

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Central Administration Board Room as well as virtually, via Zoom. This meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Daniel Santia, Board Vice President.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. McKittrick. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Carla Buxton  
Daniel Caton  
Matthew Erickson  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeanette Miller  
Daniel Santia  
Lindsay Zupsic

Members Absent  
David Bufalini  
Bethany Pistorius

Also present were: Dr. Robert Kartychak, Acting Superintendent; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Korri Kane and Ed Katkich, principals; Joel Roth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and visitors.

MOTION #1

By Dan Caton, seconded by Matt Erickson, to approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

An Executive Session was held on September 27, 2022 to discuss legal issues, October 4 to conduct interviews for the Superintendent position, and October 11 regarding personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended

At this time, Dr. Kartychak reviewed items that would be voted on later in the meeting.

**Legislative:** Mrs. Miller, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of David Bufalini, Board member representing Region 3, effective September 29, 2022.

2. Appoint, Solicitor John F. Salopek as Temporary President to conduct the election of the President and Vice President.
3. Temporary President asks for nominations for President. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to close nominations.

Roll Call vote for President.

4. Temporary President asks for nominations for Vice President. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to close nominations.

Roll Call vote for Vice President.

Officers Seated.

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

1. Employment of Dakotah Moore, substitute custodian, effective October 3, 2022.
2. Employment of Andrea Lisenby, substitute cafeteria, effective October 10, 2022.

At this time, Dr. Kartychak began his review of those items that would be voted on at the October 25, 2022 Business meeting.

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

1. Access Authorization Agreement with Dr. Stephen Hagberg at a cost of \$10.00 per document.
2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Hopewell Area School District and Hopewell Education Association in regards to Flexible Instruction Days.
3. Agreement between the Hopewell Area School District and the Third Party Compensatory Education Trust in regards to the education of S.C. Settlement and release agreement between the Hopewell Area School District and Kidsvoice in regards to the education of SC was board approved on April 26, 2022.

**Legislative:** Mrs. Miller, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Appointment of \_\_\_\_\_, Board member representing Region 3, effective October 26, 2022.

2. Hopewell Board of School Directors Reorganization meeting on December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Board Room

**Finance and Budget:** Ms. McKittrick, Chair; Mrs. Zupsic, Co-Chair

1. Transfer \$2476.44 from defunct Hopewell High School student club activity accounts (Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2022) to Hopewell High School Student Council.

Mrs. Miller asked if the District holds any remaining money the senior class has collected for their ten year reunion. Dr. Kartychak responded, no.

Mrs. Miller asked why Student Council was chosen to receive the excess funds. Dr. Kartychak responded that all students benefit from Student Council. Mrs. Miller said that at the homecoming parade that the Student Council President said that they were going to donate the money to charity. Dr. Kartychak responded that he will look into that, as the money is solely to be used for students.

Mrs. Buxton asked what Student Council spends money on. Dr. Kartychak responded that it is used for student programs and activities.

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

1. 2022-2023 winter coaches and salaries. (**Attachment**)

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

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 and township
- 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.

### **Wendy Dameron**

Mrs. Dameron, mother of a Vikette, asked the Board for new uniforms. Current uniforms were purchased in 2016 and are deteriorating. She said that the band had new uniforms and that it would be nice for the Vikette's to look as nice as they do, as they will be representing the District at various events during the school year. The estimated cost is \$5,500.00.

Mr. Santia said that the Board would discuss the issue.

At this time, Mr. Santia returned to Legislation.

### **Legislation by Jeanette Miller**

#### **MOTION #2**

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Dan Caton, to accept the resignation of David Bufalini, Board member representing Region 3, effective September 29, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### **MOTION #3**

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Matt Erickson, to appoint, Solicitor John F. Salopek as Temporary President to conduct the election of the President and Vice President. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Salopek called for nominations for Board President. Lindsay Zupsic nominated Daniel Santia. Mr. Salopek asked if there were any other nominations.

#### **MOTION #4**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, to close the nominations for President. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Roll Call vote for Daniel Santia as President of the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors present.

Mr. Salopek called for nominations for Board Vice President. Carla Buxton nominated Lori McKittrick. Mr. Salopek asked if there were any other nominations.

#### **MOTION #5**

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to close the nominations for Vice President. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Roll Call vote for Lori McKittrick as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors present

The officers were seated.

**Personnel by Matt Erickson**

**MOTION #6**

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the employment of Dakotah Moore, substitute custodian, effective October 3, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #7**

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Andrea Lisenby, substitute cafeteria, effective October 10, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Other Business**

Ms. McKittrick asked Mrs. Robb for an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials, expenditures and grant funding. Mrs. Robb responded that she was not alarmed with expenditures, but that she would gather the information she was interested in.

**Upcoming School Board Meetings**

October 25, 2022, Regular Business Meeting in the Central Administration Board Room and held virtually.

MOTION by Matt Erickson, seconded by Carla Buxton, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Santia adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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Daniel Santia, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary