

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Daria Minton (arrived at 7:12)  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:  
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Doug Rowe and Jessica Webster, Principals; Michael Lipnicky, Director of Technology, and visitors.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School and Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School. Copies of each report and one for the elementary schools are attached to these minutes.

January is School Director Recognition month. Each Board member received a certificate for their service and Dr. Miller thanked them on behalf of the District and the community.

Mr. Bufalini thanked all for their fine reports.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

### APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

#### MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (4) 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 20, 2016 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the January 6, 2017 special business meeting minutes as presented.
3. Recommendation to approve the January 10, 2017 work meeting minutes as presented.
4. Recommendation to approve the January 19, 2017 special business meeting minutes as presented.

### APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

#### MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, 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 vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of December 2016, 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 2016, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of December 2016, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Sandy Giordano said that she was amazed at all the wonderful activities going on at both the Junior and Senior High Schools.

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the January calendar.

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

**Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair**MOTION #3

By Ann Segner, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the request of Beaver County Special Olympics to use the pool every Monday from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning January 30, 2017 through March 27, 2017 for swim practice. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #4

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify item (4) 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 payments in the amount of \$393,649.48
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$118,215.24
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$18,468.85
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$3,423,506.38

MOTION #5

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve Resolutions #2-2017, 3-2017 and 4-2017, establishing the compensation paid to the tax collectors of Hopewell, Independence and Raccoon Townships 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 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to appoint Ciara Cutone as Second Grade Department Chair, effective January 25, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to accept the resignation for retirement of Johannah Robb, Business Administrator, effective September 29, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve the employment of Alexis Potts as a substitute aide, effective January 17, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Sarah Steder, Vikette Sponsor, effective May 1, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Sarah McCarty, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at the Senior High School, effective February 24, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the appointment of Terry Borkovic as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Middle School Girl's Volleyball coach, effective January 25, 2017, at a stipend of \$2,583.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of Season Weiss, cafeteria employee, for leave without pay, effective January 10, 2017 through January 10, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Policy by Lesia Dobo, Co-Chair**MOTION #13

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the following revised Board policy. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

- a. 609 Investment of District Funds

**Transportation by Daniel Santia, Chair**MOTION #14

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Transportation Plan by and between the Hopewell Area School District and Beaver County Children and Youth Services regarding transportation agreement for foster care youth

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller reported that Inservice on January 16, 2017 went very well. They focused on reading and the "Four C's" of Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Communication. She also introduced Michael Lipnicky, the new Director of Technology.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

February 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration  
February 28, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 Daniel Santia, seconded by Daria Minton, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary