

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

**Regular Meeting
Immediately following Workshop – September 27, 2018**

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.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Jay Hanley called the workshop to order at 6:07 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hurst and Dr. Green presented the items on the agenda.

President Hanley requested an executive session for personnel issues at 6:20 p.m. and called the workshop back to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Green introduced Cade Bleshka 12th grade student along with teachers Mrs. Gettig and Ms. Loy. Cade gave a presentation on his attendance at the National Conference for FBLA which was held in Baltimore this summer. Some of the highlights that Cade spoke about included attending leadership workshops, participating in the March of Dimes walk sponsored by FBLA, educational sightseeing and swapping pins with other students from all over the country. Various board members thanked Cade and his teachers for the fine job he did on the presentation.

President Hanley called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Nancy Boyle	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Mr. John Honus	8 Present/1 Absent

**Others in attendance include –
6 Citizens and the following Mahanoy Area School District personnel**

Joie L. Green
Superintendent

John G. Dean, Esq.
Solicitor

John J. Hurst
Business Administrator

Stanley Sabol
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

David Holman
Assistant Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Michael Heater
Elementary Principal

Lisa Broomell
Assistant Elementary School Principal

Brandy Paul
Special Education Director

AB Paul Babinsky
Technology Director

Edward Blazis
Facilities Director

Michele Schappell
Food Services Director

Jason Burke
Transportation Director

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.

No comments.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR

(1) Moved by S. Gnall & seconded by Mitchell the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of August 30, 2018 were ACCEPTED, APPROVED, AND FILED for AUDIT.

ALL MEMBERS

Motion: Passes / Fails

F. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

Aye / Nay

/ Mr. Steve Gnall

AB / Mr. Honus

/ Mrs. Boyle

/ Mr. Mitchell

/ Mr. Mistishen

Aye / Nay

/ Mrs. Yedsena

/ Mr. Gary Gnall

/ Mr. Lynch

/ Mr. Hanley

8 / 0 Totals

Motion: Passes / Fail

G. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

a. General Fund

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

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

b. Cafeteria Fund

(1) Moved by Yedsena & seconded by Mitchell the List of Bills from the Cafeteria Fund was ACCEPTED, APPROVED FOR PAYMENT, AND FILED for AUDIT.

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

H. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Student Activities Report

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

ALL MEMBERS
Motion: Passes / Fails

b. Tax Collector Report

(1) Moved by Boyle & seconded by G. Gnall the Tax Collectors' Report was ACCEPTED, APPROVED, AND FILED for AUDIT.

ALL MEMBERS
Motion: Passes / Fails

I. COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Boyle reported that (3) three non-teaching applications were received and will be placed on file in the district office.

J. ACTION ITEMS

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

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

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

Parcel No.	Location	Twp/Boro	Price	Bidder
44-06-0018.000	117 Growler Street	Gilberton	\$100.00	Charles Shaulis, Jr.
48-03-0136.000	108 W Center St	Mahanoy City	\$1,054.00	Comprehensive Realty, LLC
48-08-0340.000	106 W Mahanoy St	Mahanoy City	\$2,246.00	Antonio Benenati
48-04-0203.000	333 E Pine Street	Mahanoy City	\$50.00	Lee Williams
48-05-0064.000	801 E Center St	Mahanoy City	\$2,570.00	Joan Goodman
48-05-0181.000	730 E Center St	Mahanoy City	\$1,274.00	Comprehensive Realty, LLC
48-07-0038.000	603 W Center St	Mahanoy City	\$1,424.00	Comprehensive Realty, LLC
48-07-0039.000	601 W Center St	Mahanoy City	\$1,181.00	Comprehensive Realty, LLC
48-08-0102.000	333 W Pine St	Mahanoy City	\$2,245.00	Comprehensive Realty, LLC
48-04-0034.000	430 E Railroad St	Mahanoy City	\$959.00	Antonio Benenati
44-04-0096.000	2401 Water St	Mahanoy City	\$1.00	Gilberton Boro

- (2) The purchase of two used light towers from United Rentals, Lancaster, PA at a cost of \$4,662.00.
- (3) A proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., Beechwood, OH for replacement of roof wet areas at a cost of \$44,608.05. This work is being performed through the Keystone Purchasing Network Contract #017-F.
- (4) The purchase of a 2005 Toro 4500D Groundskeeper mower from Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville, PA at a cost of \$8,500.00.
- (5) The purchase of a Smithco Sand Rake from Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville, PA at a cost of \$600.00.
- (6) The 2017 tax collector audit reports.
- (7) An updated deed and lease addendum with Mahanoy City Borough regarding the East End Park property.
- (8) The purchase of an Eagle 28” Auto Scrubber from W.A. Dehart, Inc., New Columbia, PA at a cost of \$8,700.00.
- (9) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between St. Luke’s University Health Network and the Mahanoy Area School District for Mobile Dental Van Services.

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

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

- (1) The 2018-2019 FCCLA questionnaire for College & Readiness survey for Jr/Sr. High School students.
- (2) Award professional employee contracts to Ms. Trisha Stetts and Ms. Emily Kesselring. Both have obtained tenure through three years of satisfactory service under a temporary professional employee contract and are now eligible for a professional employee contract.
- (3) Homebound instruction for high school student #3602 retroactive to September 21, 2018 for approximately 2 weeks. Homebound instructor will be Mr. Dan Nester. A doctor's note is on file in the Superintendent's Office.
- (4) An agreement with Graham Academy for the 2018-2019 school year to provide services to our students.
- (5) The appointment of Mrs. Sara Flexer and Ms. Jennifer Grochowski as Co-Advisors of the Ski & Snow Board Club; splitting the salary of \$331.00 – each receiving \$165.50.
- (6) The resignation of Mrs. Jeanette Wiekrykas, Mahanoy City, PA as a Special Education Teaching Assistant effective September 21, 2018.
- (7) The appointment of the following to the Schuylkill ACHIEVE program at an hourly rate of \$22.00: Elise Popalis; Bethany Pepe.
- (8) An expulsion wavier for student #4252.
- (9) The appointment of Mr. Robert Darosh, Pottsville, PA as a Special Education Teaching Assistant at an hourly rate of \$10.00 pending completion of required employment paperwork.
- (10) Director James Mitchell as an authorized person to register votes with PSBA on behalf of the Mahanoy Area School District.

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

Moved by Yedsena & seconded by S. Gnall the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education APPROVE the following as recommended:

Aye / Nay	Aye/Nay
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Lynch	<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Mistishen
<u>X</u> / ___ Mr. Mitchell	<u>X</u> / ___ Mrs. Yedsena
<u>X</u> / ___ Mrs. Boyle	<u>AB</u> / ___ Mr. Honus

<u> </u> X <u> </u> / <u> </u> <u> </u> Mr. Hanley	<u> </u> X <u> </u> / <u> </u> <u> </u> Mr. Steve Gnall
<u> </u> X <u> </u> / <u> </u> <u> </u> Mr. Gary Gnall	<u> </u> 8 <u> </u> / <u> </u> 0 <u> </u> Totals
Motion: <u> </u> X <u> </u> Passes / <u> </u> <u> </u> Fail	

- (1) The appointment of Mr. James Drewes, Mahanoy City, PA as a substitute bus/van driver retroactive to September 10, 2018 at an hourly rate of \$10.50 pending completion of all required employment paperwork and trainings.
- (2) The appointment of Mr. James Drewes, Mahanoy City, PA as a substitute cafeteria worker at an hourly rate of \$10.00.
- (3) The appointment of Ms. Sherri McPherson, Mahanoy City, PA as a substitute cafeteria worker at an hourly rate of \$10.00.
- (4) The appointment of Mr. Michael Rose, Minersville, PA as a substitute bus/van driver at an hourly rate of \$10.50 pending completion of all required employment paperwork and trainings.
- (5) Unpaid time off for employee #1325 for medical reasons from approximately October 22, 2018 to January 2, 2019.
- (6) The Elementary gymnasium/stadium (weather permitting) Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Safe Trick or Treat. Request made by Mrs. Tracey Quick, Treasurer, Mahanoy Elementary PTO.
- (7) The use of the High School Baseball Field for baseball workouts by the high school baseball team from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday for the months of August, September and October 2018. Request made by James Mayberry, Head Varsity Baseball Coach.
- (8) The use of the athletic stadium, practice field, and bathrooms retroactive to September 11, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and September 25, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for rescheduled Midget football games. Request made by Carla Gallagher, Secretary, Mahanoy Midget Football.
- (9) The use of the Elementary School Cafeteria on Friday, October 12, 2018 for the annual Mahanoy Football Alumni Homecoming Reunion from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Request made by Mr. Michael Gaval, President of Mahanoy Football Alumni.
- (10) The Jr/Sr. High School and Cafeteria for Haunted Hallways on Saturday, October 27, 2018 as per times notated on facilities request form. Request made by Mrs. Cheryl Fegley, Interact Club.
- (11) The district parking lot on Monday, November 26, 2018 for the parking of cars for a New York City bus trip. Request made by Mrs. Wendy Pangonis, Mahanoy Area Elementary PTO, President.
- (12) The resignation of Ms. Tarkita Reeves, Mahanoy City, PA as a cafeteria worker effective October 8, 2018.
- (13) The re-naming of the football field to the William "Coach Faz" Fazio field at Alumni Stadium.

No Items.

E. Athletic – Yedsena, Chair; S. Gnall and Mistishen

**Moved by Lynch & seconded by Mitchel the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education
APPROVED the following as recommended:**

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

(1) No admittance charge for Mahanoy Area School District students for home sporting events retroactive to September 6, 2018.

(2) The following Game Workers for the 2018-2019 school year: Tracy Dudash, Jane Ulicny, Susie Kufrovich, Sara Flexer, Emily Seiger, Marcus Crespo – Student, Joe Kalista, Jen Grochowski, Abbey McGee – Student, Suzanne Merchlinsky, Lenny Zakrewsky, Shane Finneran, Dave Bickowski, Thomas Moucheron, Eric Moucheron, Paula Moucheron, Meghan Karetzky, Nancy Brylewski, Thomas Scheeler, Melissa Cavenas, Laura Bisco, Matthew Derr, Adam Bahrey.

(3) The following stipends for the various positions listed:

Clock Operator \$25/Game
Ticket Collector \$20/Game
Ticket Seller \$20/Game
Score Keeper/Timer \$20/Game
Book Keeper \$20/Game
Announcer \$25/Game
Security \$30/Game

(4) The following volunteers for sporting events pending proper paperwork and clearances are provided to the Superintendent's Office:

Joseph Kane – Football
Michael Gaval -- Football
Scott Sterner -- Football
Orlando Currie – Football
John Reed -- Boys Basketball
Francis Bowman – Track
Greg Yanchuck – Baseball
Matt Lawrence – Softball
Kris Bet – Softball
Justin Koval – Cross Country

John McGroarty – Softball
Nolan Fegley – Wrestling
Arthur Frye – Girls Basketball

K. REPORTS

- (1) Report of the Schuylkill IU#29 Representative—President Hanley reported that a new payroll system has been implemented; a Cohort 7 grant was received and that dates for the STEM Design Challenge, 24 Math Challenge and What’s So Cool About Manufacturing have been chosen.
- (2) Report of the Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School (SCAVTS) Representative—President Hanley spoke about a food truck that has been acquired with all students being involved in the creation and renovation of this project. Once completed the Culinary students will be taking the truck to different events.
- (3) Report of the Mahanoy City Public Library Representative—Director Mistishen reported that Mr. Seiberling is retiring from the Library to spend time with his family.
- (4) Report of the PSBA Liaison—Director Mitchell reported that all e-mails received have been forwarded to all board members.
- (5) Report of the Superintendent—Enrollment: Elementary, 554; Jr/Sr. High School, 418; Vo-Tech, 30; out of district, 33, for a total of 1035. There are 32 regular education cyber/charter school students and 11 special education cyber/charter school students for a total of 43.
Dr. Green spoke about the YES program which is a career readiness program for High School students and now charges a fee to participate. We are very fortunate that Mountain Valley Golf Course has offered to sponsor us and will be paying our fee. Dr. Green extended our thanks to them for their generosity. Dr. Green then mention that administration and department heads met with Sam Matta and Mick Stefanick in regards to the Muhammad Ali camp near Deer Lake. Administration and department heads will be visiting the camp on the October 8 in-service day. She also went on to explain that new procedures are in place for all county schools for any student that would make a threat against the district. Trophy cases are being made by Vo-tech students. A motion was made by Lynch and seconded by S. Gnall to have the trophy cases approved not to exceed \$13,840.45 pending receipt of three quotes. Roll call vote was taken; passing 8-0.
- (6) Report of the Business Administrator—Mr. Hurst spoke about Act I indexes coming out with ours being 3.5% which is down .2%. This means we would be able to raise about \$142,000 in tax revenue this year.
- (7) Report of the Solicitor—Solicitor Dean reported that on September 11, 2018 he participated in 20 tax appeals that were held with the Schuylkill County Tax Assessment Board; raising approximately \$20,000 in revenue.

L. CONSIDERATIONS

- (1) Old and Unfinished—None.

(2) New—None.

M. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Citizen comments are welcome at this time. Speakers will be recognized by the chair. 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.

No comments.

N. REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Director Boyle strongly suggested that the October workshop and board meeting be changed to another date due athletic events and various administrators and board members not being available due to prior commitments. A motion was made by Boyle and seconded by Yedsena to move the date. Roll call vote was taken; passing 8-0 with the re-scheduling date of Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Gnall & seconded by Lynch 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 7:29 p.m.

Attest

Nancy Boyle
Secretary

The next meeting of the Mahanoy Area School District Board of Education will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018. All minutes and reports can be found on our district website www.mabears.net following the meeting.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE READ AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018:**

Teaching:

Non-Teaching: James Drewes, Mahanoy City, PA—Bus Driver
Michael Rose, Minersville, PA—Bus Driver
Rodney Long, Mahanoy City, PA—Custodian