

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
MAY 14, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

David Bufalini
John Bowden
David Ciccone
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Michael Johnston
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, Korri Kane, Patricia Simmons and Jessica Webster, Principals; Judy Mihok, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the visitors for their attendance.

At this time Dr. Reina announced that there would be a presentation on the K-8 technology initiative given by Mrs. Mihok and several members of the Junior High and Elementary staff.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting.

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

1. Adoption of the Hopewell Area School District proposed 2013-2014 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$34,207,618 and appropriations of \$35,113,007. The difference, \$905,389, will come from the Fund Balance.
2. Fixed Price Pricing Agreement with First Energy Solutions to extend pricing for electricity supply for all district accounts until December, 2017.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mr. Johnston, Co-Chair

1. Resignation for retirement of Karen Evans, Art teacher at Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective June 7, 2013.
2. Resignation for retirement of LaVonda Lenda, 2nd grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 7, 2013.

Dr. Reina reviewed the items that would be voted on during the May 28, 2013 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Agreement between the Hopewell Area School District and Questeq to provide infrastructure services to the District from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a cost of \$76,176.
2. Contract renewal for the 2013-2014 school year with AOT, Inc., providers of the District's occupational and physical therapy services.
3. K-8 Technology Initiative.
4. Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth, Act 48 Program Agreement for services with Phase 4 Learning Center, Inc. for the 2013-2014 school year.
5. Vikette Camp to be held at Hopewell High School June 17, 2013 through June 21, 2013.
6. Freshman band camp to be held at Hopewell High School July 17, 2013 through July 19, 2013.
7. Band camp for grades 9 through 12 to be held at Hopewell High School July 22, 2013 through August 2, 2013.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Execution of a Facilities Agreement and a Prepaid Release Agreement with Equitrans, L.P., regarding the installation of a fence on a portion of the Independence Elementary School property that is adjacent to the Equitrans pipeline regulator and valve installation on neighboring property.
2. Proposal from Renick Brothers to replace the Pool Pak ECC III controller at a cost of \$18,450.00.
3. Request from Dan Rubottom and Jerry Kimmerle for the Hopewell Summer Softball League to use the High School Softball field from May 15 through June 30, 2013.
4. Proposal from Hampton Technical Associates for a site survey at Hopewell Junior High School.
5. 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 12, 2013 through July 14, 2013.
6. Summer pool schedule.

Mrs. Robb discussed ongoing planning regarding capital projects throughout the District. Projects discussed included:

- A more secure entrance at the Junior High School;
- Technology upgrade at the Junior High, include wireless access;
- Renovations and repair to the Cafeteria/Court area at the Senior High School;
- Commission a survey at the Jr. High School regarding paving projects; and
- Renovations to the tennis courts and outdoor basketball court at the Junior High School.

Finance and Budget

1. Depositories for funds of the Hopewell Area School District for the 2013-2014 fiscal year:
 - a. Citizens Bank
 - b. PA Local Government Investment Trust
 - c. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Investment Trust
 - d. PA School District Liquid Asset Fund
 - e. ESB Bank
2. One-year contract with Medic Rescue at a rate of \$3,200, effective June 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Nutrition & Food Services

1. Agreement between the BVIU and the District to provide students with services authorized by the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. This permits the BVIU to provide services accordingly for District students attending New Horizon School.

Personnel

1. Reappointment of Johannah Robb as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
2. Reappointment of Nancy Barber as Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.
3. Resignation of Caroline Soltis as an individual aide at the Junior High School, effective April 24, 2013.
4. Resignation of Debra Shaffer as the Junior High Yearbook sponsor.
5. Resignation of Karin Tranelli as the Junior High Yearbook sponsor.
6. Appointment of Jody Biesenkamp as the Junior High Yearbook sponsor.

Transportation

1. Request from Pam Fiejdasz, Township Recreation Director, to use District buses and transportation personnel during Park Fest community days July 12, 2013 through July 14, 2013.

Visitors

Vivian Lumbard spoke of her concern for potential staffing of art and library at the elementary level for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dave McMullen spoke of his concern for class size at Independence Elementary School.

Courtney Hunt spoke of her support of the K-8 Technology Initiative.

Executive Session

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini announced that an Executive Session would be held following the meeting to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

Immediately following the Executive Session, the Board returned to vote on the following items.

Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, Chair**MOTION #1**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the adoption of the Hopewell Area School District proposed 2013-2014 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$34,207,618 and appropriations of \$35,113,007. The difference, \$905,389, will come from the Fund Balance. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By John Bowden, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve the Fixed Price Pricing Agreement with First Energy Solutions to extend pricing for electricity supply for all district accounts until December, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, 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. Resignation for retirement of Karen Evans, Art teacher at Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective June 7, 2013.
2. Resignation for retirement of LaVonda Lenda, 2nd grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 7, 2013.

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 John Bowden, seconded by David Ciccone, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary