

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 28, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Dr. Reina. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
David Ciccone
Michael Johnston
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia

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

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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 23, 2013 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. Recommendation to approve the May 14, 2013 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 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 April 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Eleanor Fairbanks spoke of her concern for the potential elimination of an elementary librarian. She said that instruction time would be reduced due to travel between buildings.

Vivian Lombard spoke of her opposition to the possible elimination of an elementary teacher and librarian. She felt that the focus should be on children and education rather than numbers.

Ed Repic spoke of his support of the arts program. As a graduate of the District, he said that it was quite beneficial to him personally and to his children.

Dr. Reina addressed their concerns. He explained that currently the elementary has 1.5 art positions and that there is room in the schedule at the Junior and Senior High Schools for those art teachers, if necessary, to help make up the difference if the half time art teacher position is eliminated.

He explained that Districts are expected to do more with less. Research indicates that local Districts are scheduling librarians to multiple buildings and that is something that we may consider. He also explained that the District needs to take care of facilities.

Kathy Ujhazy asked of the potential for Board meetings to be filmed.

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the June calendar and to announce that a book on the history of Aliquippa will soon be released.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo

MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto to approve the contract renewal for the 2013-2014 school year with AOT, Inc., providers of the District's occupational and physical therapy services. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden to approve the K-8 Technology Initiative to purchase SMART Boards for elementary classrooms and Chromebooks and iPads for grades 5 through 8 at an approximate cost of \$370,000. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #6

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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. Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth, Act 48 Program Agreement for services with Phase 4 Learning Center, Inc. for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Vikette Camp to be held at Hopewell High School June 17, 2013 through June 21, 2013.

3. Freshman band camp to be held at Hopewell High School July 17, 2013 through July 19, 2013.
4. Band camp for grades 9 through 12 to be held at Hopewell High School July 22, 2013 through August 2, 2013.

Buildings and Grounds by Jeffery Winkle

MOTION #7

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the proposal from Renick Brothers to replace the Pool Pak ECC III controller at a cost of \$18,450.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #9

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve items (1) through (6) 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 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
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 12, 2013 through July 14, 2013.
3. Summer pool schedule.
4. Request from the Pittsburgh International Children's theater to use the High School auditorium for their performance on October 25, 2013.

5. 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 27, 2013.
6. Request from Jeff Brunton to use the track and facilities at the Senior High School for the Viking Kettlebell Club Junior Olympic team during the summer.

MOTION #10

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the proposal from Hampton Technical Associates for a partial site survey at Hopewell Junior High School at a cost of \$3,250.00. (Existing Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts). MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify items (4) and (5) 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 \$413,488.92.
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$80,704.76.
3. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$8,395.79.
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$1,913,929.33.
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$21,915.43.

MOTION #12

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve depositories for funds of the Hopewell Area School District for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Those depositories include: Citizens Bank, PA Local Government Investment Trust, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Investment Trust, PA School District Liquid Asset Fund, and ESB Bank. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the one-year contract with Medic Rescue at a rate of \$3,200, effective June 30, 2013 through June 30, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the PLGIT – Capital Reserve Fund – CD purchase with four banks at \$248,000 each (\$992,000) to mature on May 16, 2014 at a .30% net rate MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the supply bids for the 2013-2014 school year for the departments listed not to exceed the following amounts. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

a.	Athletics	\$7,637.09
b.	Art	\$6,220.18
c.	Custodial	\$8,349.98
d.	Industrial Arts	\$2,209.13
e.	Physical Education	\$2,764.19
f.	Science	\$3,320.66

Nutrition & Food Services by John BowdenMOTION #16

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, ChairAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, 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. 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.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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. Resignation of Caroline Soltis as an individual aide at the Junior High School, effective April 24, 2013.
2. Resignation of Debra Shaffer as the Junior High Yearbook sponsor.
3. Resignation of Karin Tranelli as the Junior High Yearbook sponsor.
4. Resignation for retirement of Sheila (Muffy) Fox, second grade teacher at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective September 1, 2013.
5. Substitute Custodial/Cleaning Persons Roster.

Transportation by Rob Harmotto, Co-ChairMOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina announced that baccalaureate is on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 and that graduation is on Friday, June 7, 2013.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

June 25, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary