

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 21, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

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

Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (Via FaceTime)
Lori McKittrick
Kathryn Oblak
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:
John Bowden
Darren Newberry
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Board Secretary; Michael Allison, Robert Kartychak, and Jessica Webster, Principals; Michael Lipnicki, Director of Technology; and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools and Mr. Allison from the Senior High School. A copy of each report, and one from the Junior High School are attached to these minutes.

Dr. Miller recognized Brad Leccia, an engineer for the Eaton Corporation. Brad has won the Stover Award for his company through his partnership with the Junior High School. Mr. Leccia has participated in Engineers Day, Shark Tank, Career Day and has hosted several field trips. As a recipient of this award, he chose the Junior High School to receive a \$500 donation on behalf of the Eaton Corporation

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2018 and May 7, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, 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 April 2018, 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 April 2018, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of April 2018, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Anthony Bufalini, spokesman for a group of parents whose children play Girls Softball, requested that the Board consider replacing the current softball coaching staff due to the following reasons:

- Lack of communication
- Lack of coaching knowledge
- Does not give adequate time for warmups
- Practice not held if Head Coach not available
- Late for games
- Has never attended a Junior High game
- Never handed out Letters

Carol Schneider, a French teacher for Shadyside Academy and Linda Tweed, a French teacher at South Fayette Middle School encouraged the Board not to eliminate French for the 2018-2019 School year. Ciara McCarthy and Ellen Davies, students at the Senior High School, and Karen McCarty, Ciara's mother, also asked that the Board not eliminate French.

At this time Mrs. Dobo asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the Agreement to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Beaver County Summer Academy for 2018 at a cost of \$500.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the 2018-2019 Beaver County Career and Technology Center General Operating Budget in the amount of \$5,985,989.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to Online Education for the 2018-2019 School Year. Once the Hopewell Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement has been approved, the MOU will be adjusted to reflect any rate changes with retroactivity. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the proposal to increase Hopewell Senior High School graduation credit requirements to 25 credits beginning with the class of 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Agreement with Family Behavioral Health to provide school based mental health services at the elementary schools, effective the 2018-2019 school year. There would be no cost to the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Lori McKittrick

MOTION #8

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of Potter Raccoon Football to use Tony Dorsett stadium on Sunday, October 28, 2018 for Tristate Youth Football League championships. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request of Hopewell High School Girls Soccer to host 2018 Mad Skills Soccer Camp at Tony Dorsett Stadium from June 4, 2018 through June 8, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the 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 12 through July 24 as a potential indoor facility to be used in the event of rain. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair

MOTION #11

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify item (4) 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 payments in the amount of \$346,606.84
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$95,735.71
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$25,005.33
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,299,021.47

MOTION #12

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the supply bids for the 2018-2019 school year for the departments listed below. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

a.	Athletics	\$2,754.44
b.	Art	\$4,526.14
c.	Custodial	\$18,034.14
d.	Industrial Arts	\$569.50
e.	Physical Education	\$2,148.34
f.	Science	\$2,209.26

MOTION #13

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the one-year contract with Medic Rescue at a rate of \$3,400, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the reappointment of John F. Salopek, Esquire, Solicitor, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the reappointment of Jennifer Conrad, Treasurer, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Caton, to accept the resignation for retirement of Donald Parsons, bus driver, effective May 31, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation for retirement of Paula Cosnek, science teacher at the Junior High School, effective June 1, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Timothy Gaertner, head boys basketball coach, effective May 22, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Lindsey Schmidt, paraprofessional, effective May 23, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to reaffirm the District's Non-Discrimination Policy as required by Title VI and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975. Further, said policy to be advertised in the Beaver County Times. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve items (1) through (4) 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 Christian Kappeler, substitute custodian, effective May 22, 2018.
2. Employment of Debora Perrine, substitute custodian, effective May 22, 2018.
3. Employment of Gayla Cook, substitute custodian, effective May 22, 2018.
4. Custodial summer help as presented. (**Attachment**)

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve items (1) through (4) 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 Mike Spinelli, aquatics instructor, effective May 22, 2018.
2. Employment of Megan Merritt, aquatics instructor, effective May 22, 2018.
3. Employment of Kelsey Watt, aquatics instructor, effective May 22, 2018.
4. Employment of Eva Conti, aquatics instructor, effective May 22, 2018.

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Susan Liptak, substitute secretary, effective May 22, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Sara Snatchko, substitute paraprofessional, effective May 22, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #25

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the elimination of the following positions beginning the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. 4th Grade at Independence Elementary School; and
2. 6th Grade at the Junior High School.

MOTION #26

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the creation of the following positions beginning the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. Kindergarten at Independence Elementary School;
2. 1st Grade at Hopewell Elementary School;
3. 5th Grade at the Junior High School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller thanked those in attendance that were there to support their children and to voice their concerns.

Dr. Miller invited all to Commencement on June 1, 2018. She also invited everyone to the Coffee Klatch at Margaret Ross Elementary School on May 25, 2018.

Dr. Maslyk congratulated Nicole Lash on winning the Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching and leadership. She invited everyone to the Remake Learning Open House on Friday, May 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Senior High School.

Mrs. Dobo invited everyone to the Dream Court grand opening on June 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Salopek thanked the Board for his reappointment as solicitor and for their continued support.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 4, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

June 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held prior to the start of this meeting and is also requested following the meeting to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary