

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner (participated by telephone)  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:  
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals; Don Short, Athletic Director and citizens.

Dr. Miller announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. She then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of Sue Hull, transportation aide, effective March 6, 2017.
2. Employment of Tamara Celeste as a transportation aide, effective March 3, 2017.
3. Employment of Belinda Pleslusky as a transportation aide, effective March 6, 2017.
4. Resignation of Brian Burton, special education aide at the Senior High School, effective March 6, 2017.

5. Resignation of Jonathon Miller, bus driver, effective March 1, 2017.
6. Request of Clifton Schreiber, bus driver, for a 30 day leave without pay, effective March 6, 2017.

The remaining items will be voted on during the March 28, 2017 meeting.

### **Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Transfer the remaining balance of \$45.44 from the Class of 2016 to the Student Council Activity.
2. Request of Erin Caputo, math teacher at the Senior High School, for a sabbatical leave for the 2017-2018 School year.

Dr. Maslyk discussed the Beaver County Innovative and Learning Consortium. Hopewell created the consortium through a \$50,000 grant from the Grabel Foundation in association with the Rochester and Beaver School Districts and the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit.

### **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 2016-2017 School Year, effective in the spring 2017.
2. Payment of winter coaches beyond the regular season. (**Attachment**)
3. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to conduct a 50/50 raffle at all home Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Junior High football games.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Request from Joseph Sullivan for the Hopewell Community Big Band to use the Junior High School gym or Senior High School auditorium on Tuesday evenings beginning June 13 through July 25 as a potential indoor facility to be used in the event of rain.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Softball to use Gym A at the Junior High School from March 14, 2017 through April 18, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for practice.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Softball to use the Junior High School softball field from April 1, 2017 through June 28, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for games and practices.

4. Request received from Victoria Gill, Township Recreation Director, to use the parking lots at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools during its annual Park Fest, July 8, 2017.
5. Request of Robert W. Young Post 8805 Veterans of Foreign Wars to use the Senior High School as a staging area and the Junior High School for their Memorial Day parade and service.
6. Request from Jeff Homziak to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School and Gym B at the Junior High School to have a basketball summer league for girls in grades 7 through 12 from May 8, 2017 through June 29, 2017 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
7. Agreement for Private Industry Council, Inc. to conduct one Head Start Classroom at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on June 10, 2017 for Viking Pride Youth Football Camp.
9. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use the concession stand and spirit shop at Tony Dorsett Stadium during the following events:
  - a. Viking Pride Youth Football Camp on June 10, 2017;
  - b. All Home Varsity, Junior Varsity and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade games; and
  - c. Thursday evenings during football season to provide dinner for players and coaches;

Mrs. Robb and Mr. Short discussed the difficulties of getting lifeguards to cover community pool events, such as pool parties. It was decided that the District would fulfill its obligations for parties previously scheduled, but, until further notice, would not schedule additional parties through the end of the school year.

Mrs. Robb, on behalf of Mr. Pelino, reviewed water testing procedures in the District. All buildings, except for Independence Elementary School, have water supplied by Creswell Heights Water Authority. They report that the District is in compliance with all water and sewer regulations. Independence water is tested once a month by District personnel, with results given to the Department of Environmental Protection. As with the other buildings, Independence is in compliance with all federal regulations and standards. Test results are available upon request.

**Finance and Budget**

1. 2017-2018 Pay Schedule, as presented. (**Attachment**)
2. Advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. 2017-2018 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$1,677,962.00. (**Attachment**)

**Personnel**

1. Resignation of Robert Mawhinney as co-sponsor of the Math Counts Club at the Junior High School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 School Year.

**Transportation**

1. Request from Victoria Gill, Township Recreation Director, to use District buses and transportation personnel during Park Fest on July 8, 2017.
2. Request from Victoria Gill to use a District van during Rec-on-the-Run from June 5, 2017 through August 18, 2017.

**Visitors**

Shawna Selinsky provided the Board with information discussing why she is transferring her children to Cyber School.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Bufalini returned to Personnel.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto****APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS****MOTION #1**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items (1) through (3) 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.

1. Resignation of Sue Hull, transportation aide, effective March 6, 2017.
2. Employment of Tamara Celeste as a transportation aide, effective March 3, 2017.
3. Employment of Belinda Pleslusky as a transportation aide, effective March 6, 2017.

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to accept the resignation of Brian Burton, special education aide at the Senior High School, effective March 17, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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MOTION #3

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.

1. Resignation of Jonathon Miller, bus driver, effective March 1, 2017.
2. Request of Clifton Schreiber, bus driver, for a 30 day leave without pay, effective March 6, 2017.

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 John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary