

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

John Bowden
Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
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, Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster, and Rob Kartychak, Principals; Don Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

David Bufalini reported that Nancy Lieberman Charities will be donating the funds to build a basketball court on the property of Margaret Ross Elementary School in honor of Tony Dorsett and the Cops and Kids Initiative. The “Dream Court” should be ready for play sometime in May, 2018.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak, from the Elementary Schools, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. Copies of each report and one from the elementary schools are attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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 February 12, 2018 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the March 5, 2018 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, 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 February 2018, 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 February 2018, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of February 2018, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Chris McCabe asked Dr. Miller about the lack of substitute teachers in the District. He wanted to know if the District's pay scale was too low and that is why substitutes don't want to come to Hopewell or was it a shortage of substitute teachers. Dr. Miller said that she and Dr. Maslyk are talking to Kelly Educational Services, our subcontractor, about the unfilled positions and will address this situation to the Board once they have a plan to reconcile the situation. Mr. McCabe also asked if the District had a timetable for paving the driveway at the Junior High School. Dr. Miller said that she was talking with Hopewell Township Manager to "piggyback" on some of their projects so that we could get the work done at a more cost effective rate.

Henry Bufalini proudly stated that, his son, David Bufalini, former Board President and Artist in Residence founder will be inducted into the Beaver County Music Hall of Fame in May.

Deana Zorn Krotec, Ronda Senskey, Bill McClafferty and Joyce Speicher, through written correspondence, spoke in favor of retaining Vincent Kortstam as the girl's varsity soccer coach. The Board has decided to open the position with interviews next week and, hopefully, a new coach in place in April.

Tom Armour complimented the administration and staff at Independence Elementary School. He says they do a wonderful job. Mr. Armour also asked if teachers in the District receive preferential treatment for available coaching positions. Dr. Miller assured him that they do not. Mr. Armour reported on the poor conditions of the Pony League field at the Junior High School and asked the District for help with refurbishment.

Becky Adams reported that her daughter said that the pool area was not well kept and that because of that, she did not like to go swimming for gym class. Dr. Miller stated that the District will address her concerns immediately.

At this time Mrs. Dobo asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the request from Bronwyn Korchnak for her and two students to attend the National Academic Games in Nashville, Tennessee at an approximate cost to the District of \$1070.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Daniel Caton, Chair

MOTION #5

By Daniel Caton, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the payment of winter coaches beyond the regular season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Chair

MOTION #6

By Daniel Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Total Control Training, Inc. to use District facilities for the purposes of providing motorcycle safety training and education classes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #7

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 from Jeff Homziak to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School for a one week basketball camp for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8 during the month of June 2018.
2. 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, 2018 through June 28, 2018 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

MOTION #8

By Daniel Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of Hopewell Youth Soccer Club to utilize the practice fields every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning March 15, 2018 through June 10, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #9

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use the Senior High School cafeteria to serve lunch during football camp, August 13 through 17, 2018 and August 20 and 21, 2018.
2. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to conduct 50/50 raffles at each of the varsity, junior varsity and 7th-8th grade football games.
3. 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. All Home Varsity, Junior Varsity and 7th & 8th grade games; and
 - b. Thursday evenings during football season to provide dinner for players and coaches.

MOTION #10

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request of Hopewell Youth Cheer to use Gym A at the Junior High School, Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. from April 3, 2018 through May 25, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of Nancy Petrella, to hold one-on-one Infant Swimming Rescue lessons at the Junior High Swimming Pool from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. from April 9, 2018 through May 18, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the proposal from Nancy Lieberman Charities to provide a Dream Court for placement on the grounds of Margaret Ross Elementary School and to authorize execution of the License Agreement prepared and to be presented by Nancy Lieberman Charities, subject to final approval by the solicitor. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #13

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve items 1 through 3 and to ratify item 4 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 \$332,841.57
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$97,146.86
3. Capital Reserve payments in the amount of \$36,266.48
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$556,735.81

MOTION #14

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the 2018-2019 pay schedule, as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the 2018-2019 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$1,547,232.00. MOTION carried unanimously by affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the Renewal Services Agreement with the Omni Financial Group to provide third party administrative services for our 403(b) Plan in the amount of \$2,076.00, effective July 1, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the appointment of Mary Ellen Oros as deputy tax collector for Raccoon Township. MOTION carried unanimously by affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Kathryn Oblak, Chair

MOTION #19

MOTION by Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Newberry, to approve the opposition of Senate Bill 2, ESA Voucher Program. MOTION carried unanimously by affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation for retirement of Jill Hricik, special education teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 1, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Caton, to accept the resignation for retirement of Linda Winkle, transportation aide, effective July 1, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation for retirement of Essie Trimble, paraprofessional at the Senior High School, effective March 9, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Keith Lorich, bus driver, effective March 13, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation of Robert Cranmer, bus utility attendant, effective March 16, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Jeff Winkle, Co-Chair

MOTION #25

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the sale of the 2008 Chevy Cobalt (VIN 1G1AK58F187219582) in AS-IS condition by sealed bids advertised appropriately to employees of the School District or such other bidding parties but without the costs of further public advertising. The sealed bids were received by 4:00 p.m. in the Business Office on Friday, March 16, 2018. The sealed bids were opened and tabulated by the Business Administrator with a bid of \$1,125.00 from Robert McDonald, 3948 Route 151, Aliquippa, PA 15001 as the winning (highest) bid. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller said that the students are involved in many activities this spring including STEAM activities, Story Walk, "A Day of Action" and many other wonderful and worthwhile projects.

Dr. Maslyk reported that kindergarten registration starts tomorrow at Margaret Ross Elementary School, Wednesday is Independence Elementary School and next week will be Hopewell Elementary School. She said that you should bring your child with you as registration and screening take place at the same time.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

April 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Dobo announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

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 Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary