

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board Vice President.

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

Lesia Dobo
John Bowden
Rob Harmotto (via video conference)
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
David Bufalini
Christopher Galzerano

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe, Edward Katkich, Korri Kane, and Rob Kartychak, Principals; Dr. Lynn Utchell, Director of Special Education; and citizens.

Executive Session

At 7:08 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and student matters. The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

Mr. Rowe presented information on anticipated new courses at the high school, including Intro to Digital Awareness, which will be a requirement for all incoming freshman; Advanced Speech and Hot Topics. Mr. Rowe stated that these offerings will be semester courses and will fit into the current schedule without the need for additional staff.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. He and Mrs. Robb then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mrs. Dobo, Chair; Mr. Galzerano, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Adopting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving JD.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Termination of employment of Christian D'Alessandro, bus driver, effective December 22, 2015.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on at the February 23, 2016 Business meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. 2016-2017 School Calendar.
2. Transfer to the Student Council Activity Club of the following Club balances:

Class of 2014	\$2,946.42
Class of 2015	\$301.43
Football Club	\$10.08
3. Pilot Interactive Story Adventures (ISA) in kindergarten classrooms at Margaret Ross Elementary School beginning in March 2016.
4. Discussion/Recommendation: Proposed New Electives at the Senior High School beginning the 2016-2017 school year:
 - a. Intro to Digital Awareness
 - b. Advanced Speech
 - c. Hot Topics
5. Discussion/Recommendation: Proposed creation of a dance squad as an extension of the Vikette's at Hopewell High School.

Athletics

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 2015-2016 School Year, effective in the spring 2016.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request of Hopewell Youth Baseball to use gyms A and B at the Junior High School on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for placement drills.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Baseball to use gyms A and B at the Junior High School from March 7, 2016 through April 22, 2016 from 6:45 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for practice.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Baseball to use gyms A and B at the Junior High School on April 22, 2016 and April 23, 2016 for pictures.
4. Request of Hopewell Youth Baseball to use the Hopewell High School parking lot as a staging area for their annual baseball parade on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
5. Request from Jeff Homziak to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School to have a basketball summer league for girls in grades 7 through 12 from May 9, 2016 through July 1, 2016 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
6. Request of Dawn Gailey and Rain Athletics to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School on September 18, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. for a cheer competition.
7. Request of Hopewell Youth Cheer to use gyms A and B at the Junior High School from April 25, 2016 through May 28, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for practice.
8. Discussion/Recommendation: Solicitation of proposals for the demolition of the Markel house.
9. Discussion/Recommendation: Bus garage and auditorium renovation projects (**Attachment**)

Finance

1. Closing the following Citizens Bank checking accounts:
 - a. Stadium Renovation Fund

Legislative

1. Mr. Bufalini and Mrs. Dobo to attend the National School Board Association National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, April 9 through April 11, 2016.
2. PSBA Principles for Governance and Leadership.

Nutrition and Food Services

1. Discussion/Recommendation: Proposal for new Point of Service software to be used in all District cafeteria locations from PrimeroEdge.

Personnel

1. Resignation for retirement of Karen Guman, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator, effective June 30, 2016.
2. Spring sports coaches and stipends. (**Attachment**)
3. Change of employment status for Kristyn Stowers from substitute bus aide to permanent bus aide, effective January 25, 2016.
4. Change of employment status for Clifton Schreiber from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective January 25, 2016.
5. Substitute employee rosters.
6. Resignation for retirement of Michael Wyckoff, Network Support Specialist, effective June 30, 2016.
7. Employment of Joe Cioc as assistant girl's volleyball coach, effective February 23, 2016, at a stipend of \$633.00.
8. Change of employment status of Mackenzi Woolsey as assistant girl's volleyball coach, effective February 23, 2016, at a stipend of \$633.00.

Visitors

Robert Belli, Mike Balco and Stacy Richard spoke of their concern for their child's safety at Margaret Ross Elementary School due to the behaviors of a student in the building.

At this time Mrs. Dobo returned to items to be voted on this evening.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Bowden

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve the adoption of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving JD. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the termination of employment of Christian D'Alessandro, bus driver, effective December 22, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

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

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary