

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the Central Administration Board Room as well as virtually, via Zoom. This meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Dan Santia, Board Vice President.

MOTION #1

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

An Executive Session was held on February 22, 2022 to discuss the superintendent search. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. McKittrick. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Daniel Caton  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeanette Miller  
Bethany Pistorius  
Daniel Santia  
Jeffrey Winkle  
Lindsay Zupsic

Members Absent  
David Bufalini  
Matthew Erickson

Also present were: Dr. Robert Kartychak, Acting Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Brooke Baker, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Korri Kane, Principal; Joel Roth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and visitors.

Dr. Roth presented a snapshot of student progress, including academic data, intervention data and the support and interventions needed to address at-risk students.

Mrs. Pistorius asked if students that had been retained factored into the analysis. Dr. Roth said that he didn't believe that it would be statistically significant.

Ms. Kris McCafferty is concerned about failing students at the Senior High School. She would like to see more support for students as they begin to take college entrance exams and apply

to college. She asked Dr. Roth when parents can expect to see remediation efforts. Dr. Roth said that at the secondary level, remediation is more individualized.

Ms. McKittrick asked how parents can help their child. Dr. Roth suggested talking with counselors and play an active roll in helping your child schedule classes.

Mrs. Pistorius asked if the data could be broken down by school, stating that previous concerns were with consistency at the elementary level. Dr. Roth said absolutely. There are many different ways that the data can be configured.

At this time, Dr. Kartychak reviewed items that would be voted on later in the meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Facility Use Agreement with Motorcycle Safety Academy, LLC to use the parking lot at Margaret Ross Elementary School for training March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
2. Request of the Ambridge Area School District to use the front tennis courts for their home matches during the spring 2022 tennis season.
3. Request of the Senior High School Varsity Cheerleaders to use the Senior High School main gym to host a cheer clinic fundraiser March 23-25, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Personnel:** Dr. Erickson, Chair; Mrs. Zupsic, Co-Chair

1. Employment of Judy Brice, substitute cafeteria, effective March 4, 2022.
2. Employment termination of Roy Bungard, transportation aide, effective March 9, 2022. **(Roll Call)**

At this time, Dr. Kartychak began his review of those items that would be voted on at the March 22, 2022 Business meeting.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:** Dr. Erickson, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

1. Request from Mr. Keiper to take the band on a one day trip to Cedar Point on April 21, 2022.
2. Request of Paula Battisti and Michael Gill to take students to Education Days at Cedar Point on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

3. Removal of the Latin Club from the list of activities at the Senior High School, effective March 23, 2022.
4. Request of Mr. Katkich for two students to attend the 2021-2022 Academic Games in Knoxville, Tennessee, along with the three students from the Senior High School that had already been approved.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

1. Request of Hopewell High School Football boosters to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on April 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. to host an Ester Egg Hunt.

**Finance and Budget:** Ms. McKittrick, Chair; Mrs. Zupsic, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. 2022-2023 Pay Schedule, as presented. (**Attachment**)
2. 2022-2023 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$1,459,600.00. (**Attachment**)
3. Advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Purchase of a booster pump from Renick Brothers for Margaret Ross Elementary School in the amount of \$18,700.00. Funds will be taken from the Capital Reserve. (**Roll Call**)

**Personnel:** Dr. Erickson, Chair; Mrs. Zupsic, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of Joe McFarland, custodian, effective March 31, 2022.
2. Employment of Bill Boggs, 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Softball Coach, effective March 21, 2022.

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

Effective October 12, 2021, a maximum of thirty minutes total will be reserved during the Board meeting for community members who request to speak. At any time the Board may allow additional time for the visitors portion of the Board meeting.

Whether the community member is participating virtually, or in-person, the community member will:

- State their name and township
- Have up to three minutes to make a statement and/or ask a question to the Board

- Only be able to speak once during the visitors portion of the board meeting
- Have their time begin when the individual begins to speak

It is recommended that community members wishing to speak during the visitors portion email the Board Secretary prior to the board meeting, however the online chat will be monitored during the visitors portion of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak.

A response may be given during the meeting, however, it is also possible that no response be provided during the Board meeting. The Board will instruct the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and/or the Solicitor to either respond to the inquiry or do further research and report back to the Board and/or the resident. For any question that requires a response, the District will contact the individual directly to respond or will share responses at the following Board meeting.

### **Vivian Lumbard**

Mrs. Lumbard believes that the Board failed to properly revise and implement the Health and Safety Plan to allow for optional masking ahead of the previously approved day of March 7, 2022.

At this time, Mr. Santia returned to Buildings and Grounds.

### **Buildings and Grounds by Jeff Winkle, Co-Chair**

#### **MOTION #2**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the Facility Use Agreement with Motorcycle Safety Academy, LLC to use the parking lot at Margaret Ross Elementary School for training March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### **MOTION #3**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request of the Ambridge Area School District to use the front tennis courts for their home matches during the spring 2022 tennis season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

#### **MOTION #4**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of the Senior High School Varsity Cheerleaders to use the Senior High School main gym to host a cheer clinic fundraiser March 23-25, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Lindsay Zupsic, Co-Chair**

**MOTION #5**

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Judy Brice, substitute cafeteria, effective March 4, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #6**

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the employment termination of Roy Bungard, Transportation Aide, effective March 9, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Other Business**

Mrs. Pistorius presented to the Board letters and cards created by the third grade classes at Hopewell Elementary School in honor of Random Acts of Kindness week in support of the American Heart Association. Hopewell Elementary and Margaret Ross Elementary collectively raised \$950.00 for the American Heart Association.

Ms. McKittrick reported that she and Mrs. Zupsic continue to meeting with Mrs. Baker regarding the 2022-2023 budget. They have begun to prioritize large ticket items and the maintenance budget. She said that Mr. Santia will help prioritize the maintenance budget.

**Upcoming School Board Meetings**

March 22, 2022, Regular Business Meeting in the Central Administration Board Room and held virtually.

MOTION by Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Santia adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Daniel Santia, Board Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary