

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

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

Members absent:  
Michael Johnston

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, Principal; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Dr. Reina reviewed the agenda in its entirety, including the following three items that would be voted on later in the meeting.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:** Mrs. Dobo, Chair, Mr. Ciccone, Co-Chair

1. Adopt Resolution 5-2013, a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving BF.

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mr. Johnston, Co-Chair

1. Michelle McIlvain as the Breakfast Monitor at Hopewell Elementary School, effective February 4, 2013.

**Transportation:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

1. Purchase of a used 2011 Kia Sedona minivan from Morrow Motors for \$17,900.

Dr. Reina continued his review of the agenda and those items that will be voted on at the February 26, 2013 board meeting.

### **Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Resolution for participation in the 2013 Beaver County Summer Academy to be held at Beaver Area School District from June 17, 2013 through June 24, 2013 sponsored by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit at a cost of \$500.
2. Request by Jenean Maratta, a student at Geneva College, to conduct research with students in a 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade math class to see if adding a positive saying sticker to some of the math fact tests prior to giving the test will reduce test anxiety.
3. School picnic for 2013-2014 at Kennywood Park on May 21, 2014.
4. 2013-2014 school calendar.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Request of Pennsylvania West Soccer Association and Steve Thomas, to use the stadium and bathrooms on April 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on April 14, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for youth soccer games.
2. Request by Girls Softball to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for spring-season conditioning and pitching program beginning March 4, 2013.

At this time Dr. Reina discussed his ongoing conversations with Hopewell Township Commissioners and retired law enforcement officers regarding the potential partnership between the Township and the District with respect to school security. Dr. Reina continues to explore options to make our buildings safer and to develop a training program for staff. The Board expressed a desire to have a police presence on a regular basis within the District as soon as possible.

Capital projects were also a topic for discussion. Dr. Reina would like to begin making plans for those projects the Board would like to undertake during the coming months. Options included: the pool, tennis courts, High School Maintenance/Cafeteria Court area, Central Administration furniture and the basketball court in the back of the Junior High School. Dr. Reina said that a proposal would be made in March regarding the technology initiative. Several Board members expressed a desire to refurbish the basketball court at the Junior High School. As Mrs. Robb continues to develop the 2013-2014 budget, discussions regarding capital projects will continue.

**Finance and Budget**

1. Advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Proposal from Comcast to provide telephone service to the District for a period of 36 months.

**Personnel**

1. Request from Teresa Lackovich to extend Leave Without Pay, up to an additional 90 days.
2. Spring sports coaches and stipends.
3. Dean Nelson as the Hopewell High School Class of 2014 sponsor, effective December 1, 2012.
4. Raymon Smith as the Hopewell High School Student Council sponsor, effective December 1, 2012.
5. Resignation of John Murphy as a full-time bus driver. Mr. Murphy wishes to be placed on the substitute driver list.
6. Substitute aide roster.

**Visitors**

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Bufalini returned to those items to be voted on this evening.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:** Mrs. Dobo, Chair, Mr. Ciccone, Co-Chair

**MOTION #1**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden to adopt Resolution 5-2013, a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving BF. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mr. Johnston, Co-Chair

**MOTION #2**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve Michelle McIlvain as the Breakfast Monitor at Hopewell Elementary School, effective February 4, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Transportation:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

**MOTION #3**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the purchase of a used 2011 Kia Sedona minivan from Morrow Motors for \$17,900. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

**Executive Session**

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini 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, Mr. Bufalini asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary