

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2354 BRODHEAD ROAD
ALIQUPPA, PA 15001

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

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 – April 25, 2023
Regular Work Meeting – May 9, 2023
 - VIII. Financial Reports

Tax Collection – April 2023
Treasurer's Report – April 2023
Financial Statements – April 2023
 - IX. Region 1 Board Applicant Introductions
 - X. 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
- 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.

XI. Committee Discussion/Recommendations

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Dr. Erickson, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to Online Education for the 2023-2024 School Year.
2. Levi Plassmeyer a student at Geneva College to complete his student teaching under the guidance of Chad Toporski and Kit Keiper during the 2023 fall semester.
3. Ethan Smith a student at Geneva College to complete his student teaching under the guidance of Rosetta Dufalla at Hopewell High School during the 2024 spring semester.
4. CJ Zeigler a student at Geneva College to complete their student teaching under the guidance of Katie Snyder and Abbey Testa during the 2024 spring semester.
5. Agreement with Mars Home for Youth Family Services to provide services to qualified students for the Extended School Year Program from June 12, 2023 through July 28, 2023. (**New Item**)

6. Informational: Begin a 30-day public review opportunity of Social Studies department textbooks, *United States History: Beginnings to 1914*, and *American Government: Institutions and Policies, AP Edition, 16th Student Edition*. (**New Item**)

Buildings and Grounds: Daniel Caton, Chair; Vicki Gill, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the pool beginning mid-June through August 18, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Football to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on Friday, June 9th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 10th from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a skills and development camp.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Cheer to use Gym A at the Junior High School beginning August 28, 2023 through October 11, 2023 for practice.
4. Request of the Hopewell Band Boosters to use the Senior High School cafeteria July 24 through July 28 and July 31 through August 4, 2023, to serve lunch during band camp.
5. Request of the Hopewell Band Boosters to conduct 50/50 raffles at band and chorus concerts and other events throughout the year.
6. Request of Hopewell Girls Soccer Boosters to use Tony Dorsett Stadium August 7, 2023 through August 10, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for soccer camp.
7. Request of the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters to host a pep rally on Thursday, October 12, 2023, immediately following the homecoming parade at Tony Dorsett Stadium. All fall sports would be recognized during the pep rally.
8. Purchase and installation of a reconditioned 1500 KVA Transformer at the Junior High School in the amount of \$119,904.00 from Tudi Mechanical Systems. (**New Item**)

Finance and Budget: Mrs. Zupsic, Co-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 \$980,933.01
 - b. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$110,657.22

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Payments to be ratified:

- c. Payments to be ratified in the amount of \$1,940,992.47
2. Supply bids for the 2023-2024 school year for the following departments:
 - a. Athletics \$4,349.61
 - b. Art \$11,872.64
 - c. Custodial \$259.06
 - d. Industrial Arts \$150.76
 - e. Physical Education \$1,223.15
 - f. Science \$1,898.32
3. Agreement with Medic Rescue to provide emergency medical transport for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$3,500.

Legislative: Mrs. Miller, Chair; Mrs. Buxton, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Appointment of _____ to fill the vacant Board seat from Region 1, effective May 24, 2023. Term to expire November 30, 2023. **(New Item)**

Personnel: Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Dr. Erickson, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation for retirement of Mark Skiba, custodian at the Senior High School, effective September 8, 2023.
2. Resignation of Greg Gozur, head bowling coach, effective May 24, 2023.
3. Employment of Mackenzie Cuneo, long-term special education teacher at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective May 3, 2023.
4. Employment of Brittany Wilfong, substitute custodian, effective June 12, 2023.
5. Elimination of one third grade teaching position at Independence Elementary School effective the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Employment of Rachelle May, Junior High School breakfast cook, effective May 15, 2023. **(New Item)**
7. Resignation for retirement of Beth Martin, Buildings and Grounds secretary, effective October 21, 2023. **(New Item)**

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8. Resignation of Tammy Holland, substitute custodian, effective May 24, 2023. **(New Item)**
9. Employment of Jude Fritz, substitute custodian, effective June 5, 2023. **(New Item)**
10. Employment of Lisa Litzinger, substitute paraprofessional, effective April 17, 2023. **(New Item)**
11. Resignation of Mark Dewhirst, 4-hour custodian at Hopewell Elementary School, effective May 19, 2023. Mr. Dewhirst would like to be placed on the 500-hour substitute roster. **(New Item)**
12. Addition of one special education at the Junior High School effective the 2023-2024 school year. **(New Item)**

Transportation: Mrs. Pistorius, Chair; Mr. Caton, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Sell for scrap bus #48, a 2011 Chevrolet 30 passenger Collins bus, VIN 1GB6G5BG1B1162962 to Top Dog Lawn LLC for \$850.00.
2. Resolution 3-2023, a Resolution authorizing the participation in and appointment of representatives to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program for the 2023-2024 school year. **(Roll Call) (New Item)**

XII. Other Business

XIII. Superintendents Report

XIV. Solicitors Report

XV. Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Board Room and Virtual

June 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Board Room and Virtual

XVI. Adjournment