

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Junior High School Cafeteria, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

Prayer was led by Mrs. Oblak. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cecilia Sourwine and Emily Parsons, 3rd grade students at Hopewell Elementary School. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Matthew Erickson
Megan Harries
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent, Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals; and visitors.

Dr. Maslyk introduced Jared Rogers, School Resource Officer. Officer Rogers gave a brief overview of duties and responsibilities in the school setting.

Dr. Miller updated the Board on the possibility of transitioning 4th grades students to the Junior High School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dan Engen and Jacklyn Cowan from VEBH presented an update of the Feasibility Study. They answered questions which were raised during the community feedback meeting on February 5, 2020 and gave an overview of options the Board is considering.

At this time, Dr. Miller reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

Personnel: Matthew Erickson, Chair; Kathryn Oblak, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Teamsters Local No. 205 to settle Grievance No. 19717 regarding a bus driver.
2. Appointment of Terry Borkovic, 2nd Assistant Girls Volleyball coach (middle school), at a stipend of \$2,753.00.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Restructuring and realignment of the elementary schools to have all 4th grade students attend the Junior High School Building in an upper elementary school setting beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Request of the Senior Class to hold baccalaureate on June 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.
3. Viking Connect – The District’s 1:1 computer initiative.

Dr. Maslyk gave a summary of the proposed deployment plan and the cost.

4. The 2020-2021 School Calendar.
5. Cyber Services Agreement with the Seneca Valley School District for a 5-year term beginning the 2020-2021 school year through the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$24,865.00 per year.

Athletics

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Central Valley School District for students from the Central Valley Middle School swim team to practice with the Hopewell Junior High School swim team for the 2019-2020 season.

Finance and Budget

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Four-year agreement with Questeq to provide technology staffing and support beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

Legislative:

1. Informational:
 - a. House Bill 2261
 - b. Senate Bill 1024

Legislation aimed at reforming charter school operations and finances.

Personnel:

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Alyson Stoner as a long term substitute school counselor at the Junior High School, effective January 31, 2020.
2. Request of Steve Leeper to be a substitute bus driver, effective January 6, 2020. Mr. Leeper wishes to remain a substitute transportation aide.
3. Change of employment status for James Malesky from substitute transportation aide to permanent transportation aide, effective January 13, 2020.
4. Spring coaches and salaries. (Attachment)

Transportation:

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request by Hopewell Township to use District van for Rec-on-the Run from June 15, 2020-August 14, 2020, at no cost to the District.
2. Request by Hopewell Township to use District buses and drivers for Hopewell Park Fest Community Day on July 11, 2020, at no cost to the District.

Visitors

Visitors asked questions about the 4th grade transition and the feasibility study. Due to the number of questions being asked, individuals did not give their names prior to their question. Mr. Engen and Dr. Miller answered questions. Visitors were reminded that they could contact Dr. Miller at any time either using the “contact us” or her District email.

Personnel by Dr. Erickson

MOTION #1

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Teamsters Local No. 205 to settle Grievance No. 19717 regarding a bus driver. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the appointment of Terry Borkovic, 2nd Assistant Girls Volleyball coach (middle school), at a stipend of \$2,753.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Executive Session

Mrs. Dobo announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel. The announcement was made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

MOTION by Dan Santia, seconded by Jeff Winkle that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary