

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 27, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:
Lesia Dobo
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, and Jessica Webster, Principals; and Sheri Douglass, Director of Transportation.

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

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 April 22, 2014 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the May 13, 2014 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, 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 2014, 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 2014, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of April 2014, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Kim Kovacic, Jimmy Winters and Stacy Richard asked questions of Dr. Reina regarding security concerns at the Junior High School. Specifically they wanted to know why they weren't notified about a recent event at the Junior High and when issues arise, when police are notified. Dr. Reina assured the parents that students in all buildings are safe, but he would not speak specifically regarding student discipline. He said that he and the administrative team will discuss when and how parents should be notified in the future. Dr. Reina also assured the parents that police are notified regarding issues of security or when criminal behavior occurs in the school or on school grounds.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Tony Guy, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick Winkle, to approve items 1 through 9 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. Changes to the structure of AP Physics to meet the requirements for AP Audit Approval by The College Board.
 - a. AP Physics 1 will replace grade 11 Honors Physics.
 - b. AP Physics 2 will replace current AP Physics.
2. Psychology 2 as an elective course at Hopewell High School.
3. Art (Drawing and Painting) as an elective course at Hopewell High School.
4. Elimination of Band 9.
5. Jazz Band as a new course. Students enrolling will be required to continue participation in Concert/Marching Band.
6. Contract renewal for the 2014-2015 school year with AOT, Inc., providers of the District's occupational and physical therapy services.
7. Vikette Camp to be held at Hopewell High School June 16, 2014 through June 20, 2014.
8. Freshman band camp to be held at Hopewell High School July 16 through July 18, 2014.
9. Band camp for grades 9 through 12 to be held at Hopewell High School July 21, 2014 through August 1, 2014.

MOTION #4

By Tony Guy, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Temporary Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to Summer Cyber Education 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Beaver County Career and Technology Center Joint School Board Resolution Amending the Articles of Agreement. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Tony Guy

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #6

By Tony Guy, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items 1 through 3, as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance. Mr. Bufalini abstained from voting on item 3, as it pertained to his daughter, Natalee.

1. Appointment of Erin Grow as Girl's Head Tennis coach at a salary of \$2,136.00.
2. Appointment of Greg Gozur as Head Boy's/Girls Bowling coach at a salary of \$1,866.00.
3. Payment of track coaches beyond the regular season:

Jeff Brunton	\$246.00
Tim Monske	\$164.00
Bill Bain	\$136.00
Natalee Bufalini	\$109.00
Total	\$655.00

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #7

By Anna Segner, 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. Hopewell Area School District Emergency Operations Plan.
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 11, 2014 through July 12, 2014.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #8

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, 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.

1. Request from David Tadich for the use of the High School and Junior High School baseball fields for the Serbian National Softball Tournament on July 26, 2014.
2. Request from Fred Persi for the San Rocco Festa Band to use the Junior High School band room for practice from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on the following dates: July 2, July 7, July 30, July 31, August 6 and August 7, 2014.
3. Develop specifications and advertise for bids for the wireless project at Hopewell High School.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

MOTION #9

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) and (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 \$407,846.45
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$81,148.01
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,000,799.53
4. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$6,000.00

MOTION #10

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Tony Guy to approve PLGIT-CD purchase with four banks at \$248,000 each (total \$992,000) to mature on March 31, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the supply bids for the 2014-2015 school year for the departments listed below. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

a.	Athletics	\$8,627.56
b.	Art	\$6,061.38
c.	Custodial	\$11,845.10
d.	Industrial Arts	\$1,719.46
e.	Physical Education	\$2,059.15
f.	Science	\$5,777.16

MOTION #12

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the one-year contract with Medic Rescue at a rate of \$3,300, effective June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the Hopewell Area School District Healthcare Premium Conversion and Waiver Plan – Restated, effective July 1, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the 2014-2015 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Nutrition and Food Service by Lori McKittrick, Chair

MOTION #15

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the agreement between the BVIU and the District to provide students with services authorized by the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. This permits the BVIU to provide services accordingly for District students attending New Horizon School. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, 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.

1. Resignation for retirement of Patricia Rabik, first grade teacher at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective June 9, 2014.
2. Resignation for retirement of Lexa Taylor, fourth grade teacher at Margaret Ross Elementary school, effective June 9, 2014.
3. Resignation for retirement of Jo Ann Gray, speech teacher, effective June 9, 2014.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden to approve the request for Leave Without Pay for the remainder of the school year for Carol Dishong, bus driver, effective May 15, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items 1 through 9, 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. Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Hopewell Secretaries and Aides Education Support Professionals Association with respect to the elimination of Guidance/Gifted secretary position.
2. Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to the elimination of the Guidance/Gifted secretary position.
3. Elimination of the position of Guidance/Gifted secretary, effective June 30, 2014.
4. Elimination of the position of Buildings and Grounds secretary, effective date to be determined.

5. Elimination of the position of Athletic Director's secretary, effective July 31, 2014.
6. Establishment of the position of a 12 month position of Athletic Director/Buildings and Grounds secretary, effective August 1, 2014.
7. Elimination of the position of Principal at Independence Elementary School, effective June 30, 2014.
8. Elimination of the position of Principal at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective June 30, 2014.
9. Establishment of the position of Elementary Principal at Hopewell, Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective July 1, 2014.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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. Appointment of Mrs. Korri Kane as Elementary Principal, effective July 1, 2014.
2. Establishment of the position of Elementary Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2014.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the reappointment of Johannah Robb as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the reappointment of John F. Salopek as Solicitor, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve an increase in the substitute teacher daily rate of pay to \$85. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #23

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. Employment of Nicole Webster as a lifeguard.
2. Substitute personnel rosters.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #24

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, 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 Mary Wood, guidance counselor at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective June 13, 2014.
2. Resignation for retirement of Carol Stairs-Razzano, nurse at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective June 9, 2014.

Transportation by Rob Harmotto, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #25

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, 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 Pam Fiejdasz, Township Recreation Director, to use District buses and transportation personnel during Park Fest community days July 11, 2014 through July 12, 2014.
2. Request from Pam Fiejdasz to use a District van for daily use during Rec-On-The-Run, June 9 through August 19, 2014.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina spoke of the following items in his Superintendent's Report.

1. He thanked each of the retirees for their service to the District and wished them well in all their future endeavors.
2. Graduation will be Friday, June 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. either in the stadium (weather permitting) or the auditorium.
3. During June the Board will approve the 2014-2015 budget and discussions will begin regarding Chapter 4 and graduation requirements.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

June 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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.

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 John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary