

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

John Bowden
Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
Rob Harmotto

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals.

An Executive Session was held beginning at 7:11 p.m. to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

Dr. Miller announced that the following item would be voted on later in the meeting. She and Mrs. Conrad then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Ms. McKittrick, Co-Chair

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Hopewell Cafeteria Educational Support Personnel Association, ESPA, PSEA, NEA for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

The following items are for review this evening or will be voted on at the January 15, 2018 Board meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Informational:
 - a. 2017-2018 enrollment figures as of January 1, 2018.
 - b. January 2018 Calendar of Events for all schools.

Buildings and Grounds

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Amendment to lease agreement with Hopewell Youth Baseball to permit proposed lighting project at Hopewell Elementary School baseball fields as presented.
2. Informational:
 - a. Pool Schedule

Mrs. Conrad reviewed items under Finance and Budget that would be voted on at the January 15, 2018 Board Meeting.

Finance and Budget

1. Resolution #1-2018, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District, 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 for the 2018-2019 school year is 3.1%.
2. Request of 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.
3. Informational: Stephen Niedenberger from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, Certified Public Accountants will present the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2017.
4. 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.

The following information was provided to Board members as informational items.

Legislative

1. Informational:

- a. Committee Chairs for 2018.
- b. **Act 55:** Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, the State mandates training for school directors. All re-elected school directors would be required to complete a two-hour advanced training and all other new directors will be required to attend a four hour training. The Department of Education has not identified the approved trainings at this time. More details will be provided as PDE provides guidance.
- c. The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit will provide Board members evening trainings on February 15, 2018 and March 8, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks.
- d. PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership.

Personnel

1. Request of Essie Trimble, paraprofessional at the Senior High School, for an unpaid leave of absence from January 10, 2018 through February 19, 2018.
2. Change of employment status for Kim Barger from substitute transportation driver/aide to permanent bus driver, effective December 18, 2017.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

At this point in the meeting Mrs. Dobo returned to Personnel.

Personnel by Lori McKittrick, Co-Chair

MOTION #1

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Hopewell Cafeteria Educational Support Personnel Association, ESPA, PSEA, NEA for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Executive Session

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Adjournment

There being no further discussion or recommendations to come before the Board of Directors, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary