

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 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 Daniel Santia. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (via video conference)
Daria Minton
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner

Members absent:
John Bowden
Lori McKittrick
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Milanovich, Principal; and citizens.

Mrs. Robb said that the following items will be voted on at this meeting, she then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

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

1. Resignation for retirement of David Todd, social studies teacher at Hopewell High School, effective June 3, 2016.
2. Resignation for retirement of Margaret Patton, second grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective June 3, 2016.
3. Resignation for retirement of Louis Catalogna, custodian at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 5, 2016.

Mrs. Robb stated that she received a new energy pricing proposal from Constellation Energy. The revised cost of 5.605 cents per kwh would need to be voted on this evening rather than June 21, 2016 to lock in this price. The previous pricing proposal from Constellation Energy was 5.820 cents per kwh.

Finance and Budget: John Bowden, Chair; Jeffrey Winkle, Co-Chair

1. Accept pricing proposal from Constellation Energy at a cost of 5.605 cents per kwh, effective December 2017 through January 2020.

The following items will be voted on at the June 21, 2016 Board meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Adopting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving JL.
2. Implementation of the Sensory City STEM Lab curriculum in all kindergarten classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$5,950.
3. Request of the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders to attend camp in Greeley, Pennsylvania from August 14 through August 17, 2016.
4. Kelsey Fatica, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill a field experience placement at Margaret Ross Elementary School under the guidance of Annette Doria and a student teacher placement at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Patti Sittig.
5. Bridget Lindsay, a student at Slippery Rock University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at with Lisa Kozlowski at the elementary level and Jolene Blyzwick at the secondary level.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request from David Tadich for the use of the Senior High and Junior High School baseball fields for the Serbian National Softball Tournament on July 23, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
2. Shelter Agreement with the American Red Cross to provide use of school facilities as an emergency shelter during a disaster.
3. Request of varsity cheerleaders to use the Main and Auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School to sponsor a cheer competition on September 11, 2016.

4. Discussion/Recommendation: Bus garage roof and transportation office renovations.

Mrs. Robb discussed with the Board the conversation she had with Kevin Renwick of Foreman Architects about the possibility of replacing the roof of the bus garage rather than patching it and replacing the current office trailer with a new one.

Finance and Budget

1. Resolution #3-2016 a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2016-2017 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$37,724,890 and appropriations of \$39,224,890. The difference of \$1,500,000 will come from the Fund Balance.
2. Resolution #4-2016, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2016-2017 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at 72.2 mills.
3. Resolution #5-2016, a Resolution requesting the Chief County Assessor to direct the inspection and reassessment of all taxable property within the territorial limits of the School District to which major improvements were made after September 1, 2015, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.
4. Resolution #6-2016, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2016-2017 School Fiscal Year.
5. Resolution #7-2016, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
6. Resolution #8-2016, a Resolution reenacting for the 2016-2017 School Fiscal Year the tax upon transfers of real estate situated within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
7. Resolution #9-2016, a Resolution reenacting for the 2017 Calendar Year the tax upon salaries, wages, commissions, compensations, net profits, and other earned income of residents, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
8. Resolution #10-2016, a Resolution reenacting for the 2016-2017 School Fiscal Year the tax upon natural persons engaging in an occupation within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.

9. Resolution #11-2016, a Resolution reenacting for the 2016-2017 School Fiscal Year the mercantile tax upon the gross receipts of wholesale and retail business activity performed or rendered within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
10. Resolution #12-2016, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This permits the BVIU to provide services accordingly for District students attending New Horizon School.

Personnel

1. Employment of Olivia Webster, lifeguard, effective June 21, 2016.
2. Fall and winter coaches and salaries. (**Attachment**)
3. Employment of InnovateEd teacher at the Junior High School, effective August 22, 2016.
4. Substitute custodial rosters.

Visitors

Roni Albanese, a second grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, congratulated Mrs. Patton on her retirement and said what a wonderful teacher and partner she was and will be truly missed by everyone in the District.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini returned to Personnel.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the resignation for retirement of David Todd, social studies teacher at the Senior High School, effective June 3, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to accept the resignation for retirement of Margaret Patton, second grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective June 3, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to accept the resignation for retirement of Louis Catalogna, custodian at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 5, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Daniel Santia

MOTION #4

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the pricing proposal from Constellation Energy at a cost of 5.605 cents per kwh, effective December 2017 through January 2020.

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 Daria Minton, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

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

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary