

**MAHANOY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1 GOLDEN BEAR DRIVE  
MAHANOY CITY, PA 17948**

**Regular Meeting  
Immediately following Workshop – August 30, 2018**

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The regular meeting of the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education was held on the above date in the High School Large Group Instruction (LGI) Room with President Jay Hanley presiding and Secretary Nancy Boyle serving as recorder. The meeting was recorded for secretarial purposes.

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Jay Hanley called the workshop to order at 7:29 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Boyle reported during roll call that Director Lynch was present for the workshop but left due to a prior commitment. President Hanley reported that an executive session for personnel reasons was held prior to the workshop. Mr. Hurst and Dr. Green presented the items on the agenda during the workshop.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Nancy Boyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Dan Lynch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gary Gnall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Mistishen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Steve Gnall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jim Mitchell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jay Hanley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Karen Yedsena
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. John Honus	8 Present/1 Absent

**Others in attendance include –**

**3 Citizens and the following Mahanoy Area School District personnel**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joie L. Green <i>Superintendent</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Scherer, Esq. <i>Solicitor</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John J. Hurst <i>Business Administrator</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stanley Sabol <i>Jr/Sr. High School Principal</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Holman <i>Assistant Jr/Sr. High School Principal</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Heater <i>Elementary Principal</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Broomell <i>Assistant Elementary School Principal</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandy Paul <i>Special Education Director</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Babinsky <i>Technology Director</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edward Blazis <i>Facilities Director</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Schappell <i>Food Services Director</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Burke <i>Transportation Director</i>

**D. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Citizen comments on Agenda items only are welcome at this time. Speakers will be recognized by the chair in the order they are listed on the sign-in sheet. Speakers must state their name and place of residence. There is a five minute limit. The Board requests that if there is a group to speak about the same topic, one person should be designated as the spokesperson.

None.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS**

(1) Moved by S. Gnall & seconded by G. Gnall the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 26, 2018 and the Special Meeting of August 13, 2018 were ACCEPTED, APPROVED, AND FILED for AUDIT.

ALL MEMBERS  
Motion: X Passes /    Fails

**F. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

(1) Moved by Mitchell & seconded by S. Gnall the treasurer’s report for the period ending July 2018 was ACCEPTED, APPROVED, AND FILED for AUDIT.

Aye / Nay	Aye/Nay
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mrs. Yedsena	<u>AB</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Lynch
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Hanley	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Gary Gnall
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Steve Gnall	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Mitchell
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Mistishen	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mrs. Boyle
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Honus	<u>  </u> / <u>  </u> Totals
	<u>  </u> / <u>  </u> Totals

Motion: X Passes/    Fail

**G. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**a. General Fund**

(1) Moved by Boyle & seconded by S. Gnall the List of Bills from the General Fund was ACCEPTED, APPROVED FOR PAYMENT, AND FILED for AUDIT.

Aye / Nay	Aye/Nay
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Hanley	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mrs. Boyle
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Steve Gnall	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mrs. Yedsena
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Mistishen	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Honus
<u>AB</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Lynch	<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Mitchell
<u>X</u> / <u>  </u> Mr. Gary Gnall	<u>  </u> / <u>  </u> Totals
	<u>  </u> / <u>  </u> Totals

Motion: X Passes/    Fail

**b. Cafeteria Fund**

(1) Moved by G. Gnall & seconded by Boyle the List of Bills from the Cafeteria Fund was

ACCEPTED, APPROVED FOR PAYMENT, AND FILED for AUDIT.

Aye / Nay	Aye/Nay
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Gary Gnall	<u>X</u> / ___ Mrs. Yedsena
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Mitchell	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Mistishen
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Honus	<u>X</u> / ___ Mrs. Boyle
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Hanley	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Steve Gnall
<u>AB</u> / ___ Mr. Lynch	<u>8</u> / <u>0</u> Totals
Motion: <u>X</u> Passes/ ___ Fail	

## H. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### a. Student Activities Report

(1) Moved by S. Gnall & seconded by Mitchell the Student Activities Report was ACCEPTED, APPROVED, AND FILED for AUDIT.

ALL MEMBERS  
Motion: X Passes / \_\_\_ Fails

## I. COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Boyle reported that (17) seventeen teaching applications and 16 (sixteen) non-teaching applications were received.

## J. ACTION ITEMS

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A. Budget and Finance – Yedsena, Chair; Mistishen and Lynch

Moved by S. Gnall & seconded by Honus that the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education APPROVED the following as recommended:

Aye / Nay	Aye / Nay
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Mitchell	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Mistishen
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Steve Gnall	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Gary Gnall
<u>X</u> / ___ Mrs. Yedsena	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Hanley
<u>X</u> / ___ Mrs. Boyle	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Honus
<u>AB</u> / ___ Mr. Lynch	<u>8</u> / <u>0</u> Totals
Motion: <u>X</u> Passes/ ___ Fail	

(1) The sale of the following property from the “repository for unsold properties”:

Parcel No.	Location	Twp/Boro	Price	Bidder
48-04-0028.000	500 E. Railroad St	Mahanoy City	965.00	Damarys Singh
48-09-0109.000	24 W. Mahanoy Ave	Mahanoy City	10.00	Chris Henninger
48-06-0215.000	1327 E Mahanoy Ave	Mahanoy City	1,279.00	Roberto Benenati

(2) The Schuylkill County Emergency Operations Plan.

(3) A contract for Affordable Care Act Section 6055 and 6056 Reporting with the Reschini Group, Indiana, PA at a cost of \$6.25 per 1095 form.

- (4) A one-year contract from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with the Mahanoy Area Education Support Personnel Association.
- (5) A contract addendum with the SOS Group, Pottstown, PA for a full-time custodial substitute at a rate of \$16.25 per hour.
- (6) An addendum to the Superintendent contract for the 2018-2019 school year.
- (7) The purchase of base, wall and tall cabinets and countertops at the cost not to exceed \$31,000 from an approved pre-bid contract which will be paid from the capital reserve fund.

*B. Education and Technology – S.Gnall, Chair; G. Gnall and Honus*

**Moved by Boyle & seconded by Mitchell that the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education *APPROVED* the following as recommended:**

Aye / Nay	Aye / Nay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Steve Gnall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mitchell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Hanley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Yedsena
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gary Gnall	<input type="checkbox"/> AB / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lynch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Boyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Honus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mistishen	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 / <input type="checkbox"/> 0 Totals
Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passes / <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	

- (1) A medical/family leave of absence, subject to FMLA for employee #487 from approximately October 8, 2018 for approximately 7 weeks.
- (2) The 2018-2019 Title I Letter of Agreement between the Schuylkill IU #29 and the school district effective August 27, 2018 to June 10, 2019 to provide Title I services to the non-public schools in the county.
- (3) The Affiliation Agreement with a term of five years with Bloomsburg University to use our district as a student teaching/practicum site for Bloomsburg’s teacher education programs.
- (4) An Agreement with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit for Special Education Services for the 2018-2019 school year.
- (5) The transfer of Jeannette Wiekrykas, Mahanoy City, PA from Door Monitor to Special Education Teaching Assistant.

*C. Food Services, Property, and Transportation – Mistishen, Chair; G. Gnall and S. Gnall*

**Moved by G. Gnall & seconded by S. Gnall that the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education *APPROVED* the following as recommended:**

Aye / Nay	Aye/Nay
<input type="checkbox"/> AB / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lynch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mistishen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Yedsena
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Boyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Honus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Hanley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Steve Gnall
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gary Gnall	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 / <input type="checkbox"/> 0 Totals

Motion: X Passes/      Fail

- (1) The district pool Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at a fee of \$150.00 for a birthday party. Request made by Ms. Holly Swope, Ringtown, PA.
- (2) The resignation of Ms. Lisa Lecorchick, Mahanoy City, PA as a part-time cafeteria employee effective August 13, 2018.
- (3) The resignation of Ms. Ashley Dudash, Mahanoy City, PA as a Special Education Teaching Assistant effective August 10, 2018.
- (4) The appointment of Ms. Marissa Blashock, Mahanoy City, PA as a part-time cafeteria employee at an hourly rate of \$7.50 pending receipt of all required employment paperwork, clearances and trainings.
- ~~(5) The appointment of Ms. Melissa Winters, Mahanoy City, PA as a part-time cafeteria employee at an hourly rate of \$7.50 pending receipt of all required employment paperwork, clearances and trainings.~~
- (6) The appointment of Ms. Rosemary Blackwell, Mahanoy City, PA as a substitute cafeteria employee at an hourly rate of \$7.50.
- (7) The resignation of Kimberly Sponseller, St. Clair, PA as a bus driver effective September 10, 2018.

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*D. Policy – Mistishen, Chair; Boyle and Honus*

**Moved by Boyle & seconded by Yedsena that the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education *APPROVED* the following as recommended:**

<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Steve Gnull	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mrs. Yedsena
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Honus	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Gary Gnull
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mrs. Boyle	<u>AB</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Lynch
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Mitchell	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Hanley
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Mistishen	<u>8</u> / <u>0</u> Totals

Motion: X Passes/      Fail

- (1) Second Reading: 000 Policy Section.

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*E. Athletic – Yedsena, Chair; S. Gnull and Mistishen*

**Moved by Mitchell & seconded by S. Gnull that the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education *APPROVED* the following as recommended:**

<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mrs. Boyle	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Hanley
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Honus	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Gary Gnull
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Steve Gnull	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Mistishen
<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Mitchell	<u>X</u> / <u>    </u> Mrs. Yedsena
<u>AB</u> / <u>    </u> Mr. Lynch	<u>8</u> / <u>0</u> Totals

Motion:      Passes/      Fail

- (1) The following lifeguards for the 2018-2019 school year:

Payton Bernardyn  
Justina McKenzie  
Madison Cavenas  
Madison Denchy  
Angelina Fritz  
Christina Scheeler  
Kendall Bernardyn  
Leah Van Horn  
Kiera Van Horn  
Taylor Evans  
Jacob Ulicny

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## ***K. REPORTS***

- (1) Report of the Schuylkill IU#29 Representative—President Hanley reported that an additional Cohort 7 grant was received for the Schuylkill Achieve afterschool program. Also, the Schuylkill Achieve program will be attending the STEM Saturday at PSU along with students from other districts.
- (2) Report of the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School (SCAVTS) Representative—President Hanley reported that a new welding teacher with 17 years of experience has been found which will be very beneficial to our students. The YEA program director has made contact with Mr. Holman to have our students involved with the program.
- (3) Report of the Mahanoy City Public Library Representative—No Report.
- (4) Report of the PSBA Liaison—Director Mitchell reported that all e-mails have been forwarded to all members.
- (5) Report of the Superintendent—Enrollment: 562, Elementary; 426, Jr./Sr. High School; 30, Vo-Tech; and 29, out of district for a total of 1047. Also, cyber/charter schools enrollments are 30 regular education students and 11 special education students, for a total of 41.
- Dr. Green asked for a motion on behalf of the Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency to hold the bi-annual Susquehanna Steam Electric Station exercise at our facility on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 5-9 p.m. and also on Monday, October 1, 2018 for new committee members to have access to the building for a walk through. Motion made by Boyle and seconded by S. Gnall. Roll call vote was taken with an 8-0 approval.
- Dr. Green then mentioned that Mr. Heater, Elementary principal was contacted by the press secretary of PDE. Mr. Heater then explained that they were looking for a school to participate in an opinion section of the New York Times and that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating. A journalist will be visiting and interviewing students in the near future.
- A discussion was held on the feeder extra-curricular programs participants being charged admission to events. A motion was made by Boyle and seconded by Yedsena to allow Mahanoy Area students that participate in a feeder program to enter a Varsity event at no cost. Roll call vote was taken with an 8-0 approval.

(6) Report of the Business Administrator—Mr. Hurst explained the transportation financial data chart. He then went on to speak about the articles and the call to run all basic education through the new funding formula. Thank you to Mr. Blazis and the custodial staff for their hard work to get the facility ready for the school year and also the cafeteria staff for the summer food program. Thank you also to Mr. Burke and his staff for a good start to the new school year.

(7) Report of the Solicitor—No report.

***L. CONSIDERATIONS***

(1) Old and Unfinished—None

(2) New—None

***M. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS***

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None.

***N. REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD***

Director Mistishen commented that the public library was very happy with the support from the district and also Mr. Bishop and his music program. Director Steve Gnall wished all sports teams Good Luck.

***O. ADJOURNMENT***

**Moved by S. Gnall & seconded by Honus that the regular monthly meeting of the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education was ADJOURNED.**

ALL MEMBERS  
MOTION:   X   Passes /        Fails

President Hanley declared the meeting closed at 8:16 p.m.

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**Attest**

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**Nancy Boyle**  
**Secretary**

The next meeting of the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018. All minutes and reports can be found on our district website [www.mabears.net](http://www.mabears.net) following the meeting.