

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 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 Douglass Rowe. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Rob Harmotto  
Michael Johnston  
Lori McKittrick  
Daniel Santia

Members absent:  
David Ciccone  
Lesia Dobo  
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster and Korri Kane, Principals; David Smail, Director of Transportation; and Joanne Futato, Director of Food Services.

At this time Mr. Bufalini called for a revision to the agenda. Item #1 under Personnel, resignation of Mark McDonald as an assistant football coach, was removed.

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Michael Johnston, to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School, and Mrs. Kane from Margaret Ross and Hopewell Elementary Schools. Copies of each report, including one for Independence Elementary School, are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bufalini thanked all for their fine reports.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

### APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

#### MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items (1) and (2) as presented in accordance with the School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the December 11, 2012 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the January 8, 2013 work meeting minutes as presented.

### APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

#### MOTION #3

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (3) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of December 2012, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report

2. Recommendation to accept report of the Treasurer for the month of December 2012, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

#### Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of December 2012, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the February calendar. She said the library is helping students in the District with eReaders and wanted to remind District residents that the library can help with their job search.

At this time Mr. Bufalini asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Michael Johnston**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #4

By Michael Johnston, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) through (6) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. Contract with Epeople Health Care, Inc., dba: eKidzCare to provide nursing services on an as needed basis throughout the district.
2. Free School Privileges for Ian Frye to attend Hopewell Junior School for the 2012-2013 School Year effective January 7, 2013 (Certificate of Gratuitous Keep on file).
3. Trisha Johnson, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a field experience placement at Hopewell Junior High School under the guidance of Chris Keiper.
4. Haley Wiedrerrecht, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a field experience placement at Hopewell High School under the guidance of Nancy Daltorio.
5. Brittany Santilli, a student at Slippery Rock University, to fulfill a field experience placement at Hopewell High School under the guidance of Dianne Kanitra.
6. Derek Labuda, a student at Carlow University, to fulfill a student teacher placement from January 7, 2013 through April 26, 2013 under the guidance of Mark Witterman and Chad McConville.

**Buildings and Grounds by Michael Johnston, Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #5**

By Michael Johnston, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (4) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

1. Request by Maria Torrence of Maria's School of Dance, and the Trinity Jazz Orchestra, to use the High School Auditorium for rehearsals and performances May 15 through May 18, 2013.
2. Request by Beaver County Special Olympics to use the pool beginning January 11, 2013 through April 5, 2013 for swim practice.
3. Request by the High School Girls Soccer team to use the High School Football Field to conduct the second annual Mad Skills Soccer Camp from June 10 through June 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
4. Hopewell Baseball Boosters to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School to host a Hopewell Youth Baseball Camp. The camp will run from February 18 through February 23 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

**Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #6**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (5) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

1. General Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$247,930.71.
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$1,003.45.
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$85,993.66.
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,299,375.90.
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$164.69.

MOTION #7

By John Bowden, seconded by Michael Johnston, to approve Resolution #1-2013, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District, certifying that the District will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, which for the 2013-2014 school year is 2.3%. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #8

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve items (1) through (3) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

1. Resolution #2-2013 establishing the compensation paid to the tax collector of Hopewell Township of \$4.50 per real estate tax parcel and \$4.50 per interim real estate tax parcel beginning a four-year term starting the first Monday of January 2014.
2. Resolution #3-2013 establishing the compensation paid to the tax collector of Independence Township of \$4.50 per real estate tax parcel and \$4.50 per interim real estate tax parcel beginning a four-year term starting the first Monday of January 2014.
3. Resolution #4-2013 establishing the compensation paid to the tax collector of Raccoon Township of \$4.50 per real estate tax parcel and \$4.50 per interim real estate tax parcel beginning a four-year term starting the first Monday of January 2014.

MOTION #9

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the Audit Report of the Hopewell Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2012 issued by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #10

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (3) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

1. Closure of Citizen's investment checking account (Acct No.: 621017-507-8).
2. Contract with Berkheimer OneSource to process District's Act 80 records at an approximate cost of \$835.
3. Termination of our current Extended Contract Maintenance/Warranty Agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation effective July 31, 2013.

MOTION #11

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP as Bond Counsel in conjunction with a program to refund the district's General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2002 on or about March 1, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Legislative by Lori McKittrick, Co-Chair**MOTION #12

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Michael Johnston, to approve the appointment of John Bowden, David Bufalini, Dean Nelson, Daniel Santia and Jeffery Winkle to the Southcentral Beaver County School Authority. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. as a meeting date and time for the Southcentral Beaver County School Authority. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #14**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items (1) through (4) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. Resignation of Mike Comnesso as an assistant football coach.
2. Resignation for retirement of David Smail, Director of Transportation, effective June 30, 2013.
3. Substitute teacher roster.
4. Resignation of Terry Borkovic, Boys Volleyball Coach, effective for the spring 2013 season.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Reina congratulated Mr. Smail on his retirement.

Dr. Reina asked Board members if they had any questions regarding the e2020 presentation that Denise Manganello from Seneca Valley had made during the February 12, 2013 meeting. He asked if they felt comfortable moving forward with the project.

He said that as Mrs. Robb continues to develop the 2013-2014 school year budget, the Board needs to begin thinking about which capital projects they would like to undertake. Suggestions from Dr. Reina and Mrs. Robb included: site improvements of the loading dock/cafeteria area at the Senior High School, a new liner for the swimming pool, resurfacing the tennis courts, possible elimination of the basketball courts located behind the Junior High School and paving around the Junior High School.

Dr. Reina reported that he and Mr. Bufalini met with Officer Tranelli regarding school security. He said that they are working on a partnership with Township Commissioners regarding having a police presence in all schools. The partnership would include security, training and public relations.

Both Dr. Reina and Mr. Bufalini commended Mrs. Robb and her staff on an excellent audit.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

February 12, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

February 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 7:50 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary