

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Rob Harmotto
Daniel Santia (arrived at 7:29)
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent
Lesia Dobo
Lori McKittrick
Daria Minton

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Mike Allison and Korri Kane, Principals; and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Dr. Miller, who then reviewed the agenda in its entirety before returning to items that would be voted on this evening.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mrs. Dobo, Chair; Ms. Minton, Co-Chair

1. Three and one-half (3.5) year agreement with Questeq to provide technology staffing and support in the amounts as follows:

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 2016-2017 | \$189,688.00 - (12/1/16-6/30/2017) |
| 2017-2018 | \$321,106.00 |
| 2018-2019 | \$330,739.00 |
| 2019-2020 | \$340,661.00 |

2. Adopting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving RS.
3. Request of Celeste Beley to open the tap dance class offered to Hopewell students to students who reside outside the District at a cost of \$5 per class. Funds raised would be used to offset the cost of the spring musical.

Finance & Budget: Mr. Bowden, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

1. The Board of School Directors of the Hopewell Area School District previously determined that it was in its best financial interest to fully prepay its outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2002 (the “2002A Bonds”) and completed such prepayment on March 1, 2013; in connection with such prepayment, the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the submission of PlanCon K to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to receive appropriate reimbursement for debt service paid on the 2002A Bonds.
2. Final payment to C.W. Smith, general contractor for the High School auditorium project, in the amount of \$50,755.50.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

1. Establish a full time special education K-4 position at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective November 9, 2016.
2. Eliminate special education aide at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective November 9, 2016.
3. Establish special education aide at Hopewell Junior High School, effective November 9, 2016.
4. Resignation for retirement of Joyce Gratson, 6th grade teacher at the Junior High School, effective February 3, 2017.

Transportation: Mr. Santia, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

1. Accept the bid of Woltz & Wind Ford for the purchase of a 2017 9-passenger school van in the amount of \$44,398.00.
2. Accept the bid of Whitmoyer Auto Group for the purchase of a 2016 cargo van in the amount of \$27,125.00.

At this time Dr. Miller reviewed items that would be voted on at the November 22, 2016 Board meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Katie Creese, a student at Slippery Rock University, to fulfill a school health clinical experience under the supervision of Leah Meehan and Sarah Ambrose.

Athletics

1. Payment of winter coaches beyond the regular season. (**Attachment**)

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request by the Greek Orthodox Church to utilize Gym A at the Junior High School Friday evenings from November 4, 2016 through April 14, 2017 from 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Finance

1. Renewal of the Administrators Travel Accident Insurance coverage, effective for the period beginning December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017, at an annual premium of \$17 per person.
2. Fund balance assignments, restrictions and commitments as of June 30, 2016.

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Nonspendable | \$16,224.62 |
| Restricted for Stadium | \$19,927.04 |
| Committed for Budget | \$1,500,000.00 |
| Committed for Health Care | \$750,000.00 |
| Committed for Future Retire | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Committed for Technology | \$750,000.00 |
| Unassigned | \$2,741,969.00 |

3. Accept approval of Plancon Part J by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the following projects:

| Project No. | Building Name | Type of Work | County | Board Action |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 2395 | Jr. High School | Additions/Alterations | Beaver | 8/23/11 |
| 2296 | Hopewell Elementary | Additions/Alterations | Beaver | 8/23/11 |
| 2490 | Independence Elementary | Additions/Alterations | Beaver | 8/23/11 |
| 2592 | Margaret Ross Elementary | Additions/Alterations | Beaver | 8/23/11 |
| 2315 | Sr. High School | Additions/Alterations | Beaver | 8/23/11 |

4. Accept approval of Plancon Part H: Project Financing – Revision by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the following project:

| Project No. | Project Building | Type of Work | County | Board Action | Reimbursement Basis |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 2395 | Jr. High School | Additions/Alterations | Beaver | GOB Series of 1997 – 11/28/00 GOB Series A of 2002 – 10/28/14 | Maximum Reimbursable Formula Amount |

5. Ratify PigitPLUS-CD purchase with the following banks at \$248,000 each (total \$1,984,000) with the following terms:

| Name of Bank | # of Days | Net Rate % | Maturity |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cornerstone Bank, Nebraska, York NE | 91 | .550% | 1/30/17 |
| Prudential Savings Bank, Philadelphia, PA | 91 | .450% | 1/30/17 |
| Quontic Bank, Great Neck, NY | 123 | .450% | 3/3/17 |
| Bofi Federal Bank, San Diego, CA | 123 | .450% | 3/3/17 |
| Cfg Community Bank, Lutherville, MD | 150 | .600% | 3/30/17 |
| Bank Leumi Usa, New York, NY | 150 | .450% | 3/30/17 |
| Bank of the Ozarks, Little Rock, AR | 182 | .720% | 5/1/17 |
| Landmark Community Bank, Collierville, TN | 182 | .650% | 5/1/17 |

Legislative:

1. Appointment of Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to the PSBA/BVIU Legislative Action Council.
2. Appointment of Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to the Beaver Valley Joint School Committee.
3. Appointment of Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to the Beaver County CTC Joint School Committee.

Personnel

1. Appointment of Dawn Gailey as co-sponsor of Junior High Student Council.
2. Resignation of Danica Elder as second grade department chair, effective immediately.

3. Resignation of Marco Crivelli, volunteer wrestling coach, effective November 1, 2016.
4. Resignation of Melinda Suprak, 3rd assistant girls basketball coach, effective November 1, 2016. Ms. Suprak would like to remain a volunteer assistant.
5. Resignation of Erin Grow, boys tennis head coach, effective November 1, 2016.
6. Change of employment status for Sue Hull from substitute transportation aide to permanent transportation aide, effective November 3, 2016.
7. Substitute personnel rosters.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

At this time, Mr. Bufalini returned to those items that would be voted on this evening.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Anna Segner

MOTION #1

By Anna Segner, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the three and one-half (3.5) year agreement with Questeq to provide technology staffing and support in the amounts as follows. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

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MOTION #2

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving Ryan Speer. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By Anna Segner, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the request of Celeste Beley to open the tap dance class offered to Hopewell students to students who reside outside the District at a cost of \$5 per class. Funds raised would be used to offset the cost of the spring musical. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance & Budget by John Bowden, Chair**MOTION #4**

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve that the Board of School Directors of the Hopewell Area School District previously determined that it was in its best financial interest to fully prepay its outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2002 (the "2002A Bonds") and completed such prepayment on March 1, 2013; in connection with such prepayment, the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the submission of PlanCon K to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to receive appropriate reimbursement for debt service paid on the 2002A Bonds. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By John Bowden, seconded by Dan Santia to approve the final payment to C.W. Smith, general contractor for the High School auditorium project, in the amount of \$50,755.50. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**MOTION #6**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the establishment of a full time special education K-4 position at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective November 9, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #7**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff 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. Eliminate special education aide at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective November 9, 2016.
2. Establish special education aide at Hopewell Junior High School, effective November 9, 2016.

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the resignation for retirement of Joyce Gratson, 6th grade teacher at the Junior High School, effective February 3, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Daniel Santia, Chair

MOTION #9

By Dan Santia, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to accept the bid of Woltz & Wind Ford for the purchase of a 2017 9-passenger school van in the amount of \$44,398.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Dan Santia, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the bid of Whitmoyer Auto Group for the purchase of a 2016 cargo van in the amount of \$27,125.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

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 Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, 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