

HANOVER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Public Meeting - Library/Media Center
Memorial Junior School
7:00 p.m. – January 28, 2025

ORDER OF MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - Announcement**
 - Flag Salute**
 - Roll Call**
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2. **MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - **Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Regular Public Meeting** **12/17/24**
 - Reorganization Meeting** **1/7/25**
5. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
7. **DIRECTORS/ SUPERVISORS REPORTS**
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Personnel**
 - **Curriculum, Technology & Student Achievement**
 - **Finance/Transportation/Physical Plant**
 - **Public Relations**
 - **Policy**
 - **Negotiations**
 - **Travel Report**
 - **Delegate Reports**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)**
10. **BOARD ACTIONS**
11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
12. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
13. **MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

BOARD ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Doreen Anderson, Special Education Aide, Bee Meadow School, effective 7/1/25, for the purpose of retirement.

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2. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Teresa Graziano, Special Education Aide, Memorial Junior School, effective 7/1/25, for the purpose of retirement.

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3. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Deborah Lamb, Bus Driver, effective 7/1/25, for the purpose of retirement.

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4. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Laura Petro, Basic Skills Teacher, Mountview Road School, effective 7/1/25, for the purpose of retirement.

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5. Approve to extend the leave of absence for Employee ID# 4286, previously approved effective 9/30/24 to 3/17/25, to be effective through 4/21/25.

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6. Approve to extend the appointment of Jamie Rehus as temporary full time (1.0 FTE) Long Term Substitute Replacement Kindergarten Teacher, Mountview Road School, at the BA Step 1 rate of \$306 per diem, when school is in session, *previously approved effective 10/7/24 or sooner to 3/18/25*, to be effective through 4/9/25.

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7. Amend the 2024-2025 employment contract for Aysegul Zeybek Angulo Gomez, Special Education Aide, Bee Meadow School, from the previously approved part time (.69 FTE), to full time (1.0 FTE) at a salary of Step 8 \$25,765, prorated, effective 1/29/25 to 6/30/25, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA.

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8. Amend the appointment of Eduardo Martinez Arriaga to the position of full time (1.0 FTE) Custodian, Mountview Road School, at a salary of Step 2, \$39,795, prorated, *previously approved effective 1/21/25 to 5/21/25*, to effective 2/3/25 to 6/3/25, (120 day probationary period) in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA. 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.

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9. Approve the transfer and reassignment of Adam Papa from the position of full time (1.0 FTE) Custodian at Mountview Road School, to the position of full time (1.0 FTE) Custodian at Bee Meadow School, effective 2/3/25.

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10. Authorize the following tuition reimbursement applications for the **2024-2025** school year, in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Credits</u>
George Dakak	6
Carolyn Masi	3
Lori Prout	15
Sandra Wylie	6

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11. Approve the **2024-2025** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **Advisor(s)** at **Bee Meadow School**, with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA, as follows:

<u>Club/Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Art Club	Lily Yee	6 hours
Art Club	Lori Prout	15 hours

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12. Approve the **2024-2025** extra-compensation assignment(s) as **Advisor(s)** at **Salem Drive School**, with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA, as follows:

<u>Club/Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Chess Club	Rosemary Cataliotti	7 hours
Chess Club	Eddie Cashen	7 hours
Classic Games Club	Dawn Baron	7 hours
Grade 3 Lego Club	Rosemary Pierone	5 hours
Grade 3 Lego Club	Christine Carey	5 hours

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13. Approve the **2024-2025** extra-compensation assignments as **Advisors** at **Memorial Junior School** with payments in accordance with the Agreement between the Board and the HTEA as follows.

<u>Club/Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Honors Band	Tracy Currie	5 hours
Honors Band	Natalie Donoghue	5 hours
Honors Band	Carolyn Masi	5 hours
Honors Band	Jessica White	5 hours

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14. Acknowledge the student suspensions as reported by the school principals for the month of December 2024, **Attachment "A"**.

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15. Accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report and affirm the Superintendent's decisions for the period ending January 24, 2025, **Attachment "B"**.

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B. CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Acknowledge the following fire drills, as reported by the school principals, for the month of December 2024:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bee Meadow School	12/17/24
Mountview Road School	12/17/24
Salem Drive School	12/18/24
Memorial Junior School	12/9/24

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2. Acknowledge that crisis management drills were conducted at the following schools, as reported by the school principals, for the month of December 2024:

<u>School</u>
Bee Meadow School
Mountview Road School
Salem Drive School
Memorial Junior School

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3. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to contract with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to provide bilingual evaluation services on an as needed basis for the 2024-2025 school year.

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4. Approve the Director of Special Education's recommendation to approve Platt Psychiatric, LLC, to provide psychiatric evaluations as part of the child study team assessments on an as needed basis, as per the published rate sheet.

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5. Approve the tuition contracts between Hanover Township and Paterson under McKinney Vento for Students CST # 11761 and CST # 11767 for the tuition rate of \$31,675.25 for the 2024-2025 school year.

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6. Approve the tuition contract between Hanover Township and Phillipsburg for Student CST # 11510 for the tuition rate of \$31,675.25 for 2024-2025 school year.

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7. Approve the Director of Special Education’s recommendation for Student CST #11596 to attend P.G. Chambers School, effective 1/29/25 for the rest of the 2024-2025 school year, at a tuition cost not to exceed \$46,479.54.

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8. Approve the following venues for field trips for Camp HTSACC 2025:

- American Dream Mall (Sea Life Aquarium & Legoland) – East Rutherford, NJ
- Center Court Mt. Olive – Flanders, NJ
- Hangdog Outdoor Adventure – Easton, PA
- Sterling Hill Mining Museum – Ogdensburg, NJ

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9. Approve the following vendors to provide onsite assemblies for Camp HTSACC 2025:

- Awesome Laser Assemblies (Prismatic Magic)
- Bounce House Mom
- Brainwash Game Show
- Bubble Show Plus
- Eyes of the Wild
- Headphone Disco
- Mad Science
- Mr. Lucky’s Game Truck
- Official Fun Guys
- Pearl Observatory
- Reading Rocks with Joe Holiday
- Snakes n Scales
- St. Hubert’s Animal Welfare Center
- Tale Wise
- Team Makers of NJ
- The Seeing Eye
- Young Audiences of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania

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C. FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL PLANT

I. FINANCE

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

1. Approve transfers in the 2024-25 Budget, **Attachment “C”**.

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2. Accept the certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that as of 12/31/24 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).

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3. Certify that as of 12/31/24 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.

(ROLL CALL)

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4. Accept the report of the Secretary A-148 and the reconciliation report A-149, for the month ended 12/31/24.

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5. Authorize the following payments:

<u>Bills List Dated</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll 12/20/24	\$ 964,873.48
Payroll 1/15/25	\$1,026,894.22
Bills & Voids 12/17/24 -	
1/28/25	\$1,955,549.90

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6. 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) "D", "E", "F", and "G"**.

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7. Accept carried over IDEA Basic Public funds in the amount of \$10.00 and carried over IDEA Nonpublic funds in the amount of \$4,561.00, and submit an amendment to the District's FY25 IDEA application to include these funds.

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8. Approve participation in cooperative bidding services with Educational Data Services, Inc. through the Morris County Educational Services Commission for the 2025-2026 school year.

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9. Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE

MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Morris County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective February 10, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Pool contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Pool, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Hanover Township has determined that membership in the **MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP** is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of

Hanover Township Board of Education does hereby agree to renew membership in the **MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP** and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Pool's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

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10. Approve the amended Employee Discount clause for HTSACC programs, **Attachment “H”**.

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11. Approve the revised version of the Reduced Fee schedule, **Attachment “I”**.

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12. Approve the Camp HTSACC 2025 program fees, **Attachment “J”**.

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II. TRANSPORTATION

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

1. Authorize entering into a traditional 5-year lease purchase agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for 2 new 54 passenger school buses, at a total cost of \$403,041.45, as per **Attachment “K”** (option 1).

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III. PHYSICAL PLANT

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

1. Authorize to prepare the necessary paperwork to go out to bid for a replacement roof at Memorial Junior School.

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D. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. Approve artist, Caren Olmsted for an in-house residency at Mountview Road School to complete a mural project with students, staff, and parents to create the mural in the main hallway, in February 2025 (February 05-19, 2025), with installation by the end of the following school year.

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2. Accept with appreciation the donation of the mural, along with outdoor benches as part of the project, to Mountview Road School, from the MTV PTA, valued at approximately \$19,000.

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3. Accept with appreciation the donation of a GAGA Pit to the Bee Meadow School playground, valued at approximately \$6,700, from the Bee Meadow School PTA.

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4. Approve participation in the Hanover Township Public Schools 2024-2025 Teacher Recognition Program, and authorize a local grant of \$250 to each recipient to be used for an educational purpose within their respective classroom and/or school.

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5. Adopt the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar, as outlined in Attachment “L”.

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6. Adopt the 2025-2026 Calendar for Support Staff Paid Holidays, as outlined in Attachment “M”.

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E. POLICY

1. Abolish the following Policies and Regulations:

- Policy and Regulation # 7430 School Safety.

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2. Conduct the second reading of the following Policies, and Regulations, and if approved, adopt:

- Policy # 4161 Examination for Cause.
- Policy # 4212 Attendance.
- Policy # 4219 Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing.
- Policy and Regulation # 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students.
- Policy and Regulation # 5116 Education of Homeless Children and Youths.
- Regulation #5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis.
- Policy and Regulation #5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote.
- Policy and Regulation # 5513 Care of School Property.
- Policy # 5514 Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds.
- Policy # 5570 Sportsmanship.

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3. Conduct the first reading of the following Policies, and Regulations:

- Policy #5722 Student Journalism.
- Policy # 5750 Equal and Equitable Educational Opportunity.
- Policy and Regulation # 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students.

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F. MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Move to adopt the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hanover Township Board of Education will convene in executive session to undertake discussions concerning _____ and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the nature of the discussion is expected to be disclosed to the public when the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist."

Moved by:

Seconded:

Action(v)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by:

Seconded:

Action(v)