

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2019, 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 President.

Prayer was led by Mrs. Oblak. Flag salute was led by Layla Biller and Marshall Hosack, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Independence Elementary School.

Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Daniel Caton  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto (via phone conference)  
Lori McKittrick  
Darren Newberry  
Kathryn Oblak  
George Patterson  
Daniel Santia  
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; Edward Katkich, Kylee Babish and Rob Kartychak, Principals; and citizens.

“Good News” was presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools and Mrs. Babish from the Junior High School. Their reports are attached to these minutes.

Dr. Miller introduced Matthew Erickson and Megan Harries, as newly elected board members. She then thanked Mr. Patterson for his service as an appointed board member to fill a vacant seat. Ms. McKittrick, Mr. Harmotto and Mr. Santia were recognized for their years of service to the Board.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Dan Santia seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 October 2019, 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 October 2019, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of October 2019, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Nancy Hessler asked that the Board consider reinstating her as a bus driver. She is currently a transportation aide.

At this time Mrs Dobo asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair**

Dr. Maslyk presented Viking Connect: an overview of the District's 1:1 technology initiative.

**Athletics by Daniel Caton**

**MOTION #3**

By Dan Caton, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of Morgan Singletary for the junior varsity and varsity baseball teams to attend spring training at the Ripken facilities in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 25, 2020 through March 29, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Dan Caton, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the payment of fall coaches beyond the regular season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia**

**MOTION #5**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the request of Mike Spinelli to conduct a swim clinic on January 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Funds will be donated to the Kidney Cancer Association in honor of Steve DeLatte, former Hopewell swim coach. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #6**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request by the Greek Orthodox Church to utilize Gym A at the Junior High School Friday evenings from November 2019 through March 2020 from 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #7**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the request by Beaver County Special Olympics to use the pool every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning January 28, 2020 through March 31, 2020 for swim practice. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #8**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, 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 List of Bills in the amount of \$401,142.80
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$124,694.03
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$410,275.30
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$3,082,654.36

Mrs. Conrad asked the Board to consider for the December meeting whether the Board would like to approve a Resolution not to raise taxes for the 2020-2021 school year above the Index, which is 3.4%, or to prepare a preliminary budget which would allow the District to raise taxes to a maximum of 4.2%. The Board directed Mrs. Conrad to prepare the Resolution.

**Legislative by Kathryn Oblak; Chair**

Mrs. Oblak gave a brief overview on House Bill 265, which provides an update on career and technical education.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto**

**MOTION #9**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Austin Almendarez as a long-term substitute at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective October 31, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #10**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Alex Nicholson, 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Boys' Basketball coach, at a stipend of \$2,264.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #11**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Carol Gaido-Schmidt, substitute nurse, effective November 23, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Nicole Cutter, paraprofessional, effective November 14, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Joseph Schissler, substitute custodian, effective November 13, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to accept the resignation of Autumn Wobrak as a long-term substitute at the Senior High School, effective September 20, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Hope Haddad, transportation aide, effective November 8, 2019. Ms. Haddad wishes to be placed on the substitute roster. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Paulette Baggett, bus driver, effective September 29, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Salopek thanked Mr. Santia and Mr. Patterson for their support over the years.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

December 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Reorganization Meeting, Central Administration

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 George Patterson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary