

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Darren Newberry  
Kathryn Oblak  
Daniel Santia

Members absent:  
John Bowden  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; and citizens.

Dr. Miller announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. She then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction**: Mr. Winkle, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

1. Participation in the Beaver County Arts Education Consortium at an annual cost of \$650.00.

**Athletics**: Mr. Caton, Chair; Mr. Santia, Co-Chair

1. Informational:
  - a. Christa Harmotto-Dietzen Day will be celebrated October 12, 2018.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mrs. Dobo, Co-Chair

1. Request of David Bufalini to use the band room at the Junior High School from October through November on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

**Nutrition & Food Services:** Mr. Winkle, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

1. Contract to sell snacks to the Beaver County YMCA for their before and after school program during the 2018-2019 school year.

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Ms. McKittrick, Co-Chair

1. Resignation of Simeon Pettis, bus driver, effective September 27, 2018.

Dr. Miller said that the following items would be voted on during the October 15, 2018 Business Meeting.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Letter Agreement with Pressley Ridge to provide support services to children and families.
2. SAT Prep course at the Senior High School moderated by Ray Smith and Paula Battisti.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

1. Request by the Greek Orthodox Church to utilize Gym A at the Junior High School Friday evenings from November 2, 2018 through March 22, 2019 from 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
2. Request of Hopewell Township to use the parking lots at Margaret Ross Elementary School and Hopewell Junior High School on November 30, 2018 for Light Up Night.

Dr. Miller discussed needed repairs to the Junior High School roof. Dr. Miller along with Mr. Winkle, Mrs. Dobo and Mr. Santia met with Tremco last week to discuss the options. Tremco reviewed with them the infrared scanning that was done in the spring. Short-term repairs to detected leaks would cost approximately \$100,000. Permanent repairs to coping would cost approximately \$50,000. Mrs. Conrad should receive actual costs for stop-gap repairs this week.

**Finance**

1. Resolution to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$600.00.
2. Transfer of \$130,558.38 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund as of June 30, 2018.

**Legislative:**

1. The HASD Board of Directors Reorganization meeting on December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Board Room.
2. Resolution between Hopewell Area School District as part of the Beaver Valley Joint School Board, the Beaver Valley Joint School Committee, and the Beaver County Career and Technology Center Joint School Board to authorize an annual mail ballot for reorganization and election of officers.

The Board discussed proposed dates for the 2019 Board meetings. Final dates will be voted on at the December 3, 2018 Reorganization meeting.

Dr. Miller reported that the State legislature proposed House Bill 1228 – Sun Protection, which would allow students to use sunscreen without a doctor's prescription.

**Personnel**

1. Winter sports coaches and salaries. (**Attachment**)
2. Change of employment status for Guy Celeste from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective August 28, 2018.
3. Change of employment status for David McCowin, from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective September 12, 2018.
4. Employment of Albert Thomas, transportation aide, effective September 4, 2018.
5. Correction of employment status of Camille Houy. Mrs. Houy was employed with the District as a substitute paraprofessional on September 4, 2018. She had a change of employment status on September 10, 2018, to paraprofessional at the Junior High School, effective September 17, 2018.
6. Resignation of Dean Nelson, computer club sponsor, at the Senior High School.
7. Change of employment status for Kelly Points, from substitute bus driver to permanent driver, effective September 27, 2018.

8. Change of employment status for Dan Bubien from substitute bus driver to permanent driver, effective October 1, 2018.
9. Substitute cafeteria and secretary rosters.

### **Visitors**

Rich Palmer asked about computer access for students at the Senior High School. He said that his son had told him that the computer labs were removed from the High School and that students no longer had access to computers for school work.

Dr. Miller explained to Mr. Palmer that one hard-wired English lab had been removed but that approximately 100 additional laptops were added over the summer for student use.

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo returned to Education/Curriculum/Instruction.

### **Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Harmotto; Co-Chair**

#### **MOTION #1**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the District's participation in the Beaver County Arts Education Consortium at an annual cost of \$650.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

### **Buildings & Grounds by Mr. Santia, Chair**

#### **MOTION #2**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of David Bufalini to use the band room at the Junior High School from October through November on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

### **Nutrition & Food Services by Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair**

#### **MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Contract to sell snacks to the Beaver County YMCA for their before and after school program during the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #4**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Simeon Pettis, bus driver, effective September 27, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Executive Session**

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo announced that an Executive Session would be held following the meeting to discuss personnel. 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, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary