

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in the Central Administration Board Room as well as virtually, via Zoom. This meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Daniel Santia, Board President.

MOTION #1

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Santia. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Carla Buxton
Daniel Caton
Victoria Gill
Lori McKittrick
Jeanette Miller
Bethany Pistorius
Daniel Santia
Lindsay Zupsic

Members Absent
Matthew Erickson

Also present were: Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator participated virtually; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Principal; Joel Roth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and visitors.

At this time, Dr. Beltz reviewed items that would be voted on later in the meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Dr. Erickson, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Review of the District's Health and Safety Plan, pursuant to ESSER requirements. At this time, there are no recommended changes to the Plan.

2. Appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, as the District’s Pandemic Coordinator, effective February 15, 2023.
3. Appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, as the District’s Safety and Security Coordinator, effective February 15, 2023.

Dr. Beltz said that the appointments were routine, due to the change in administration and that the District’s Health and Safety Plan is reviewed every six months, as required by ESSER funding.

Personnel: Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Dr. Erickson, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Change of employment status for Anita Dempsey from permanent bus driver to substitute driver, effective February 1, 2023.
2. Employment of Emily Gibson, cafeteria substitute, effective January 23, 2023.
3. Request of Linda Barkman to extend her unpaid leave of absence from February 6, 2023 through February 28, 2023.
4. Employment of Nina Hodges, long-term 1st grade substitute teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective January 25, 2023.
5. Resignation of Olivia Veights, 1st grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective February 6, 2023.
6. Resignation of Matt McClain, paraprofessional at the Junior High School, effective February 17, 2023.
7. Employment of Kenneth DeLisio, substitute custodian, effective February 7, 2023.
8. Employment of Rachel Santamaria, paraprofessional at the Senior High School, effective February 15, 2023.
9. Employment of Mia Blakeslee, lifeguard, effective February 10, 2023.
10. Employment of the following teachers for After-School Learning from February 28, 2023 through March 30, 2023 at the extended education rate per the collective bargaining agreement. After-School Program will be funded using ESSER III 7% set-aside monies.

Kristina Frioni	Courtney Hunt	Danielle McCutcheon	Jenny Marchionda
Carly Belich	Monique Urick	Arlene Tierney	Diana Giroski
Karin Aleva	Will Enders	Lisa Morell	Linda Antonella
Anne Beitler	Jennifer Kobaly	Nicole Rodgers	Leslie Dennis

At this time, Dr. Beltz began his review of those items that would be voted on at the February 28, 2023 Business meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Dr. Erickson, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. School calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year.
2. Hanna Spinosi, a student at Slippery Rock University, to complete her school nurse certification practicum during the fall of 2023, under the guidance of Tamara Kross and Sarah Ambrose.

Buildings and Grounds: Daniel Caton, Chair; Vicki Gill, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Update the District's feasibility study with DRAW Collective (formerly VEBH), cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Mrs. Pistorius asked what the feasibility will entail. Dr. Beltz responded that the study will completely update the previous study completed by VEBH, including costs. He also stated that once the feasibility study is approved at the end of the month, he will have a more defined timeline.

2. Request of Central Valley School District for students from the Central Valley Middle School swim team to utilize the pool for practice for the 2022-2023 season at a cost of \$50.00/day.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Football cheerleaders to use the Junior and Senior High School buildings on the following dates and times:
 - a. Gym A at the Junior High School May 2-4, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
 - b. Gym A and the cafeteria at the Junior High School May 6, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
 - c. Gym A at the Junior High School May 8-12, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
 - d. Gym A at the Junior High School May 15-19, 2023 and May 22-26, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
 - e. The Main and Auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School on September 24, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

4. Request of Waterways Association of Pittsburgh to use the Junior High School pool on Thursday, July 20, 2023 from approximately 12:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. for a survival rescue swim class. Rental fee is \$500.00.
5. Request from Ambridge varsity boys' tennis to use varsity tennis courts for their home 2022-2023 matches, at a cost of \$50.00 per match.
6. Request of Varsity Cheerleaders to use the Main gym at the Senior High School March 6-8, 2023 and March 29-30, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a cheerleading clinic.
7. Request of Motorcycle Safety Academy to use the parking lot at Margaret Ross Elementary School March 25, 2023 through May 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and from May 14, 2023 through July 30, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for motorcycle safety training.
8. Request of Natalee Bufalini, Hopewell Aquatics Director, in association with Heart Strong Wellness, to conduct a lifeguard training and recertification class at the Junior High School, April 3, 2023 through May 4, 2023.

Finance and Budget: Ms. McKittrick, Chair; Mrs. Zupsic, Co-Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Audit Report of the Hopewell Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2022 issued by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. **(Roll Call)**
2. Request of Aliquippa Bucktails to purchase parcels 65-011-1204-000 and 65-011-1211-000 located in Hopewell Township out of the Beaver County Repository. All delinquent taxes from 2020-2021 tax year and prior years are exonerated. **(Roll Call)**
3. Budget transfer:

From:	Account 10-2511-110 - \$ 7,200.00 -Supervisor-Fiscal services salaries
	Account 10-2519-150 - \$27,000.00-Fiscal services salaries
	Account 10-2519-211 - \$11,000.00-Fiscal services benefits
To:	Account 10-2650-762 - \$45,200.00 -Equipment replacement

For purchase of a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader.

Mrs. Zupsic asked if the position where the money is being transferred from needs replaced, where will that money come from. Dr. Beltz said that costs for the PIMS coordinator were still in the budget for this year and the position would be reviewed for incorporation into the 2023-2024 budget.

4. Memorandum of Understanding with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit and the BC RWAN Consortium for a five (5) year agreement for the Regional RWAN contract with DQE Communications.

Personnel: Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Dr. Erickson, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Brenna Wandel, head varsity girls tennis coach, at a stipend of \$5,100.00.
2. Spring coaches and salaries. (Attachment)

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Effective October 12, 2021, a maximum of thirty minutes total will be reserved during the Board meeting for community members who request to speak. At any time the Board may allow additional time for the visitors portion of the Board meeting.

Whether the community member is participating virtually, or in-person, the community member will:

- State their name
- Have up to three minutes to make a statement and/or ask a question to the Board
- Only be able to speak once during the visitors portion of the board meeting
- Have their time begin when the individual begins to speak

It is recommended that community members wishing to speak during the visitors portion email the Board Secretary prior to the board meeting, however the online chat will be monitored during the visitors portion of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak.

A response may be given during the meeting, however, it is also possible that no response be provided during the Board meeting. The Board will instruct the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and/or the Solicitor to either respond to the inquiry or do further research and report back to the Board and/or the resident. For any question that requires a response, the District will contact the individual directly to respond or will share responses at the following Board meeting.

No visitors wished to address the Board.

At this time, Mr. Santia returned to Education/Curriculum/Instruction

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Bethany Pistorius, Co-Chair

MOTION #2

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve District's Health and Safety Plan, pursuant to ESSER requirements. At this time, there are no recommended changes to the Plan. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, as the District's Pandemic Coordinator, effective February 15, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Victoria Gill, to approve the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, as the District's Safety and Security Coordinator, effective February 15, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Lindsay Zupsic, Chair

MOTION #5

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the change of employment status for Anita Dempsey from permanent bus driver to substitute driver, effective February 1, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Victoria Gill, to approve the employment of Emily Gibson, cafeteria substitute, effective January 23, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of Linda Barkman to extend her unpaid leave of absence from February 6, 2023 through February 28, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the employment of Nina Hodges, long-term 1st grade substitute teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective January 25, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation of Olivia Veights, 1st grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective February 6, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Victoria Gill, to accept the resignation of Matt McClain, paraprofessional at the Junior High School, effective February 17, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the employment of Kenneth DeLisio, substitute custodian, effective February 7, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Victoria Gill, to approve the employment of Rachel Santamaria, paraprofessional at the Senior High School, effective February 15, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the employment of Mia Blakeslee, lifeguard, effective February 10, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the employment of the following teachers for After-School Learning from February 28, 2023 through March 30, 2023 at the extended education rate per the collective bargaining agreement. After-School Program will be funded using ESSER III 7% set-aside monies. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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Upcoming School Board Meetings

February 28, 2023, Regular Business Meeting will be in the Central Administration Board Room and virtually.

MOTION by Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Victoria Gill, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Santia adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Daniel Santia, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary