

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 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:

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Tony Guy  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:  
Lesia Dobo

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe, Edward Katkich, and Jessica Webster, Principals; Don Short, Athletic Director and citizens.

Dr. Reina said that the following items will be voted on at the June 9, 2015 Board meeting, he then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

**Legislative:** Jeff Winkle, Chair; Lori McKittrick, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Board Policies:
  - a. 248 Unlawful Harassment
  - b. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Michael McCaig of Janney Capital Markets and Anthony Ditka of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, reviewed the process for the bond refinancing and the benefits to the District. Mr. McCaig also explained the A+ rating that the District received from the Standard and Poor's Ratings Services.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resolution #12-2015, a Resolution authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt for the purpose of refunding prior debt and paying the costs of issuance, by the issuance of general obligation bonds, in an aggregate principal amount of \$8,375,000.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Request of Lisa Kozlowski to establish a "Girls on the Run" program for the District.

Lisa Kozlowski and Meredith Colaizzi, Director of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Girls on the Run, gave a brief presentation on the program and the plans for the Hopewell chapter.

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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Athletics**

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

**Buildings and Grounds**

1. 2015 Summer Pool Schedule. (**Attachment**)

**Finance and Budget**

1. 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.

2. 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 mills.
3. 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.
4. Resolution #5-2015, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2015-2016 School Fiscal Year.
5. Resolution #6-2015, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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).

11. 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.

### **Nutrition & Food Services**

Recommendation to approve the following:

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, 2015 through June 30, 2016. This permits the BVIU to provide services accordingly for District students attending New Horizon School.

### **Personnel**

1. Resignation for retirement of Cheryl Robbins-Lufkin, business education teacher at Hopewell High School, effective October 2, 2015.
2. Employment of Mary Critchlow as 1<sup>st</sup> assistant cheer coach, effective June 24, 2015.
3. Employment of Debbie Rains as 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant cheer coach, effective June 24, 2015.
4. Employment of Rich Collins as Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Golf Coach, effective June 24, 2015.
5. Employment of Rob Tapler as Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Golf Coach, effective June 24, 2015.
6. Employment of Dan Hilton as an assistant football coach, effective June 24, 2015.
7. Employment of John Lord as an assistant football coach, effective June 24, 2015.

### **Visitors**

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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

**Legislative by Jeff Winkle, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #1**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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.

Board Policies:

- 1. 248 Unlawful Harassment
- 2. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

**MOTION #2**

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner to approve Resolution #12-2015, a Resolution authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt for the purpose of refunding prior debt and paying the costs of issuance, by the issuance of general obligation bonds, in an aggregate principal amount of \$8,375,000. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call 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 Tony Guy, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary