

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
APRIL 14, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia

Members absent:
John Bowden
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison and Edward Katkich, Principals; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Terri Gazda and members of the Hopewell High School gymnastics team presented the PA Classic Tournament, Silver Division, trophy to the District.

Emily Wright presented a proposal to continue the 4th Grade Fun Night, a program she implemented last year with her Girl Scout Troop. Fourth grade students from each elementary school are invited to Hopewell Park on June 3, 2015 to participate in fun, team building activities. Her goal is to ease the stress and anxiety for students transitioning to the Junior High School in the fall. This is Emily's senior project.

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

Finance and Budget: Mr. Bowden, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

1. 2015-2016 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$2,115,972.00.
2. Exoneration of the following property tax collectors from uncollected 2014 taxes: Mary Ellen Oros, Independence Township; Diane Palsa, Hopewell Township; and Pam Petrella, Raccoon Township.

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

1. Employment of Michelle McIlvain, 4 hour library aide, effective March 2, 2015.

The remaining items will be voted on during the April 28, 2015 meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Curriculum for an elementary computer education class.
2. Creation of an elementary computer education teaching position.
3. Awarding 178 high school diplomas to Hopewell High School Senior Class of 2015. Further, awarding of said diplomas is contingent upon student completion of all graduation requirements. (Copy in Superintendent's Office).
4. Resolution for participation in the 2015 Beaver County Summer Academy to be held at Beaver Area School District from June 15, 2015 through June 23, 2015 sponsored by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit at a cost of \$500.
5. Ryan Gleason, a student at Geneva College, to do a counseling internship with Mr. Collins in the fall of 2015.
6. Memorandum of Understanding between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to online education.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request by Jeff Homziak to hold a basketball camp for girls in grades 1 through 8 from June 22, 2015 through June 26, 2015 in both the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School.
2. Request by Jeff Homziak to host a girls basketball summer league for grades 7 through 12 from May 11, 2015 through July 1, 2015 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in both the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School.
3. Request from Terry Borkovic to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for a girls volleyball camp from June 8 through June 12, 2015.

4. Request of Raccoon Youth Cheerleading to use Gym B at Hopewell Junior High School May 5 through May 7, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for cheerleading registration and tryouts.
5. Request of Hopewell Wrestling Boosters to use Gym B at Hopewell Junior High School to conduct a wrestling camp on June 11 and 12, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
6. Request of Coyotes Cheerleading to use both the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School for cheer camp on September 20, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
7. Request from Hopewell Viking Pride Band Boosters to operate the following during home varsity football games:
 - Food concession stand (underneath press box);
 - Fry booth;
 - Food concession stand on visitor's side of stadium;
 - Spirit shop; and
 - Selling Macs donuts at the upper and lower gates of the stadium.

Finance and Budget

1. PlgitPLUS-CD purchase with the following four banks at \$248,000 each (total \$992,000) to mature on September 29, 2015:
 - Onewest Bank, N.A., Pasadena, California
 - Bank of East Asia Ltd., New York, New York
 - Cfg Community Bank, Lutherville, Maryland
 - Pacific Enterprise Bank, Irvine, California
2. 2015-2016 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget in the amount of \$5,566,766.81.
3. Discussion/Recommendation: Refinancing the District's Series B 2005 bond issue to take advantage of lower interest rates and the September 1, 2015 call date.

Mrs. Robb gave to Board members a summary of the bond refinancing prepared by Janney Capital Markets and explained in detail how the refinancing works and the benefits to the District. She answered questions from Board members. Dr. Reina asked if there were objections to placing this item on the April 28, 2015 agenda. There were no objections.

Nutrition

1. Contract with Nutrition, Inc. to provide management services for the 2015-2016 school year. This would be Year 1 of 4 renewal periods under the food service management company bid effective July 1, 2014.

Personnel

1. Release of Mr. Allison from duties as Hopewell High School principal for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 so that he may assume the duties as President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
2. Appointment of Mr. Rowe as Acting Hopewell High School principal, with an additional salary of \$5,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
3. Creation of a half-time Instruction in the Home teaching position.
4. Employment of Amy Shaddick as a half-time Instruction in the Home teacher, effective April 29, 2015.

Visitors

Melissa Mitchell commented that she was extremely pleased with her children's teachers this school year and that Independence Elementary was an excellent school. She asked that the District continue to have smaller class sizes so that students have a better environment in which to learn.

Carla Buxton stated that as a PTA representative, she is in charge of Accelerated Reader at Independence Elementary. She stated that she was excited to see kindergarten students participating in the program. She would also like to see the District continue to have smaller class sizes at Independence Elementary.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Bufalini returned to Finance and Budget.

Finance and Budget by Tony Guy**MOTION #1**

1. By Tony Guy, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the 2015-2016 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$2,115,972.00. MOTION carried by a vote of 5 to 0, with one abstention and three absent.

2. Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Exoneration of the following property tax collectors from uncollected 2014 taxes: Mary Ellen Oros, Independence Township; Diane Palsa, Hopewell Township; and Pam Petrella, Raccoon Township. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Michelle McIlvain, 4 hours library aide, effective March 2, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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 Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary