

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Tony Guy  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent  
Lesia Dobo

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster, Korri Kane and Robert Kartychak, Principals; and citizens.

November is School Board Recognition Month by the Pennsylvania School Board Association. The PSBA recognized Mr. Bowden and Mr. Bufalini for their many years of service. Dr. Reina thanked each Board member for their time and dedication to the District.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. A copy of each report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items (1) and (2) 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 October 28, 2014 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the November 10, 2014 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Anna Segner, 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 2014, 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 2014, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of October 2014, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Ed Murphy from the Beaver County Library System Board thanked the District for the use of the auditorium for the Johnny Angel and the Halos concert and our support of the BF Jones Memorial Library.

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

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Tony Guy, Co-Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #3

By Tony Guy, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) through (11) 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.

1. Amie Speers, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Nancy Miller and at the Junior High School under the guidance of Chad Toporski.
2. Haley Sheets, a student at Clarion University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Maria Ganoë and at the Junior High School under the guidance of Arlene Tierney.
3. Kayla Cepull, a student at Clarion University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Danica Elder.
4. Amanda Jones, a student at Clarion University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at the Junior High School under the guidance of Susan Burak.
5. Elizabeth Damp, a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to complete observation course work at the Junior High School under the guidance of Chad Toporski.
6. Roberta Marshall, a student at Slippery Rock University, to complete a student teacher placement at the Junior High School under the guidance of Bill Kostial and Robert Mawhinney.
7. Jaron Martin, a student at Slippery Rock University, to complete a student teacher placement at the Junior High School under the guidance of Jeff Thellman and Suzanne Kuzma.

8. Colleen Barcaskey, a nursing student at La Roche College, to complete observation practicum hours at the Junior High School under the guidance of Adriane Prickett.
9. Rachel Beres, a student at Slippery Rock University, to complete observation hours at the Junior High School under the guidance of Suzanne Kuzma.
10. Request from Sue Masley to sponsor a trip to New York City March 26-29, 2015 with the Scarab Art Club.
11. Request from Sarah Mooney and Cody Boring, students at Hopewell High School, to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on March 21, 2015 for a 5K walk/run. This event is their senior project. Proceeds will benefit ALS research.

#### MOTION #4

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the District Comprehensive Plan from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### MOTION #5

By Tony Guy, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the revised Hopewell Area School District Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### MOTION #6

By Tony Guy, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve free school privileges for Marcus Hauser, an eighth grade student at the Junior High School. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### MOTION #7

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve Kendal Moses, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Hopewell Junior High School under the guidance of Martin Vallecorsa. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Athletics by Tony Guy, Chair****MOTION #8**

By Tony Guy, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the request from Mike Shuleski for the junior varsity and varsity baseball teams to attend spring training at the Ripken facilities in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 24-28, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #9**

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

**MOTION #10**

By Tony Guy, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve students from Central Valley High School to practice and participate in swimming meets with the Hopewell High School Swim Team for the 2014-2015 School Year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS****MOTION #11**

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) and (2) 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.

1. Request from the American Cancer Society to use Tony Dorsett Stadium June 12 through June 14, 2015 for Relay for Life.
2. Request from Hopewell Girls Softball to use the Auxiliary Gym at Hopewell High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings January 7, 2015 through January 28, 2015 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

**Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #12**

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify items (3) and (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 \$958,555.26
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$79,369.26
3. HASD Stadium Fund payments in the amount of \$1,549.75
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$1,962,187.73

**MOTION #13**

By John Bowden, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the renewal of the Administrators Travel Accident Insurance coverage, effective for the period beginning December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015, at an annual premium of \$17 per person. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #14**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the fund balance assignments, restrictions and commitments as of June 30, 2014, listed below. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Nonspendable	\$1,852.87
Restricted for Stadium	\$21,521.99
Committed for Budget	\$990,431.00
Committed for Health Care	\$1,000,000.00
Committed for Fut Retire	\$2,600,000.00
Committed for Technology	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned	\$2,792,615.84

**MOTION #15**

By John Bowden, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as of June 30, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Certificates of Deposit purchased for the Capital Reserve Fund for the terms and rates listed on the attached sheet. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Legislative by Jeffery Winkle; Chair**MOTION #17

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the appointment of Henry Bufalini, Jr. to the CTC Authority Board. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the appointment of Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to the Beaver Valley Joint School Committee. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the appointment of Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to the PSBA/BVIU Legislative Action Council. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMSMOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, 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.

1. Resignation for retirement of Norton Elliott, dispatcher, effective January 2, 2015.
2. Resignation for retirement of Dolores Elliott, bus driver, effective December 19, 2014.
3. Resignation for retirement of Frank Vallecorsa, custodian at the Junior High School, effective January 1, 2015.

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve an increase of \$1.50 in the substitute hourly rate of pay for secretaries, aides, cafeteria workers and custodians, effective January 1, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items (1) and (2) 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.

1. Resignation of Patrick Phillips as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach.
2. Appointment of JT Pennington as a volunteer wrestling coach, effective November 25, 2014.

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Juliana Osterrieder, cafeteria worker at the Senior High School, effective November 11, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Christina Dupree as a substitute cafeteria worker, effective November 25, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #25

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve items (1) and (2) 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.

1. Resignation for retirement of Lynn Milanovich, guidance counselor at Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective January 20, 2015.
2. Resignation for retirement of Ralph Nardilli, cleaning person at the Junior High School, effective January 20, 2015.

MOTION #26

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the substitute personnel rosters. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #27

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request from Linda Hodnicki, cafeteria worker at Independence Elementary School, for leave without pay from December 8, 2014 through December 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Transportation by Daniel Santia, Chair**

MOTION #28

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve District participation in the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Purchasing Consortium for the 2015-2016 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina took a few moments to recognize those that are retiring and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Dr. Reina reminded the Board that the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Reorganization Dinner is December 9, 2014.

After review of everyone's availability, it looks like January 31, 2015 is the best date for the Board retreat. Additional information will follow.

Dr. Reina said that the buildings looked great and said that the students looked happy and engaged in learning.

Dr. Reina wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

December 2, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Board Reorganization Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini 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, Mr. Bufalini asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary