

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick (participated by telephone)
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:

Lesia Dobo
Anna Segner

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe and Robert Kartychak, Principals; Dr. Lynn Utchell, Director of Special Education; and visitors.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 26, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the June 9, 2015 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Tony Guy, seconded by Dan Santia, 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 2015, 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 2015, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of May 2015, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Tammy Holland advocated for smaller class size at the elementary schools. She encouraged the Board to reconsider their decision to have only two first grade classrooms at Independence for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Tony Guy

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Tony Guy seconded by John Bowden to approve items 1 through 5 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. Request of Lisa Kozlowski to establish a "Girls on the Run" program for the District.
2. Request of Kerry Wilson to establish an after school "Music as Service" club at the Junior High School.
3. Revised request for adoption of PH Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, and Algebraic (5th Edition), Pearson Publishers, copyright 2016, as the mathematics textbook for Calculus effective the 2015-2016 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$6,613.43.
4. Blood lipid screening, conducted by the Beaver County Cancer & Heart Association, for 7th and 8th grade students on March 16, 2016. Cost of the test for students will be \$5. Further, District to provide breakfast to all students participating in said program.
5. Revised job description for Assistant Superintendent.

Athletics by Tony Guy, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #4

By Tony Guy 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. Payment of spring coaches beyond the regular season. (**Attachment**)
2. Request from Hopewell Youth Football to have their 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders cheer at Junior High Football games. All expenses, including insurance, will be covered by the Hopewell Youth Football League.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #5

By Daniel Santia, 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. 2015 Summer Pool Schedule. (**Attachment**)
2. Request of Tim Sabo, Austin Tisch and Griffin Curry, 12th grade students at the senior high school, to build two pitcher's mounds for both home and visitor use during warm ups before games. This would be the senior project for each student.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #6

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 payments in the amount of \$250,282.42
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$129,932.57
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$8,394.53
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$1,910,936.24
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$23,438.00

MOTION #7

By John Bowden, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve Resolution #2-2015, a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, which projects revenues of \$35,953,950 and appropriations of \$37,558,897. The difference of \$1,604,947 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 #8

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve Resolution #3-2015, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2015-2016 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at 70.0 mills. MOTION carried by a majority roll call vote of all Directors in attendance, with Jeff Winkle voting no.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #9

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (10) 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 #4-2015, 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, 2014, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.
2. Resolution #5-2015, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2015-2016 School Fiscal Year.
3. Resolution #6-2015, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
4. Resolution #7-2015, a Resolution reenacting for the 2015-2016 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 #8-2015, a Resolution reenacting for the 2016 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 #9-2015, a Resolution reenacting for the 2015-2016 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 #10-2015, a Resolution reenacting for the 2015-2016 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 #11-2015, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).
9. Master Service Agreement between Highmark and the Hopewell Area School District for the administration of the Health Services Account, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
10. Proposal from HM Casualty Insurance Company in the amount of \$225,757.00 for workers compensation insurance, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Nutrition & Food Service by Lori McKittrick, Chair

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 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 #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation for retirement of Cheryl Robbins-Lufkin, business education teacher at Hopewell High School, effective October 2, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #12

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (11) 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. Employment of Mary Critchlow as 1st assistant cheer coach, effective June 24, 2015.

2. Employment of Debbie Rains as 2nd assistant cheer coach, effective June 24, 2015.
3. Employment of Rich Collins as Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Golf Coach, effective June 24, 2015.
4. Employment of Rob Tapler as Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Golf Coach, effective June 24, 2015.
5. Employment of Dan Hilton as an assistant football coach, effective June 24, 2015.
6. Employment of John Lord as an assistant football coach, effective June 24, 2015.
7. Employment of Dave DeMarco as an assistant football coach, effective June 24, 2015.
8. Employment of Olivia Bonavita as an assistant cross country coach, effective June 24, 2015.
9. Employment of Troy Thomas as 1st Assistant Band Director, effective June 24, 2015.
10. Employment of Jennifer Peet as 2nd Assistant Band Director, effective June 24, 2015.
11. Substitute personnel rosters.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment contract between the Hopewell Area School District and Jacie L. Maslyk, D.Ed. for a 5 year term as Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2015, at a salary of \$110,000.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle to approve the employment of Michael Milanovich as interim Assistant Principal at the Senior High School for a period of 1 year effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$70,000.00 with benefits. MOTION carried by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

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

1. He introduced and welcomed Dr. Maslyk to the District.
2. He wished Ms. Lufkin well in her retirement.
3. Dr. Reina will be meeting with staff and local police departments that attended ALICE training to discuss education and training of staff and students.
4. Principals are completing the interview process for open positions. Board interviews will be scheduled for mid to late July.
5. Dr. Reina hoped that the Board had a nice rest of their summer and said that he looked forward to seeing them at the next meeting on July 28, 2015.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

July 28, 2015 – 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 John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary