

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2354 BRODHEAD ROAD  
ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUAL

7:00 P.M.

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- I. Call to Order
  - II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. Roll Call
  - IV. Good News In Our Schools
  - V. The President will announce if there was an Executive Session since the last meeting. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.
  - VI. Motion to approve Agenda as written.
  - VII. Approval of Minutes  
  
Regular Business Meeting – March 25, 2025  
Regular Work Meeting – April 8, 2025
  - VIII. Financial Reports  
  
Tax Collection – March 2025  
Treasurer's Report – March 2025  
Financial Statements – March 2025
  - IX. Visitors  
  
Effective October 12, 2021, a maximum of thirty minutes total will be reserved during the Board meeting for community members who request to speak. At any time, the Board may allow additional time for the visitors portion of the Board meeting.  
  
Whether the community member is participating virtually, or in-person, the community member will:

- State their name and township of residence
- Have up to three minutes to make a statement and/or ask a question to the Board
- Only be able to speak once during the visitors portion of the board meeting
- Have their time begin when the individual begins to speak

It is recommended that community members wishing to speak during the visitors portion email the Board Secretary prior to the board meeting, however the online chat will be monitored during the visitors portion of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak.

A response may be given during the meeting, however, it is also possible that no response be provided during the Board meeting. The Board will instruct the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and/or the Solicitor to either respond to the inquiry or do further research and report back to the Board and/or the resident. For any question that requires a response, the District will contact the individual directly to respond or will share responses at the following Board meeting.

X. Committee Discussion/Recommendations

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:** Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Ms. Bell and Mrs. Klessner, Co-Chairs

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of the Class of 2025 to conduct a baccalaureate service the evening of Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in the Senior High School auditorium.
2. Request from Dr. Kartychak for Mrs. Esther Aloia and three Hopewell High School students that qualified for the National Family Career and Community Leaders of America Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida July 5-9, 2025 to attend. Per District policy, the District will contribute up to \$2,500.00 towards the expense of the trip with families contributing to the remainder of the balance.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Caton, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request from Terry Borkovic to use Gym A at the Junior High School to conduct a volleyball camp for Hopewell girls in grades 4 and 5 on June 5 and 6, 2025.
2. Request of Terry Borkovic to use Gym A at the Junior High School to conduct a volleyball camp for girls in grades 6 through 9 the week of June 2 through June 6, 2025.
3. Request of Lady Viking Basketball boosters to use the football parking lot at Tony Dorsett Stadium on September 16, 2025 beginning at 3:00 p.m. for a Food Truck event.

4. Request of Jeff Homziak to use the Main and Auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School and Gym B at the Junior High School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 12, 2025 through June 26, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for a basketball summer league for girls in grades 7 through 12. (**New Item**)
5. Request of Beaver County Flag Football to use the stadium May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for flag football games. (**New Item**)
6. Request of Beaver County Flag Football to use the stadium Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning March 24, 2025 through May 9, 2025 for flag football games. (**New Item**)
7. Lease Agreement by and between the Hopewell Area School District and Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. for one Head Start classroom at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. (**New Item**)
8. Hopewell Township to solicit competitive bids for possible paving projects at Hopewell High School through proper procurement procedures. (**New Item**)

**Finance and Budget:** Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Payment of Bills: (**Roll Call**)
    - a. General Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$1,096,485.59
    - b. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$62,754.21
- Payments to be ratified:
- c. General Fund payments to be ratified in the amount of \$733,069.97
  - d. Capital Reserve payment to be ratified in the amount of \$155,850.00
2. 2025-2026 Beaver County Career and Technology Center General Fund Budget in the amount of 8,114,319.00. (**Roll Call**)
  3. Budget transfers for the 2024-2025 school year. (**Attachment**) (**New Item**)
  4. Membership dues for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$12,990.24. (**New Item**)

**Personnel:** Mrs. Buxton, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation for retirement of Paula Battisti, K-8 gifted support teacher, effective May 30, 2025. (**New Item**)
2. Appointment of Riley Lewis, volunteer softball coach, effective April 23, 2025. (**New Item**)
3. Resignation for retirement of Garry Squires, Maintenance, effective May 30, 2025. (**New Item**)
4. Employment of Edward Oblinger, bus driver, effective April 14, 2025. (**New Item**)
5. Employment of Michelle Bradford, substitute bus driver, effective April 16, 2025. (**New Item**)
6. Resignation of Jeffrey Exline, mechanic, effective March 21, 2025. (**New Item**)
7. Resignation of Karen Talik, paraprofessional at the Senior High School, effective April 25, 2025. (**New Item**)

**Policy/Planning:** Mrs. Klessner, Chair; Ms. Bell, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Policy Review and Adoption (Final Reading)
  - Policy 140 Charter Schools
  - Policy 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
  - Policy 142 Migrant Students
  - Policy 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
  - Policy 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
  - Policy 146 Student Services

XI. Other Business

XII. Superintendents Report

XIII. Solicitors Report

XIV. Upcoming School Board Meetings

May 13, 2025, Regular Work Meeting

May 27, 2025, Regular Business Meeting

XV. Adjournment