

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2354 BRODHEAD ROAD
ALIQUPPA, PA 15001

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUAL

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. 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.
- V. Motion to approve the Agenda as written.
- VI. **Committee Discussion/Recommendations for June 13, 2023**

Athletics: Daniel Caton, Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Junior varsity girls volleyball to attend camp at Slippery Rock University from July 7-9, 2023. All costs will be paid for by the boosters and parents.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Hopewell Flag Football to use Tony Dorsett Stadium July 8 and 9, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for camp.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Wednesdays and Fridays from July 12-28, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for basketball camp.

3. Ratify the purchase and installation of a 1500 KVA transformer from Costars approved vendor, Jeffers & Leek Electric, Inc., at a cost of \$101,575.00.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resolution #4-2023 a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2023-2024 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$46,455,294.00 and appropriations of \$47,300,728.00. The difference of \$1,145,434.00 will come from the Fund Balance. **(Roll Call)**
2. Resolution #5-2023, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2023-2024 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at 89.0 mills. **(Roll Call)**
3. Resolution #6-2023, a Resolution requesting the Chief County Assessor to direct the inspection and reassessment of all taxable property within the territorial limits of the School District to which major improvements were made after September 1, 2022, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **(Roll Call)**
4. Resolution #7-2023, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2023-2024 School Fiscal Year. **(Roll Call)**
5. Resolution #8-2023, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **(Roll Call)**
6. Resolution #9-2023, a Resolution reenacting for the 2023-2024 School Fiscal Year the tax upon transfers of real estate situated within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act. **(Roll Call)**
7. Resolution #10-2023, a Resolution reenacting for the 2024 Calendar Year the tax upon salaries, wages, commissions, compensations, net profits, and other earned income of residents, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act. **(Roll Call)**
8. Resolution #11-2023, a Resolution reenacting for the 2023-2024 School Fiscal Year the tax upon natural persons engaging in an occupation within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act. **(Roll Call)**

9. Resolution #12-2023, a Resolution reenacting for the 2023-2024 School Fiscal Year the mercantile tax upon the gross receipts of wholesale and retail business activity performed or rendered within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act. **(Roll Call)**
10. Resolution #13-2023, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006). **(Roll Call)**

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Lindsey Loos, substitute custodian, effective June 19, 2023.
2. Employment of Logan Parish, substitute custodian, effective June 5, 2023.
3. Employment of Rachelle May, substitute custodian, effective June 5, 2023.
4. Employment of Matthias Goth, summer cleaning person, effective June 5, 2023.
5. Employment of Brettan Cooper, summer cleaning person, effective June 5, 2023.
6. Employment of the following grade 7-12 teachers for credit recovery to be compensated at a rate of pay of \$150.00 per student:
 - a. English 7-12: Mrs. Rosetta Dufalla
 - b. Math 7-12: Mr. Raymon Smith
 - c. Social Students 7-12: Mr. Martin Vallecorsa
 - d. General Science and Introduction to Scientific Methods 7-12: Mr. Michael Gill
 - e. Biology: Ms. Betsy Lehman
 - f. Chemistry: Mr. Jason Winters
 - g. Physical Education 7-12: Mrs. Margaret Heranic
 - h. BCIT 7-12: Mr. Jeffrey Homziak
7. Resignation for retirement of Joan Potts, learning support teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective June 2, 2023.
8. Resignation for retirement of Beverly Armahizer, cook at the Junior High School, effective June 6, 2023.
9. Employment of Tina Fratangeli, bus monitor, effective June 7, 2023.

10. Employment of _____, Transportation Director, at a salary of \$_____, pending receipt of clearances. Start date to be determined.

Committee Discussion/Recommendations for June 27, 2023

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Continuation of Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to Family Behavioral Resources. **(Roll Call)**
2. Outreach Services Agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Request for Services Agreement with Holy Family Specialized Learning for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Township Police Department for procedures to be followed when specific incidents happen on school property, at any school sponsored activity, or on any public conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity. **(Roll Call)**
6. Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Independence Township Police Department for procedures to be followed when specific incidents happen on school property, at any school sponsored activity, or on any public conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity. **(Roll Call)**
7. Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Raccoon Township Police Department for procedures to be followed when specific incidents happen on school property, at any school sponsored activity, or on any public conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity. **(Roll Call)**
8. Informational: BVIU Board Notes for May 2023.

Athletics: Daniel Caton, Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders to attend UCA camp at Slippery Rock University July 20-23, 2023. There will be no cost to the District.
2. Varsity girls volleyball to attend camp at Indiana High School from August 1-3, 2023. All costs will be paid for by the boosters and parents.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning November 4, 2023 through March 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the mat room at the Junior High School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning November 4, 2023 through March 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use Gym B at the Junior High School July 18-20, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for wrestling camp.
4. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the main and auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School December 2, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on December 3, 2023 from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a youth wrestling tournament.
5. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use Gym B at the Junior High School January 19, 2024 from 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. and on January 20, 2024 from 6:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for a youth wrestling tournament.
6. Request of Hopewell Youth Football to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on August 20, August 26, September 16 and October 14, 2023 for their home football games.
7. Agreement for Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. to conduct one Head Start Classroom at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to PIC receiving appropriate funding. **(Roll Call)**

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Renew the following insurance coverage through Utica Insurance Company and UPMC (for worker’s compensation) for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This coverage will be provided through the A.J. Gallagher Agency.
 - i. Privacy and Network Liability \$
 - ii. General Liability/Excess Liability \$
 - iii. Automobile \$
 - iv. Workers Compensation \$
2. Resolution No. 14-2023 requiring the tax collectors for the Hopewell Area School District to waive additional charges in connection with the collection of school real estate taxes beginning July 1, 2023 if the taxpayer meets requirements.
3. Membership renewal with Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$12,460.93.
4. Three-year subscription agreement with Securly to provide web filtering in the amount of \$6,875.00 per year for a total of \$20,625.00.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Marian Hunt, a substitute in the cafeteria, effective August 24, 2023.
2. Payment of spring coaches beyond the regular season.
3. Fall coaches and salaries.
4. Amendment to the Confidential Employees Agreement to provide that the salary of the Payroll and Benefits Coordinator shall be \$44,876.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

VII. 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.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 27, 2023, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration Board Room

X. Adjournment