

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

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

John Bowden  
David Ciccone  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Daniel Santia  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:

David Bufalini  
Michael Johnston

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Korri Kane and Patricia Simmons, Principals; and citizens.

Mrs. Dobo welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Larry Tomei and Frank Perry from Robert Morris University spoke of their First Semester College in High School Program. Twelve to fifteen students from the high school would begin the program their junior year of high school and complete five undergraduate courses by the time they graduate. Tuition would be 30% of the undergraduate traditional per credit tuition and remain in effect for the duration of the program. Tuition and books would be the sole responsibility of the parents.

Over the coming weeks, the Board will consider their proposal.

Dr. Reina announced that there were items that would be voted on later in the meeting then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mr. Johnston, Co-Chair

1. Employment of Allison Fuhr as a 2/6 language arts teacher at Hopewell Junior High School, effective November 13, 2013.
2. Employment of Michelle Fuchs as a 4 hour kindergarten aide at Hopewell Elementary School, effective November 13, 2013.
3. Employment of Dawn Schwalm as a 4 hour special education individual aide at Independence Elementary School, effective November 13, 2013.

The following items will be voted on at the November 26, 2013 Board Meeting

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:**

1. Ashynn Seeman, a student at Slippery Rock University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Jenny Marchionda.
2. Lisa Matkan, a student at Slippery Rock University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Margaret Ross Elementary School under the guidance of Kelly Pratte.
3. Amy Joyce, a student at Clarion University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Hopewell Junior High School with Sherry Wallace for eight weeks and at Margaret Ross Elementary School with Laura Buchanan for eight weeks.
4. Affiliation Agreement for School Nurse Certification program with Slippery Rock.
5. Trip to Toronto, Canada for members of the Scarab Art Club as submitted by Sue Masley and approved by Michael Allison. Participants would be leaving on Friday, March 28, 2014 and returning Sunday, March 30, 2014.
6. Proposal from Questeq, Inc for technical services effective December 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 at the following amounts per year:
  - a. Year 1 (12/1/13 through 6/30/14) \$75,235.20
  - b. Year 2 (7/1/14 through 6/30/15) \$76,739.90

**Athletics**

1. Boys basketball salary realignment

Head Coach	Doug Williams	\$6,671.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst.	Kurt Ross	\$5,065.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst.	Martin Vallecorsa	\$3,815.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Asst.	Dayne Smith	\$3,148.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Asst.	Vacant	
5 <sup>th</sup> Asst.	Steve Dadig	\$1,500.00

**Finance and Budget:**

1. Renewal of the Administrators Travel Accident Insurance coverage with PSBA Insurance Trust at an annual premium of \$17 per person for a total of \$238, which represents no increase in the rate. Further, coverage is effective for the period beginning December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014.
2. Discussion Item: Copiers

Mrs. Robb stated that the quotes she received for the five new copiers that are up for renewal have come in higher than expected. She has asked the Board to delay action on this item.

**Legislative:**

1. The HASD Board of Directors Reorganization meeting on December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Board Room.
2. Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to continue to represent the Hopewell Area School District as representatives to the Beaver County Career & Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee, effective December 11, 2013.

**Personnel:**

1. Resignation for retirement of Carole M. Ross, bus driver, effective November 30, 2013.
2. Resignation for retirement of Gerald E. Stephens, bus driver, effective December 20, 2013.
3. Employment of Adam Thomas, computer technician, effective December 3, 2013, at a rate of \$12 per hour for approximately 12 hours per week.
4. Change of employment status for Joseph Crocker from substitute to 6-hour cleaning person at Independence Elementary School, effective October 21, 2013.

5. Change of employment status for Paul Kisucky from substitute to 4-hour cleaning person at Hopewell Elementary School, effective October 28, 2013.
6. Change of employment status for Sean Scalise from 4-hour cleaning person at Hopewell Elementary School to substitute, effective October 28, 2013.
7. Resignation of Jared Delpercio, 6-hour cleaning person at Independence Elementary school, effective October 21, 2013.
8. Substitute teacher roster.
9. Substitute custodial roster.

### **Visitors**

Anna Segner introduced herself as our new Board member.

Joe Doyle and Rich Kerlin asked the District to look into purchasing new mats for the competitive cheer team. They said that the mats currently being used are unsafe and not regulation.

At this point in the meeting Mrs. Dobo returned to those items being voted on this evening.

### **Personnel by Rob Harmotto**

#### **MOTION #1**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve the employment of Allison Fuhr as a 2/6 language arts teacher at Hopewell Junior High School, effective November 13, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### **MOTION #2**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Michelle Fuchs as a 4 hour kindergarten aide at Hopewell Elementary School, effective November 13, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### **MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Dawn Schwalm as a 4 hour special education individual aide at Independence Elementary School, effective November 13, 2013. 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 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, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by David Ciccone, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary