Public School District. In closing, I would like to remind everyone that the May 2nd is National Teacher Appreciation Week.”

VI. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT’S REPORT

Mr. Wasserman said, “Thank you, Mr. Wasko and the Board of Education for the opportunity to report this evening. I would like to congratulate all of the students who were recognized this evening. Their accomplishments and hard work truly reflect their dedication to learning and leading. Both the recipients and their parents should be incredibly proud. I am sure that this will be the first of many more great things to come.

On this evenings agenda is the approval of K-8 Social Studies resources. The Social Studies Steering Committee has been meeting throughout this past school year. Twenty six teachers representing all four schools and every grade level were part of the Committee. I would like to thank them for volunteering their time to go through the vetting process of selecting the resources for the evening’s approval. The social studies curriculum will be revised over the summer to reflect the new resources as well as the updated learning standards.

With regards to updating learning standards, I also want to echo Mr. Wasko’s remarks and reassure the Board and the public that we do not have any intentions of changing how we deliver health education. Our approach is to be in compliance with the standards by aligning our current instruction to meet the standards in an age and developmentally appropriate way. As Mr. Wasko said, our administrative team and teaching staff have been part of the Hanover Township Community for many years and we understand the expectations of our community. We also recognize that parents are the primary sexuality educators for their children. Parents need to trust us that the delivery of information will be consistent on how it has been occurring. We will be taking the Hanover Township approach.

Finally, I would like to conclude my report by congratulating both teachers receiving tenure this evening. Achieving tenure is an important milestone. Our agenda reflects educators who have been working towards this goal during the past four years and we are truly proud to recognize them as permanent members of our Hanover Township family. You have and will continue to have a tremendous impact on the students of Hanover

Township.”

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Dr. Wright said the Committee met on 4/20 and discussed student enrollment projections for 22/23, available staff positions, tenure recommendations, staff resignations, leaves of absence, salaries for extra compensation and club advisors, removal of voting polls from schools, student suspensions and HIB report.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee – Mrs. Wilson said the Committee met on 4/21 and received a recommendation for approval of social studies materials from Savvas for k-5 and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for 6-8, discussed the release of the District Level Performance Reports which can be accessed on our website and discussed Health/PE standards and were assured that only adjustments made over the summer will be alignment of new standards to our current teaching practices and materials and that discussions have already occurred with health and PE teachers. The Committee also received information on upcoming summer curriculum writing, Fountas and Pinnell coaching and Barclay’s tree donation as well as their work with 4th and 5th grade students in coding and robotics.

Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant Committee – Mrs. McSorley said the Committee met on 4/20 and was updated on work performed over spring break which included lead testing, asbestos inspection, emptying storage containers, filling potholes, disposal of fluorescent bulbs and reprogramming HVAC controls. Paperwork related to the Deed Notice has been submitted to NJDEP, materials for the bipolar ionization project to be completed this summer are currently on site, we received a quote for roof repairs this summer, we are prioritizing areas of asphalt/concrete in need of repair and township redevelopment updates are being used to assist in projecting enrollment and the impact on 22/23 and future year’s budgets.

Public Relations Committee – Mrs. Winkler said the Committee on 4/21 and discussed special presentations scheduled for next month including student recognitions and proposed budget, adjustments to the calendar, the Barclay’s tree sapling donations and 4th/5th grade coding and robotics program, a donation from a Salem Drive family, the COVID dashboard that can be found on the District website and the Township proposal to remove polling from our schools that was accepted by the County Board of Elections. Mr. Wasko provided the committee with information regarding the video recording of Board Meetings. The following information was shared:

- BOE Policy #0164.6 (Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency)
- Options/Est. Cost:
 - ✓ Basic: 1 camera to video meeting, post later on website (approx.. \$600)
 - ✓ Deluxe: 1 or 2 cameras with mixer board (approx.. \$16K to \$20K)
 - ✓ Upgrades to district website (cost TBD)
 - ✓ Hire company/service to attend meeting and film (\$1,000 per meeting)
 - ✓ Hanover Township Committee: Current set-up/model was discussed
 - ✓ Responses to Morris County Superintendents Association Survey

Lastly, performance dates for the MJS Spring Musical “Matilda” are April 29 and 30, the BOE Goal Setting Meeting is scheduled for May 24 and the HTEA Year End Celebration is May 26.

Negotiations Committee – Mr. Furda said the tentative agreement with the HTAA has been reached and salary guides are being worked on. He said the process went very smoothly and he thanked the HTAA for the cooperation. Mr. Furda also extended his appreciation to Diane Mascolo for the years he worked with her on the HTEA agreement as a Co-President of the Association and wished her well in her retirement.

Travel/Delegate Report – None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IX. BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve appointment to tenure for the following staff member(s):

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Vicki Cobane	Elementary School Teacher	9/1/2022

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Approve appointment to tenure for the following staff member(s):

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lara Rouillard	Elementary School Teacher	9/1/2022

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Accept with regret the resignation of Mary Vitiello, Special Education Aide, Mountview Road School, effective 7/1/22, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Approve a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4186, effective 9/1/22 to 6/30/23.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Approve an extension of a leave of absence for Employee ID# 4159, (currently approved effective 11/19/21 through 6/30/22), to be effective through 11/17/23.

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Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Approve an extension of a leave of absence for Employee ID# 820, (*currently approved 11/29/21 to 3/31/22*), to be effective **through 4/29/22**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the appointment and salaries of tenured teaching staff members for the 2022-2023 school year, in accordance with the Board/HTEA Agreement, as per **Attachment "A"**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no
Abstain: Mrs. Mattia

8. Approve the appointment and salaries of non-tenured teaching staff members for the 2022-2023 school year, in accordance with the Board/HTEA Agreement, as per **Attachment "B"**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 7 yes, 0 no
Abstain: Mrs. Mattia

9. Extend the appointment of Joseph Jason as temporary leave replacement Maintenance Foreman, at a yearly stipend of \$7,600, *currently effective 11/30/21 through 3/31/22, prorated*, to be **effective 11/30/21 through 4/30/22, prorated**.

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

10. Authorize the following tuition reimbursement applications for the **2022-2023** school year, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Marissa Dolch	6
Michaela Maloney	12
Jonathan Nakonechy	7

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

11. Approve **2021-2022** extra-compensation assignment(s) as club advisor(s) at **Memorial Junior School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

After School Study ClubDan Diaz:.....for 20 hours

Motion: Dr. Wright **Second:** Mr. Furda **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

12. Approve to amend the previously approved **2021-2022** extra-compensation assignments for the following club advisors at **Memorial Junior**

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School with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

After School Study ClubAndrew Graepel:from 20 hours to 25 hours

After School Study Club.....Sandra Lillo:from 20 hours to 30 hours

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

13. Approve the following addition(s) to the substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teacher: Lauren Zarras

Ereen Beshai

*Continued employment will be subject to approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the results of a criminal history check as required by applicable law.

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

14. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of March 2022, **Attachment “C”**.

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

15. Accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report and affirm the Superintendent’s decisions for the period ending April 22, 2022, **Attachment “D”**.

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

16. Accept with regret the resignation of Diane Mascolo, Mathematics Teacher, Memorial Junior School, effective 7/1/22, for the purpose of retirement.

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

17. Accept with regret the resignation of Joe Aquino from the 2021-2022 extra compensation assignment at Chess Club Advisor at Memorial Junior School.

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

18. Approve **2021-2022** extra-compensation assignment(s) as club advisor(s) at **Memorial Junior School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

Chess ClubShana Tracynot to exceed 20 hours

Motion: Dr. Wright

Second: Mr. Furda

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

B. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

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1. Acknowledge the following fire drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of March 2022:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	3/22/22
Bee Meadow School	3/16/22
Mountview Road School	3/7/22
Salem Drive School	3/16/22

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Acknowledge the following crisis management drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of March 2022:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Memorial Junior School	3/16/22
Bee Meadow School	3/24/22
Mountview Road School	3/15/22
Salem Drive School	3/31/22

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Moved to Supplemental as # 10 & # 11

4. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Christine Kerins to provide home instruction to Student #10486, for up to 1 hour per week, at \$40 per hour, effective 3/25/22 through 4/8/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Cori Padavano to provide home instruction to Student #10486, for up to 4 hours per week, at \$40 per hour, effective 3/25/22 through 4/8/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation for Samantha Sheets to provide home instruction to Student #10486, for up to 6 hours per week, at \$40 per hour, effective 3/25/22 through 4/8/22.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with Four Winds Hospital to provide bedside instruction to Student # 2203028, for up to 10 hours per week, at a rate of \$58 per hour, effective 3/28/22 until the student is medically cleared.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

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8. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to revise the tuition contract amount for Student #11076 to attend Windsor Learning Center due to a School Calendar adjustment. The revised cost shall not exceed \$25,641.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Second: Mrs. McSorley

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the addition of Florham Park Pool to the list of approved field trips for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Second: Mrs. McSorley

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

10. Approve the purchase of Savvas myWorld Interactive Social Studies K-5 – 2019, for a 6 year agreement at a cost of \$55,431.20

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Second: Mrs. McSorley

Roll Call: 6 yes, 2 no
(No: Bomengo, Amoresano)

11. Approve the purchase of the following grades 6-8 Social Studies Materials for a 6 year agreement at a cost of \$80,696.38:

Grade 6: HMH Social Studies: Ancient Civilizations - 2019

Grade 7: HMH Social Studies: World Geography - 2019

Grade 8: HMH Social Studies: United States History: Beginnings to 1877 - 2018

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Second: Mrs. McSorley

Roll Call: 8 yes, 0 no

Discussion: Mr. Amoresano said he had some questions relative to the Savvas curriculum and requested that the approval be put off for Item #10 until the next meeting. A motion to table to next month was made by Mr. Amoresano and seconded by Mrs. Bomengo. Mr. Furda asked for additional information and Mrs. Bomengo said she had some concerns about historical inaccuracies and misleading statements she read in the fifth grade book. She also stated that she fully respected the teachers that read them and went through the process, the K-5 teachers went through it, but it wasn't the 6-8 teachers who have history backgrounds. Mrs. McSorley asked Mr. Wasserman to clarify why the curriculum was selected. Mr. Wasserman said the teachers on the Committee felt that the Savvas resources were more robust. He stated that there would never likely be a perfect resource but that the teachers are well versed in the standards and he supported the Committee's recommendation. Mrs. Wilson added that good teachers utilize many different resources in teaching especially in a subject area that may be in question or controversial. A roll call on the motion to table was taken with 6 no votes (Furda, Winkler, Wilson, Wright, McSorley, Mattia) against tabling and 2 yes votes (Bomengo, Amoresano) in favor of tabling.

C. FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL PLANT

I. FINANCE

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Approve transfers in the 2021-22 Budget, **Attachment “E”**.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 3/30/22	\$ 890,951.75
Payroll 4/8/22	\$ 966,617.50
Bills & claims 3/23/22 - 4/26/22	\$1,497,310.48

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 3/31/22 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, no budgetary line item has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

4. Certify that as of 3/31/22 after reviewing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's financial reports, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

5. Accept the report of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the month ended 3/31/22.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

6. Accept Revised Funding for Chapter 192/193 as followings:

Accept additional Funding for Corrective Speech in the amount of \$372.00. Revised total for Corrective Speech is \$7,161.00.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the attendance of staff members and board members at workshops and travel expenses that are in accordance with the allowable room rate and meal reimbursement rate as outlined in the NJ OMB Circular 602B and mileage **at the state approved rate**, as per **Attachment(s) “F”**.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

8. Adopt the 2022-2023 Budget as follows:

General Fund	\$ 31,282,094
Special Revenues	\$ 469,873
Total	\$ 31,751,967

and authorize the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the Budget pursuant to the policies and regulations of the State Board and this Board of Education.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

9. Approve a General Fund Tax Levy for the 2022-2023 budget, in the amount of \$28,317,686.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

10. Authorize appropriating \$400,000 Additional Fund Balance to reduce the General Fund Tax Levy for the 2022-2023 school budget.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

11. Authorize appropriating \$500,000 Capital Reserve to reduce the General Fund Tax Levy for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

12. Establish the following maximum annual expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year:

Public Relations	\$ 20,000
Auditor	\$ 44,000
Attorney	\$ 35,000
School Doctor	\$ 21,000

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

13. Adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., to a maximum expenditure of \$72,835 for all staff and board members.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

II. TRANSPORTATION

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Authorize a joint transportation agreement with Educational Service Commission of Morris County, New Jersey, to provide pupil transportation services for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Authorize providing transportation services for the Hanover Township Recreation Traveling Teens Program from 7/5/22 through 7/29/22.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Authorize providing transportation services for the Hanover Township Recreation Summer Plus Camp on July 14, 2022.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

III. PHYSICAL PLANT

Upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, move to:

1. Approve contracting with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for a roof replacement project at Memorial Junior School for a total cost of \$540,000.00, plus a contingency of \$25,000, in accordance with pricing through the Educational Services Commission Roofing and Envelope Services Bid (#ESCNJ/AEPA 21D).

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the request of Children's Circle at St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church to use Bee Meadow School as their emergency evacuation relocation site.

Motion: Mrs. McSorley **Second:** Mrs. Winkler **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve the revised **2021-2022 School Calendar** to reflect the **last day of school as Tuesday, June 21, 2022 (due to one unused emergency closing day)**, with early dismissal days on Monday, and Tuesday, June 20, and 21, 2022. Eighth grade graduation and the last day of school for eighth graders will be Monday, June 20, 2022.

Motion: Mrs. Winkler **Second:** Mrs. Mattia **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

2. Accept, with appreciation, the donation of tree saplings, approximate value of \$600, to all of our elementary school students and staff, from Barclays Whippany Campus as part of *Barclays Environmental Tree Donation Program* in honor of World Environmental Day.

Motion: Mrs. Winkler **Second:** Mrs. Mattia **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

3. Accept with appreciation the donation of \$250 for Salem Drive School, from the Lezler-Stasiuk Family.

Motion: Mrs. Winkler **Second:** Mrs. Mattia **Roll Call:** 8 yes, 0 no

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bee Meadow High Five Recognitions:

Michel Cironi, 803 Appleton Way, recognized members of the Transportation Department

Chloe Wesbecker, 3 Magnolia Drive, recognized Miss Jessica Sainato

Evan Markensohn, 6 Alanon Street, recognized Miss Kristin Wagner on behalf of Bindi Shah

Ben Fernandez, 122 Troy Hills Road, recognized Miss Jennifer Lavallette

Jessica Robina, 23 Runnymede Court, recognized Miss Lara Rouillard

Steven Muench, 18 Fordhill Road, expressed his upset that the motion to table the Curriculum to next month was voted down.

Assemblyman Brian Bergen stated that he may be representing the District in 2 years when the State redistricts and that he appreciated the stance the District was taking with the new curriculum standards which should be a model for other Districts.

XI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Bomengo said she accepts Mr. Wasko's tiered information/recommendations regarding recording or live streaming future Board meetings and made the following motion:

Move that the Hanover Township Board of Education commit to selecting a method of recording or live streaming of Board Meetings, in order to benefit the community and create transparency. This method will be chosen by the Board no later than the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Bomengo **Second:** Mr. Amoresano **Roll Call:** 1 yes, 7 no
(No: Furda, Winkler, Wilson, Wright, McSorley, Bomengo, Mattia)

Discussion: Mr. Wasko clarified that what he provided the Committee was information, not a recommendation and the decision is up to the Board. He felt there needed to be a clarification of expectations of the Board. Several Board Members expressed their concern with the tight time frame in the motion. Mr. Furda suggested the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to discuss with the Director of Technology. A concern was also made that a policy change might be needed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:40 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson **Second:** Mrs. McSorley **Approved:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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