

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 23, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. Reina, Superintendent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Bufalini, Dr. Reina called for a motion to appoint a temporary President.

MOTION #1

By Michael Johnston, seconded by David Ciccone, to appoint John Bowden, temporary President. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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

John Bowden
David Ciccone
Rob Harmotto
Michael Johnston
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia

Members absent:
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster, Korri Kane and Patricia Simmons, Principals; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Joanne Futato, Director of Food Services and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mrs. Kane from Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, Mrs. Simmons from Independence Elementary School, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School, and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. Copies of each report are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bowden thanked all for their fine reports.

Mr. Bowden asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Michael Johnston, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 March 26, 2013 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the April 9, 2013 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By David Ciccone, 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.

Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of March 2013, 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 March 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of March 2013, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the May calendar.

At this time Mr. Bowden asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by David CicconeMOTION #4

By David Ciccone, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the Resolution authorizing Dr. Charles M. Reina to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Further, said consent by Dr. Reina shall be given via electronic signature. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #5

By David Ciccone, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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. IDEA Project Cooperative Agreement Renewal for 2013-2014 with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit.
2. Student early dismissal (one-half day) on Friday, June 7, 2013.

MOTION #6

By David Ciccone, seconded by Michael Johnston to approve awarding 203 high school diplomas to Hopewell High School Senior Class of 2013. Further, awarding of said diplomas is contingent upon student completion of all graduation requirements. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By David Ciccone, seconded by Lori McKittrick to approve the affiliation agreement with Clarion University for the purpose of placing student teachers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By David Ciccone, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve Dana Jones, a student at Robert Morris University, 50 hours of practicum experience shadowing Mrs. Meehan, the nurse at the Senior High School. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Michael Johnston, ChairAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #9

By Michael Johnston, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 Terry Borkovic to use Gym A at Hopewell Jr. High for a girls volleyball camp from June 10 through June 14, 2013.
2. Professional Services Agreement with Foreman Architects and Engineers for design and management services for District capital projects.

MOTION #10

By Michael Johnston, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of the required municipal statements of revival with the Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth for the issuance of a certificate of revival for the Southcentral Beaver County School Authority to become a retroactively revived municipal authority for an additional term of fifty (50) years. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, ChairAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #11

By John Bowden, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) 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 List of Bills in the amount of \$243,934.62.
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$127,114.84.
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,575,468.08.

MOTION #12

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the 2013-2014 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,133,131.14. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Resolution approving and adopting an Amendment to the Articles of Agreement governing the Beaver County School Health Care Insurance Consortium. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the exoneration of the following property tax collectors from uncollected 2012 taxes: Mary Ellen Oros, Independence Township; Diane Palsa, Hopewell Township; and Pam Petrella, Raccoon Township. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

Nutrition & Food Services by Ms. McKittrick, Chair

MOTION #15

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Michael Johnston, to approve the contract with Aramark Educational Services for renewal year No. 4 for Food Service Management Services effective the 2013-2014 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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. Director of Transportation job description.
2. Employment of Mark Chasey as the Director of Transportation, effective June 10, 2013 at a salary of \$53,000.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve items (1) through (5) 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. Employment of Daniel Hardy, Jr. as a bus driver, effective March 27, 2013. Mr. Hardy will fill a temporary vacancy for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
2. Resignation for retirement of Marilyn Billiter, fifth grade teacher at the Junior High School, effective June 7, 2013.
3. Resignation for retirement of Richard Pierce, English teacher at the Junior High School, effective June 10, 2013.
4. Change of employment status for Jared Delpercio from substitute to 6-hour permanent cleaning person at Independence Elementary School, effective April 15, 2013.
5. Substitute Custodians and Cleaning Persons Roster.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina introduced Mark Chasey, the new Director of Transportation. He also acknowledged the retirements of Marilyn Billiter and Richard Pierce.

Dr. Reina reported that that the Title I audit went very well. The auditors were complimentary of our staff and students.

On April 11, 2013 the administrative team met with Emergency Management of Beaver County to discuss connection to the 911 Center, District security, video surveillance and training.

Upcoming events include the Prom on May 10, 2013.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

May 14, 2013, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration
May 28, 2013, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or recommendations to come before the Board of Directors, Mr. Bowden asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by David Ciccone, seconded by Michael Johnston, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

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

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

John Bowden, Temporary President

Nancy Barber, Secretary