

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

Prayer and flag salute was led by Mrs. Dobo. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Lesia Dobo  
John Bowden  
Daniel Caton  
Rob Harmotto (via video conference)  
Lori McKittrick  
Darren Newberry  
Kathryn Oblak  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:  
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent, Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator and acting Board Secretary; Mr. Rob Kartychak, Principal; and Mrs. Jessica Webster, Principal.

“Good News” was presented by Mr. Kartychak from the Elementary Schools and Mrs. Webster, from the Junior High School.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the December 19, 2017, Business Meeting Minutes and the January 8, 2018, Work Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By John Bowden, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve items (1) through (3) as presented in accordance with School Board’s agreement for grouping items in a single motions. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

### Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of December, 2017, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

2. Recommendation to accept report of the Treasurer for the month of December, 2017, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

### Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of December, 2017, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Stephen Niedenberger from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, presented the Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2017.

### VISITOR'S COMMENTS

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board.

#### **Educational/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair**

Informational: Dr. Maslyk presented information and updates on Keystone Testing.

#### **Buildings and Grounds, by Lori McKittrick**

### MOTION #3

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Caton, to approve an Amendment to the lease agreement with Hopewell Youth Baseball to permit proposed lighting project at Hopewell Elementary School baseball fields as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Informational: The Senior High School gymnasium will be used as an election polling location on May 15, 2018, and November 6, 2018.

**Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #4**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) through (3) and ratify items (4) and (5) as presented, in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. General Fund payments in the amount of \$503,959.91
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$111,580.74
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$15,871.00
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$3,420,406.20
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$95,152.00

**MOTION #5**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve Resolution #1-2018, certifying that the District will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, which is 3.1% for the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #6**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden to approve the request of the Aliquippa Bucktails to purchase tax parcels #65-011-1301.000 and #65-011-1312.000 located on Sunny Brook Avenue out of repository. The 2015-2016 and prior years' taxes shall be exonerated. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #7**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry to accept the Audit Report of the Hopewell Area School District for the year ended June, 30, 2017, issued by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP Certified Public Accountants. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #8**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick to approve the request of Essie Trimble, paraprofessional at the Senior High School, for an unpaid leave of absence from January 10, 2018 through February 19, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve the request of Brian Nale, custodian at the Senior High School, for an unpaid leave of absence effective January 12, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle to change the employment status for Kim Barger from substitute transportation drive/aide to permanent bus driver, effective December 18, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to accept the resignation of Kenneth Willis, bus driver, effective January 12, 2018. Mr. Willis would like to remain on the substitute transportation roster. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maslyk reminded Board Members of the opportunity on February 2, 2018, to visit classrooms to see Lexia. She also noted that the topics for the in-service half-day on Friday, January 26, 2018, are Lexia, guided reading, and NWEA. Treats this evening were provided by our Food Service department.

#### Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

#### Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

#### Upcoming School Board Meetings

February 5, 2018: Work Meeting, Central Administration

February 12, 2018: Business Meeting, Central Administration

Executive Session

Mrs. Dobo announced the Board would be meeting in executive session following this evening's meeting to discuss personnel. The announcement was made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Board President

Jennifer Conrad, Acting Secretary