

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board Vice President.

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

Lesia Dobo
John Bowden
Tony Guy
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
David Bufalini
Rob Harmotto

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Korri Kane, Principal; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. He and Mrs. Robb then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

Legislative: Mr. Winkle, Chair; Ms. McKittrick, Co-Chair

1. Mr. Bufalini, Mrs. Dobo and Dr. Reina to attend the National School Board Association National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 21, 2015 through March 23, 2015.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

1. Employment of Anjelica Diehl as an elementary counselor at Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools at Step 1 of the Master's Scale, effective February 11, 2015.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on at the February 24, 2015 Business meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. 2015-2016 School Calendar.
2. Appointment of Janae Batchelor as Counseling Department Chair, effective March 1, 2015.
3. Rachael Morrow, a student at Point Park University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at the Senior High School under the guidance of Christina Signorelli.
4. Agreement with Herff-Jones to produce the Junior High Year through 2018. There is no cost to the District associated with this project.
5. Request of Adam Barkman and Josef Batvinskas to hold a Volleyball Tournament in November 2015. Proceeds to be used to retire the jersey of Ryan McGovern, a former student who passed away in February 2011.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request of Pennsylvania West Soccer Association and Steve Thomas, to use the stadium and bathrooms on March 14-15, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for youth soccer games.

Personnel

1. Spring sports coaches and stipends. (**Attachment**)
2. Discussion: Lifeguard rate of pay.

Mrs. Robb stated that pay for lifeguards had not increased in quite a while. Current rates for head lifeguards is \$8.00 an hour, \$7.25 an hour for regular lifeguards and \$10 an hour for CPR instructors. Mrs. Robb proposed a \$1 an hour increase across the board.
3. Request of Tara Powell, transportation aide, to extend her leave without pay for an additional 90 days.
4. Substitute employee rosters.

Policy

1. Revised Board Policies.
 - a. 222 Tobacco Use (Pupils);
 - b. 323 Tobacco Use (Employees); and
 - c. 904 Public Attendance at School Events

Mr. Salopek stated that the revised policies regarding tobacco include new information regarding e-cigarettes. Possession of e-cigarettes is not permitted by students. Employees are permitted to have e-cigarettes in their possession, but are not permitted to use them on school property.

Visitors

Mike Sabat had questions regarding Act 153 of 2014 as it pertains to parent volunteers. Dr. Reina explained that Act 153 is a new Pennsylvania law requiring anyone working or volunteering with children to obtain new criminal history information, child abuse clearance and Federal background checks every 36 months. The District is in the process of implementing the new statute with employees and will notify parent groups and volunteers of the requirements in the near future. Mr. Sabat also wanted information regarding District policy regarding the sale of raffle tickets as fundraisers. Dr. Reina said he would review Board policy and get back to him with the information.

At this time Mrs. Dobo returned to items to be voted on this evening.

Legislative by Mr. Winkle**MOTION #1**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Tony Guy to approve Mr. Bufalini, Mrs. Dobo and Dr. Reina's attendance at the National School Board Association National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 21, 2015 through March 23, 2015. MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mrs. Segner**MOTION #2**

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Anjelica Diehl as an elementary counselor at Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools at Step 1 of the Master's Scale, effective February 11, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Executive Session

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo announced that an Executive Session would be held following the meeting to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

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 John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary