

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
MAY 9, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
George Patterson
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Madden Briggs, Acting Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals; Donald Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mrs. Dobo, Chair; Mr. Patterson, Co-Chair

1. Elimination of the following positions:
 - a. One (1) Special Education professional position at Hopewell Junior High
 - b. One (1) 3rd Grade Classroom professional position at Independence Elementary
 - c. One (1) 5th Grade Classroom professional position at Hopewell Junior High
2. Addition of one (1) 6th Grade Classroom professional position at Hopewell Junior High

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

1. Adoption of the Hopewell Area School District proposed 2017-2018 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$38,570,086 and appropriations of \$40,283,268. The difference of \$1,713,182 will come from the Fund Balance.
2. Ratify the following:
 - a. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of 1.020% for 181 days from Bank of the Ozarks, Little Rock, AR to mature 10/30/17.
 - b. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of .990% for 181 days from Usameribank, Key Largo, FL to mature 10/30/17.

Nutrition and Food Services: Ms. McKittrick, Chair; Mr. Bowden, Co-Chair

1. Resignation of Season Weiss, cafeteria employee, effective April 27, 2017.
2. Unpaid leave of absence for Valerie Alexander, cafeteria employee, effective May 1, 2017 until June 2, 2017.

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

1. Waiver of requirement per Board Policy 338 for Terri Owczarzak, upon acceptance of resignation for retirement, to return to District employment in the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Resignation for retirement of Terri Owczarzak, kindergarten teacher at Independence Elementary, effective August 31, 2017.
3. Resignation of Rachel Widdersheim, Senior High School librarian, effective June 3, 2017
4. Employment of Sam Lauris, Head Girls' Soccer coach at a salary of \$5,065.00, pending receipt of clearances.
5. Addition of Andrew Thomas Oros to the substitute bus driver and substitute bus aide list, effective May 8, 2017.

Dr. Miller said that the following items will be voted on at the May 23, 2017 Board meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Request of Shelly Syrko, cheerleader sponsor, for the junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders to attend UCA instructional camp at Pine Forest in Greenly, Pennsylvania from August 13, 2017 through August 16, 2017.

2. 2017-2018 Beaver County Career and Technology Center general operating budget in the amount of \$5,769,072.
3. Agreement with the Beaver County Career and Technology Center to allow for a 7% fund balance and a 1.7% capital reserve ceiling.
4. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Discovery Education service at a cost of \$1.35 per student for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Discovery Education-Local Host service at a cost of \$530.00 for the 2017-2018 school year.
6. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Over Drive School Digital Library Access service at a cost of \$1,498.00 for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. Agreement to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate unit’s Beaver County Summer Academy for 2017 at a cost of \$500.00.

Athletics

1. Price increase for swim lessons as follows: \$60 for one child, \$100 for two children and \$150 for three or more children

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request of the Varsity Tennis Boosters to display sponsorship signs on the District tennis courts for the fall 2017 season.
2. Request of the Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources to use the Senior High auditorium on April 13, 2018 from 3:30p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for performances.

Finance and Budget

1. Supply bids for the 2017-2018 school year for the following departments:

a. Athletics	\$5,305.81
b. Art	\$4,640.66
c. Custodial	\$14,534.00
d. Industrial Arts	\$2,426.18
e. Physical Education	\$2,997.13
f. Science	\$8,538.42

Personnel

1. Agreement between Confidential Employees and the Hopewell Area School District for the three year period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020.
2. Resignation of Diana Henry, substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective February 27, 2017.
3. Employment of Joleen Vongray, transportation aide, effective February 24, 2017.
4. Resignation for retirement of Mary Lou O’Connell, learning support aide at Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 2, 2017.

Visitors

Kevin Biesenkamp and Camille Houy spoke of their concern for class size at Independence Elementary School and asked the Board to consider adding additional staff.

Arleen Tierney had questions concerning 2017-2018 budget and enrollment figures, which were addressed by Mrs. Robb and Dr. Miller.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Bufalini returned to Education/Curriculum/Instruction.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo**MOTION #1**

By Mrs. Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the elimination of the following positions. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. One (1) Special Education professional position at Hopewell Junior High
- b. One (1) 3rd Grade Classroom professional position at Independence Elementary
- c. One (1) 5th Grade Classroom professional position at Hopewell Junior High

MOTION #2

By Mrs. Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the addition of one (1) 6th grade classroom professional position at the Junior High School. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden**MOTION #3**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the adoption of the Hopewell Area School District proposed 2017-2018 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$38,570,086 and appropriations of \$40,283,268. The difference of \$1,713,182 will come from the Fund Balance. MOTION carried by an affirmative roll call vote of eight Directors, with Mr. Winkle voting no.

MOTION #4

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

1. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of 1.020% for 181 days from Bank of the Ozarks, Little Rock, AR to mature 10/30/17.
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Nutrition and Food Services by Lori McKittrick**MOTION #5**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Season Weiss, cafeteria employee, effective April 27, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the unpaid leave of Valerie Alexander, cafeteria employee, effective May 1, 2017 until June 2, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto**MOTION #7**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the waiver of requirement per Board Policy 338 for Terri Owczarzak, upon acceptance of resignation for retirement, to return to District employment in the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to accept the resignation for retirement of Terri Owczarzak, kindergarten teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective August 31, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation of Rachel Widdersheim, Senior High School librarian, effective June 3, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Sam Lauris as Head Girls' Soccer coach at a salary of \$5,065.00 pending receipt of clearances. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the addition of Andrew Thomas Oros to the substitute bus driver and substitute bus aide list, effective May 8, 2017. 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, Mr. Bufalini asked for a motion for adjournment.

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

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, Board President

Johannah Robb, Acting Secretary