

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

John Bowden
Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia (arrived at 7:08)
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, and Jessica Webster, Principals; Don Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

An Executive Session was held prior to the start of this evening's meeting to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended

"Good News" was presented by Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Messrs. Allison and Rowe from the Senior High School. A copy of his report and one from the elementary schools is attached to these minutes.

Steven Nidenberger from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, Certified Public Accountants presented the Audit Report of the Hopewell Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the November 19, 2018 Business Meeting minutes and the December 3, 2018 Reorganization Meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, 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 November 2018, 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 2018, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of November 2018, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve Abigail Davis, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a student teacher placement March 18, 2019 through May 3, 2019 under the guidance of Tonya O'Brien. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve Jeffrey Snedden, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a student teacher placement beginning January 15, 2019 under the guidance of Janet Meyers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, approved District participation in Beaver County's Youth Ambassador program. This program supports students in understanding mental illness among today's youth. This program is fully funded through a county-wide grant. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, ChairMOTION #6

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Total Control Training, Inc. to use District facilities for the purposes of providing motorcycle safety training and education classes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request of Hopewell Youth Baseball to use the Main and Auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School Monday, February 25, 2019 through March 2, 2019 for Youth Spring Training Camp. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

The Board was informed that Phase 2 of the lighting project at the fields at Hopewell Elementary School would begin in the spring of 2019.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #8**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 \$504,122.26.
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$100,259.66.
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$1,274,863.20.
4. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$4,996.91.

MOTION #9

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the appointment of Diane Palsa as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Hopewell Township for 2018 school taxes for period December 31, 2018 through April 15, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the appointment of Mary Ellen Oros as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Independence Township for 2018 school taxes for period December 31, 2018 through April 15, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the appointment of Sandra Cain as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Raccoon Township for 2018 school taxes for period December 31, 2018 through April 15, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the proposal of BerkOne to process the District's Act 80 records at an approximate cost of \$747.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the Audit Report of the Hopewell Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2018 issued by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Nutrition & Food Services by Jeff WinkleMOTION #14

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve Emily Hunter, a student at Allegheny County Community College, to fulfill a Dietetic Practicum under the guidance of Rosann Hindman, Director of Food Services. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, ChairMOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve Matt Weiss as head varsity football coach, effective December 18, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Marjorie Ciucci as an emergency day to day substitute teacher at a daily rate of \$85.00 per day, effective December 18, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation for retirement of Shirley D'Eramo, bus driver, effective December 31, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Rhonda Fisher, substitute bus driver, effective October 22, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the change of employment status for Dena Litfin, to permanent transportation aide, effective December 10, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of Kim Barger to extend her unpaid leave of absence. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller told the Board of Mr. William Piacquadio's memorial billboard in honor of Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin. She also commended Nicole Rodgers, Nicole Lash and Donna Steff for the Toy Drive they organized to benefit students in need in the District. Dr. Miller attended all of the holiday concerts and said they were outstanding. Finally, she reported that Dr. Maslyk, Kristen Nan and Tonya O'Brien presented at the SAS Conference (Student Aligned System).

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

January 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration
January 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, Central Administration

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held following this evening's meeting to discuss personnel. 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 Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary