

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeffrey Winkle  
Daniel Santia

Members absent:  
David Ciccone  
Michael Johnston

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe and Jessica Webster; Donald Short, Athletic Director; Joanne Futato, Director of Food Services and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of minutes.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School, Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School and Mr. Short, Athletic Director. Copies of each report, as well as one from Mrs. Kane, Principal of Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary schools, are attached to these minutes.

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the September 24, 2013 Business Meeting minutes and the October 8, 2013 Work Meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve items (1) through (3) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. 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 September 2013, 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 September 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of September 2013, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board.

At this time Mr. Bufalini asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by David Ciccone, Co-Chair**MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the contract to continue publication of the Junior High School Yearbook with Herff Jones for the 2013-2014 school year. This is at no cost to the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to the contract with PA-Educator.net, an online application clearinghouse used to search for certified Pennsylvania educators, at a cost of \$2,175.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Co-Chair****MOTION #5**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Consent for Hess Corporation to assign the natural gas supply contract to Hess Energy Marketing, LLC and to release Hess Corporation from any liabilities on said supply contract. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #6**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the request from the Aliquippa School District to use the stadium and related facilities on November 1, 2013 to host a first round playoff game. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #7**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request by Girls Softball to use Gym B at Hopewell Junior High School on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings from November 15, 2013 through February 27, 2014 for off-season conditioning. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #8**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request from the Aliquippa Greek Orthodox Church to utilize Gym A at the Junior High School every Friday from November 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 from 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #9**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the 3-year Maintenance Agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation for two elevators at the Junior High School and two elevators at the Senior High School for an annual cost of \$3,360. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Daniel Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Hopewell Custodial ESPA grievance 2012-2013 #2. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the renewal of the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Renick Brothers for chillers for a period of two years at a total cost of \$3,996.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, Chair**MOTION #12

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the Resolution to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$600.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #13

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve items (1) through (3) and to 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 \$520,966.31.
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$87,905.85.
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$64,041.04.
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,362,009.23.
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$77,837.50.

**Nutrition and Food Service by Ms. McKittrick, Chair**MOTION #14

By Ms. McKittrick, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the purchase for Hopewell Elementary School of a convection steamer from Tri-State Equipment Company at a cost of \$10,137. This purchase is from the State contract. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #15**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Jessi Beck as a kindergarten teacher at Independence Elementary School, Step 1 (B) effective October 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #16**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Mark Chasey, Director of Transportation, effective October 11, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #17**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) through (4) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. Appointment of Keenan Shaffer as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach, effective October 22, 2013.
2. Resignation of Craig Bokor from the football coaching roster, effective immediately.
3. Resignation of Tim Monske as head track coach, effective October 22, 2013.
4. Resignation of Greg Cercone as an assistant boys basketball coach, effective October 22, 2013.

**MOTION #18**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the termination of Jeanne Sutton as a bus driver, effective October 8, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

**MOTION #19**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the reappointment of Celeste Beley as director of the school musical for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$3,000. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Marissa Bufalini as a lifeguard. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #21

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

1. Substitute teacher roster.
2. Substitute secretarial roster.
3. Substitute transportation roster

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the change of employment status of Yvonne Walbek from permanent bus driver to substitute bus driver, effective October 30, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina spoke of the following items in his Superintendent's report:

1. Presented awards to Lesia Dobo for 12 years of service to the School Board and to Michael Johnston for 8 years of service;
2. Michael Allison will be presented the Joseph Mamana Meritorious Service Award at the PAESSP conference later this month.
3. End of the first grading period is Wednesday, October 30, 2013.
4. Waiting on two parts for the pool. It should be ready once these parts are installed. It looks beautiful.
5. The ongoing wireless project is at the testing stage and should be completed very soon.
6. Construction of the new security entrance at the Junior High School should begin next week and Brobeck continues to work on security cameras throughout the District.

7. Field work on the baseball field should begin next week;
8. Each building has conducted their first “intruder drill” and will continue drills with different scenarios throughout the school year.

Solicitor’s Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

November 12, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

November 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION by Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary