

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2020, in the Cafeteria at Hopewell Junior High School, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

Prayer and flag salute was led by Dr. Miller. 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; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Kylee Babish, and Rob Kartychak, Principals; and visitors.

Good News in Our Schools were presented by Dr. Kartychak, Mrs. Babish and Mr. Allison. Copies of their reports are attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Dobo thanked the parents that were in attendance and those that have asked questions, sent emails and attended meetings regarding the 4th grade transition to the Junior High School. The Board acknowledged their concerns and suggestions. In light of existing concerns, the Board has decided to table the motion for 4th grade transition scheduled for this evening. Administration will continue to work on specific areas of concern and present a comprehensive plan to the public on March 9.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the December 9, 2019, Reorganization Meeting Minutes, the January 27, 2020, Voting Meeting Minutes and the February 10, 2020 Work Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Dan 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 January, 2020, 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, 2020, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of January, 2020, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Visitors had questions and suggestions regarding the specifics of the 4th grade transition and the Feasibility Study.

Educational/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair

The Motion to restructure and realign 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 was tabled.

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of the Senior Class to hold baccalaureate on June 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve Viking Connect, the District's 1:1 computer initiative. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the Eighth Grade field trip to Washington D.C. focused on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on May 15, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Dan Caton, Chair

MOTION #8

By Dan Caton, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Darren Newberry, Chair

MOTION #9

By Darren Newbery, seconded by Dan Santia, to select Option 5 from the VEBH Feasibility Study, as presented, for further analysis and planning by the School Board. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Darren Newbery, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the request of Beaver County Flag Football to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. beginning April 18, 2020 until June 13, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #11**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve items (1) and (2) and 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 \$408,075.94
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$121,085.20
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$3,020,066.96

MOTION #12

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the four-year agreement with Questeq to provide technology staffing and support beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. MOTION carried by a vote of six to three with Ms. McKittrick, Mrs. Harries and Mr. Santia, voting no.

MOTION #13

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of John Rager to purchase tax parcel #65-005-1009-000 located in Hopewell Township out of repository. The 2018 and prior years' taxes shall be exonerated. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Kathryn Oblak, Chair**MOTION #14**

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the adoption of a Resolution calling for Charter School Funding Reform. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Matthew Erickson, Chair**MOTION #15**

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Alyson Stoner as a long term substitute school counselor at the Junior High School, effective January 31, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the request of Steve Leeper to be a substitute bus driver, effective January 6, 2020. Mr. Leeper wishes to remain a substitute transportation aide. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request of Brenda Vebelun to be a substitute bus driver and aide, effective February 19, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the change of employment status for James Malesky from substitute transportation aide to permanent transportation aide, effective January 13, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the change of employment status for Nancy Hessler from transportation aide to permanent bus driver, effective February 11, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve spring coaches and salaries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the appointment of Mike Shuleski, volunteer baseball coach, effective February 25, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation of Doug Rowe, Assistant High School Principal, on or around May 15, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #23

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Amy Shaddick, Special Education teacher, effective on March 13, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Dan Caton, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #24

By Dan Caton, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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. 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.

Superintendent's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

March 9, 2020: Work Meeting, Central Administration

March 23, 2020: Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 Darren Newberry, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary