

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, in the Central Administration Board Room as well as virtually, via Zoom. This meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

MOTION #1

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

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

David Bufalini  
Daniel Caton  
Matthew Erickson  
Jeanette Miller  
Bethany Pistorius  
Daniel Santia  
Lindsay Zupsic

Members Absent  
Lori McKittrick

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

An Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss labor grievances, collective bargaining and employee vacancies. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended

Mrs. Baker gave a brief budget update, including the proposed timeline, large expenditures that need to be considered and real estate tax options.

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

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Update the District's Health and Safety Plan.

2. Transition Services Agreement by and between the Hopewell Area School District and Cares of Western Pennsylvania, effective March 21, 2022.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair;

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Jeff Brunton to use Tony Dorsett Stadium for a Junior High School track meet on April 28, 2022 beginning at 4:30 p.m.
2. Request of Hopewell Soccer Club to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on April 24, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and May 15, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for games.
3. Request of Hopewell Soccer Club to use Tony Dorsett Stadium from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Fridays beginning March 30, 2022 through June 10, 2022.
4. Ratify purchase of a booster pump from Renick Brothers for Margaret Ross Elementary School in the amount of \$18,700.00, including an additional \$12,825.00 for installation, for a total of \$31,525.00 through the COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program with the funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve. **(Roll Call)**

**Legislative:** Mrs. Miller, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of Jeff Winkle, Board member representing Region 1, effective April 1, 2022.

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

1. Payment of winter coaches beyond the regular season. **(Attachment)**
2. Resignation for retirement of Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective June 30, 2022.
3. Ratification of Teamsters Local Union No. 205 Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028.

At this time, Dr. Kartychak began his review of those items that would be voted on at the April 26, 2022 Business meeting.

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

1. Awarding 141 high school diplomas to Hopewell High School Senior Class of 2022. Further, awarding of said diplomas is contingent upon student completion of all graduation requirements. (Copy in Superintendent's Office).
2. Ashlynn Young, a student from Geneva College, to complete student teaching during the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year under the guidance of Mrs. Bober and Mrs. Ozimok.
3. Settlement Agreement and Release by and between the Hopewell Area School District and KidsVoice, with respect to the education of SC.

**Athletics:** Dan Caton, Chair

1. Payment of Chris Nee and Morgan Singletary, Unified Bocce coaches. Stipend is provided to the District by Special Olympics.

The team was congratulated. They placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair

1. Request of Terry Borkovic to conduct a volleyball skills camp for girls in grades 6 through 9 from June 6 through June 10, 2022 in Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School.
2. Request of the Senior High School Boys Soccer Boosters to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on August 4, 2022 to host an alumni game.
3. Request of Matt Weiss to use Tony Dorsett Stadium to conduct a youth football camp July 11, 2022 through July 13, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
4. Request of Hopewell Youth Football to use the gym at the Senior High School on September 25, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for a cheer competition.
5. Request of Stephany Richards to use the Junior High School library August 2, 2022 through August 4, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for driver instructor class.
6. Request of Hopewell Youth Football League to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on May 28, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a skills and development camp.
7. Request of Joe Sullivan to use the Junior High School facilities in the event of inclement weather during their summer concert series.

8. Request of the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters to use the Senior High School cafeteria to serve lunch during football camp, August 15, 2022 through August 19, 2022.
9. Request of the Hopewell Viking 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.
10. Request of the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters to use the Senior High School cafeteria on Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. during football season to provide dinner for players and coaches.
11. Request of the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters to use the area around the concession stand on Friday, August 19, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a pre-season picnic.
12. Request of the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters to host a pep rally on Thursday immediately following the homecoming parade at Tony Dorsett Stadium. All fall sports would be recognized during the pep rally. (This is in the event the Township does not host a bon fire).

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

1. Beaver County Career & Technology Center budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$6,445,645.00

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

1. Employment of Lauren Macon, 1<sup>st</sup> assistant girls volleyball coach, effective the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Employment of Craig Bokor, Junior High School football coach, effective the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Change of employment status for Frank Coulter from substitute to permanent driver effective June 18, 2022.

**Policy/Planning:** Ms. McKittrick, Chair; Mrs. Pistorius, Co-Chair

1. Revised Board Policy 204 - Attendance

**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.

### **Amy Kelly**

As a member of the Hopewell Education Foundation, Mrs. Kelly congratulated grant winners for 2022. They include, Lana Greenawald, Abbey Kennedy, Jenifer Milligan, Abbey Vigna, Kerry Wilson and Lori Colangelo. Mrs. Kelly thanked the Board and Administration for their support.

### **Lori Watters**

Mrs. Watters came to discuss band uniforms. After hearing Mrs. Baker's budget presentation, she was pleased to see that new uniforms are being considered. She stated that the band is a wonderful representation of the District outside of the Hopewell community and believes that 15 year old uniforms do not make the best impression. She thanked the Board for listening and invited them to attend Band Booster meetings.

### **Jeff Petrella**

Mr. Petrella was concerned that boys and girls were separated by sex in the cafeteria at lunch and during gym class at Independence Elementary School. He said that boys were made to sit at the girls table as punishment for misdeeds. He and his wife did not believe that this was appropriate.

Mr. Bufalini said that he was glad that Mr. Petrella brought the issue to the Board's attention, but that it needed to be addressed at the school level or to Dr. Kartychak.

At this time, Mr. Bufalini returned to Education/Curriculum/Instruction.

**Education/Curriculum and Instruction by Matt Erickson, Chair**

**MOTION #2**

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the updated Health and Safety Plan. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #3**

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the Transition Services Agreement by and between the Hopewell Area School District and Cares of Western Pennsylvania, effective March 21, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Dan Santia, Chair**

**MOTION #4**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Jeff Brunton to use Tony Dorsett Stadium for a Junior High School track meet on April 28, 2022 beginning at 4:30 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #5**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve items (1) and (2) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried by a vote of 6 to 0, with Mrs. Pistorius abstaining, due to the fact that she is on the Hopewell Soccer Club Board of Directors.

1. Request of Hopewell Soccer Club to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on April 24, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and May 15, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for games.
2. Request of Hopewell Soccer Club to use Tony Dorsett Stadium from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Fridays beginning March 30, 2022 through June 10, 2022.

MOTION #6

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to ratify the purchase of a booster pump from Renick Brothers for Margaret Ross Elementary School in the amount of \$18,700.00, including an additional \$12,825.00 for installation, for a total of \$31,525.00 through the COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program with the funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Baker confirmed that the pump would be installed on Monday, April 18, 2022.

**Legislative by Jeanette Miller, Chair**

MOTION #7

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to accept the resignation of Jeff Winkle, Board member representing Region 1, effective April 1, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Matthew Erickson, Chair**

MOTION #8

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the payment of winter coaches beyond the regular season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to accept the resignation for retirement of Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective June 30, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve the ratification of Teamsters Local Union No. 205 Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Other Business

Mr. Bufalini thanked all the members of the team that negotiated the Teamster's collective bargaining agreement.

He thanked all the visitors who attended the meeting.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 26, 2022, Regular Business Meeting in the Central Administration Board Room and held virtually.

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

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

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David Bufalini, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary