

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Daria Minton  
Anna Segner  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:  
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and visitors.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, 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 May 24, 2016 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the June 14, 2016 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 May 2016, 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 May 2016, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of May 2016, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

Kevin Renwick, Foreman Group, discussed construction/repair options pertaining to the bus maintenance garage.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the July calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session began at 7:31 p.m. to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

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

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, Chair**

**MOTION #3**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the adoption of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving JL. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Pursuant to the recommendation of Mr. Bufalini, the implementation of the Sensory City STEM Lab curriculum in all kindergarten classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$5,950 was tabled until revisions can be made to the contract.

**MOTION #4**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders to attend camp in Greeley, Pennsylvania from August 14 through August 17, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #5**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden to approve items 1 and 2 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.

1. 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.
2. 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 by Anna Segner, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #6**

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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 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.

**Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #7**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 \$285,707.57
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$85,469.45
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$10,708.48
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,431,444.93

**MOTION #8**

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve 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. MOTION carried by a majority roll call vote of all Directors in attendance, with Jeff Winkle voting no.

MOTION #9

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve 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. MOTION carried by a majority roll call vote of all Directors in attendance, with Jeff Winkle voting no.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #10

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items (1) through (8) 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. 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.
2. Resolution #6-2016, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2016-2017 School Fiscal Year.
3. Resolution #7-2016, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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).

MOTION #11

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve Change Order #GC-001, in the amount of \$18,800.00, to furnish and install handicapped accessible route amenities required by Plan Review/Building Code. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Nutrition & Food Service by Lori McKittrick, Chair**

MOTION #12

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017. 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**

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Olivia Webster, lifeguard, effective June 22, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By John Bowden, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve the fall and winter coaches and salaries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Kailen Fiedler, InnovatED teacher at the Junior High School at Step 1 of the Master's scale, effective August 22, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Deborah Skiba, transportation nurse, effective May 26, 2016. MOTION carried by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the substitute personnel rosters. MOTION carried by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maslyk reported that the District is getting ready for the Extended School Year program at Independence Elementary School, beginning July 11, 2016. She also reported that she had taken 20 teachers and administrators on a field trip to Pittsburgh to companies and organizations she felt would be instrumental in developing and partnering with our STEAM initiative.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

July 26, 2016 – 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 Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

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Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary