

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

Flag salute was led by Mr. Bufalini. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Jessica Briggs, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Doug Rowe and Rob Kartychak, Principals; Donald Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

Mrs. Dufalla introduced Kristina Celeste, an 11th grade student at Hopewell High School. Kristina won first place in the Voice of Democracy contest. Kristina read her speech, "Why Veterans are Important to Our Nation's History and Future".

Pam Fiejdasz honored David Bufalini and his family for all of their hard work and dedication for the Township and Hopewell Park with a check supporting the Artist in Residence Program.

"Good News" reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the November 25, 2014 Business Meeting minutes and the December 2, 2014 Reorganization Meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 November 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 November 2014, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

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

At this point in the meeting, Dr. Reina and Mrs. Robb reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, ChairMOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve Ryan Gleason, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a guidance practicum under the guidance of Nicole Rodgers beginning in January 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #4**

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) through (4) 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 Pam Fiejdasz, Director of Parks and Recreation for Hopewell Township, to use the High School football and softball fields on April 11, 2015 for the "Pitch, Hit and Run" event.
2. Request from Raccoon Girls Softball to use the High School Auxiliary Gym from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on December 12, 2014 and December 18, 2014 and on Monday evenings from January 5, 2015 through February 2, 2015.
3. Request from Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use both the Main and Auxiliary gyms at the High School to conduct a Youth Wrestling Tournament on February 22, 2015.
4. Request by Beaver County Special Olympics to use the pool beginning January 23, 2015 through April 10, 2015 for swim practice.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #5**

By John Bowden, 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. Appointment of Diane Palsa as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Hopewell Township for 2014 school taxes for period December 31, 2014 through April 1, 2015.
2. Appointment of Mary Ellen Oros as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Independence Township for 2014 school taxes for period December 31, 2014 through April 1, 2015.
3. Appointment of Pam Petrella as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Raccoon Township for 2014 school taxes for period December 31, 2014 through April 1, 2015.

MOTION #6

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve the engagement of Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC as underwriter or placement agent, on a non-exclusive basis and without obligation, until notice of disengagement is given, for the purpose of exploring financing opportunities for the Hopewell Area School District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #7

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) 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 \$317,996.03.
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$29,124.18.
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$1,860,762.76.

MOTION #8

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$198,123.01. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, ChairMOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Ana Segner, to approve the employment of Matthew McClain as an aide in the autistic support classroom at the Junior High School, effective January 5, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the change of employment status of Theron McClellan from substitute bus driver/aide to full-time bus driver, effective December 10, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the change of employment status for Melissa Elias from substitute cafeteria worker to 2-hour breakfast cook at the Junior High School, effective November 25, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to accept the resignation of Mary Anne Adams, 5th grade teacher at the Junior High School, effective January 15, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to the students and Hopewell community throughout the year.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

January 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration
January 27, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was 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 Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary