

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020, in the Junior High School Cafeteria, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Dobo. 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 (via telephone conference)

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent, Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals; and visitors.

Mrs. Dobo introduced Celeste Beley, director of the Senior High School musical. Students performed songs for their upcoming production of "*Big Fish*".

Dr. Miller reported that all Districts in Beaver County were meeting on a weekly basis to discuss how to deal with the Coronavirus. She then read a statement regarding the decision that the Board has made not to have 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition to the Junior High School for the 2020-2021 School Year.

At this time, Dr. Miller reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Newberry, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request from Our Lady of Fatima to use the grass fields at the Senior High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning March 10, 2020 through June 4, 2020 for soccer practice.

Mr. Newberry asked that the Board consider this evening to rescind the February 24, 2020 vote to approve Option 5 of the VEBH Feasibility Study.

**Legislation:** Mrs. Oblak, Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of Megan Harries, Board Member, effective March 25, 2020.
2. Advertisement for anticipated Region 2 Board vacancy.

**Personnel:** Matthew Erickson, Chair; Kathryn Oblak, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Alexis Potts as a long-term substitute teacher at the Junior High School, effective March 16, 2020.
2. Employment of Mark Korcinsky, Acting Senior High School Assistant Principal at a per diem rate of \$300 per day, effective March 26, 2020 through June 5, 2020.
3. Employment of Sarah Shahan, substitute custodian, effective March 25, 2020.
4. Change of employment status for Steve Leeper from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective March 2, 2020.
5. Resignation of Rachal Hollis, bus driver, effective February 3, 2020.

The following items would be voted on during the March 23, 2020 Board meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use the Senior High School cafeteria to serve lunch during football camp, August 17 through 21, 2020.
2. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to conduct 50/50 raffles at each of the varsity, junior varsity and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade games; and
  - b. Thursday evenings during football season to provide dinner for players and coaches.

### **Finance and Budget**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. 2020-2021 Pay Schedule, as presented. (**Attachment**)
2. 2020-2024 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$1,490,348.00. (**Attachment**)
3. Resolution to restructure General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015.
4. Act 55 Resolution for the collection of delinquent food service accounts using Creditech, establishing commission fees be assigned to the accounts, and that delinquent accounts may be reported to credit agencies.
5. One-year agreement with Creditech to collect delinquent food service accounts, effective April 1, 2020.

### **Visitors**

Visitors asked, now that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition has been halted for the 2020-2021 school year and the decision not to move forward with Option 5 of the Feasibility Study, what happens next. Visitors also wanted to know how the open Board position in Region 2 would be advertised. It was suggested that in the future, the District figure out a better way to disseminate information to residents, other than just the District website.

The Board then voted on the following motions.

### **Buildings and Grounds by Mr. Newberry**

#### **MOTION #1**

By Darren Newberry, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request from Our Lady of Fatima to use the grass fields at the Senior High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning March 10, 2020 through June 4, 2020 for soccer practice. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #2**

By Darren Newberry, seconded by Dan Santia, to rescind the vote of February 24, 2020 for Option 5 of the VEBH Feasibility Study. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Legislation by Mrs. Oblak****MOTION #3**

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Matt Erickson, to accept the resignation of Megan Harries, Board Member from Region 2, effective March 25, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the advertisement for the Region 2 Board vacancy. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Dr. Erickson****MOTION #5**

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Alexis Potts as a long-term substitute teacher at the Junior High School, effective March 16, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #6**

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Mark Korcinsky, Acting Senior High School Assistant Principal at a per diem rate of \$300 per day, not to exceed 30 days, effective March 26, 2020 through June 5, 2020. MOTION carried by an affirmative vote of Directors. Mr. Winkle voted No.

**MOTION #7**

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Sarah Shahan, substitute custodian, effective February 25, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #8**

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the change of employment status for Steve Leeper from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective March 2, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #9**

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the verbal resignation of Rachal Hollis, bus driver, effective February 3, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Executive Session**

Mrs. Dobo announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. The announcement was made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

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

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary