

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

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

David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Anna Segner

Members absent:
John Bowden
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, and Jessica Webster, Principals; Donald Short, Athletic Director; and visitors.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School, and Mr. Short, Athletic Director.

Mr. Bufalini thanked all for their fine reports.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) and (2) as presented in accordance with the School Board’s agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the January 27, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the February 10, 2015 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lori McKittrick, 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.

Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of January 2015, 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 January 2015, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of January 2015, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Tony Guy**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #3**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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. 2015-2016 School Calendar.
2. Appointment of Janae Batchelor as Counseling Department Chair, effective March 1, 2015.
3. Rachael Morrow, a student at Point Park University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at the Senior High School under the guidance of Christina Signorelli.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #4**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Anna Segner, 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. Agreement with Herff-Jones to produce the Junior High Year through 2018. There is no cost to the District associated with this project.
2. Request of Adam Barkman and Josef Batvinskas to hold a Volleyball Tournament in November 2015. Proceeds to be used to retire the jersey of Ryan McGovern, a former student who passed away in February 2011.

Athletics by Tony Guy, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #5**

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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. Students from the Central Valley School District to practice and participate in swim meets with the Hopewell Area Junior High School Swim Team for the 2014-2015 School Year, effective in the spring 2015.

2. Students from the Aliquippa School District to practice and participate in swim meets with the Hopewell Area Junior High School Swim Team for the 2014-2015 School Year, effective in the spring 2015.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

MOTION #6

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the request of Pennsylvania West Soccer Association and Steve Thomas, to use the stadium and bathrooms on March 14-15, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for youth soccer games. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #7

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items (1) through (5) 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 payments in the amount of \$522,075.45
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$100,930.93
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$2,895.00
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$565,573.32
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$23,165.00

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, 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. Spring sports coaches and stipends. (**Attachment**)

2. Rates of pay for pool personnel, effective March 1, 2015:
 - a. Head lifeguards \$9.00/hr
 - b. Regular lifeguards-guarding \$8.25/hr
 - c. Regular lifeguards-lessons \$8.50/hr
 - d. Red Cross CPR –lessons \$11.00/hr

3. Request of Tara Powell, transportation aide, to extend her leave without pay for an additional 90 days, effective February 2, 2015.

MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Mark Washington as head football coach at a salary in compliance with the Athletic Point Index, pending receipt and confirmation of all clearances and Act 168 documents, effective February 25, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the change of employment status for Joseph McFarland from 500 hour substitute to six hour cleaning person at Hopewell Elementary School, effective February 16, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the change of employment status for Linda Kubia from 500 hour substitute to six hour cleaning person at Hopewell Junior High School, effective February 16, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the request of Valerie Alexander, Senior High School cook, for leave without pay, effective February 2, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the substitute employee rosters, as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Policy by David Bufalini, Chair

MOTION #14

By David Bufalini, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the following revised Board policies. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

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| a. | 222 | Tobacco Use (Pupils); |
| b. | 323 | Tobacco Use (Employees); and |
| c. | 904 | Public Attendance at School Events |

Superintendent's Report

As reported by Mr. Rowe in Good News, Dr. Reina said what a wonderful experience attending the Mock Trial was. He said our students did an outstanding job and that he was very proud of the team, who this year had made it to the semi-final round.

Dr. Reina and Mr. Bufalini received a congratulatory letter and certificate from State Representative, Robert Matzie, commending Margaret Ross Elementary School as an outstanding Title I school.

The make-up days for the two snow days will be April 2 and April 7, 2015.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Salopek also commented on the outstanding job our students did in the Mock Trial event. Getting to the semi-final round was quite an accomplishment.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

March 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

March 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 Lori McKittrick, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary