

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
MAY 12, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Dr. Reina announced that a temporary President would need to be elected for this meeting due to the fact that the President and Vice President were not present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lori McKittrick. Ms. McKittrick asked for a motion for her to be elected temporary president for this meeting.

MOTION #1

By Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to elect Lori McKittrick temporary President for this meeting. MOTION carried unanimously by all Directors in attendance.

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

Tony Guy  
Lori McKittrick  
Rob Harmotto  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner

Members absent:  
John Bowden  
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; Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals; and citizens.

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

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

1. Adoption of the Hopewell Area School District proposed 2015-2016 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$35,953,950 and appropriations of \$37,558,897. The difference of \$1,604,947 will come from the Fund Balance.

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

1. Employment of Timothy J. Gaertner, Head Basketball Coach, effective May 13, 2015.
2. Employment of Shelly Syrko, High School Cheerleading Sponsor, effective May 13, 2015.
3. Employment of Michelle Fuchs, breakfast monitor at Hopewell Elementary School, effective May 13, 2015.

Dr. Reina said that the following items will be voted on at the May 26, 2015 Board meeting.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the police departments of Hopewell Township, Independence Township and Raccoon Township.
2. Adoption of College Algebra 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pearson Publishers, copyright 2013, as the College Algebra textbook effective the 2015-2016 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$6,884.94.
3. Adoption of PH Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, and Algebraic (4<sup>th</sup> Edition), Pearson Publishers, copyright 2012, as the mathematics textbook for Calculus effective the 2015-2016 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$5,155.43.
4. Adoption of Ciao! (High School Edition), 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, Cengage Learning Publishers, copyright 2014, as the Italian textbook effective the 2015-2016 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$6,776.00.
5. Adoption of Pearson My World Social Studies, Pearson Publishers, copyright 2013, as the social studies textbook for grades 3 and 4 effective the 2015-2016 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$24,739.48.
6. Adoption of Introduction to Networking with Network +, Wiley Publishers, copyright 2012, as the Networking textbook for Networking effective the 2015-2016 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$3,877.50.

7. Vikette Camp to be held at Hopewell High School June 15, 2015 through June 19, 2015.
8. Freshman band camp to be held at Hopewell High School July 22 through July 24, 2015.
9. Band camp for grades 9 through 12 to be held at Hopewell High School July 27, 2015 through August 7, 2015.
10. Online summer school for grades 7 through 12.

### **Athletics**

1. Request from Hopewell Football Boosters to sell Hopewell spirit wear and to hold a food can drive during all home football games.
2. Request from Hopewell Football Boosters to hang sponsor signs on the outer perimeter track fence for all home football games.
3. Request from Mark Washington to host a Youth Football Camp at Tony Dorsett Stadium for ages 6 and up on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and to host an Open House at the Field House.
4. Request from Boy's Tennis Boosters to hang sponsor signs on both the front and back tennis courts. Additionally, they are requesting permission to hang signs on the front tennis courts outward facing towards Brodhead Road.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Request from Hopewell Youth Football to use Tony Dorsett Stadium for the 2015 football season.
2. Request received from Pam Fiejdasz, Township Recreation Director, to use the parking lots at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools during its annual Park Fest community days July 10, 2015 through July 11, 2015.
3. Request from Joseph Sullivan for the Hopewell Community Big Band to use the Junior High School gym or Senior High School auditorium on Tuesday evenings beginning June 16 through July 28 as a potential indoor facility to be used in the event of rain.
4. Request of the Pittsburgh International Children's Theater to use the auditorium at the Senior High School on January 15, 2016 and February 12, 2016 from 4:00 until 9:30 p.m. for performances.

**Finance and Budget**

1. e-Service financial services contract with CSIU, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at an approximate cost of \$14,344.
2. e-Service student information system (SIS) contract with CSIU, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at an approximate cost of \$16,500.
3. Renewal Services Agreement with the Omni Financial Group to provide third party administrative services for our 403(b) Plan in the amount of \$2,364.
4. Supply bids for the 2015-2016 school year for the following departments:
  - a. Athletics
  - b. Art
  - c. Custodial
  - d. Industrial Arts
  - e. Physical Education
  - f. Science

**Legislative**

1. Policy 819 Suicide Awareness Prevention and Response
2. Discussion/Recommendation: Change in date of June 2015 School Board Meetings:
  - June 2, 2015 to June 9, 2015
  - June 16, 2015 to June 23, 2015

**Personnel**

1. Reappointment of Johannah Robb as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
2. Reappointment of John F. Salopek, Esquire, Solicitor, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
3. Resignation of Dirk Hartman, Boys Golf Coach, effective May 26, 2015.

**Transportation:**

1. Request from Pam Fiejdasz, Township Recreation Director, to use District buses and transportation personnel during Park Fest community days July 10, 2015 through July 11, 2015.
2. Request from Pam Fiejdasz to use a District van during Rec-on-the-Run from June 8, 2015 through August 14, 2015.

**Visitors**

No visitors wished to address the Board.

At this point in the meeting Ms. McKittrick returned to Finance and Budget.

**Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick****MOTION #2**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the adoption of the Hopewell Area School District proposed 2015-2016 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$35,953,950 and appropriations of \$37,558,897. The difference of \$1,604,947 will come from the Fund Balance. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto****MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the employment of Timothy J. Gaertner, Head Basketball Coach, effective May 13, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the employment of Shelly Syrko, High School Cheerleading Sponsor, effective May 13, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #5**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Michelle Fuchs as a Breakfast Monitor at Hopewell Elementary School, effective May 13, 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, Ms. McKittrick asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. McKittrick adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lori McKittrick, Temporary President

Nancy Barber, Secretary