

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 23, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
David Ciccone
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Michael Johnston
Lori McKittrick
Jeffrey Winkle
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison and Korri Kane, principals; Don Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the June 25, 2013 business meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, 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 June 2013, 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 June 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of June 2013, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

At this time, Dr. Reina and Mrs. Robb reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:23 p.m. Mr. Bufalini announced that an Executive Session would be held to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia DoboAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, 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. Band trip to Nashville, TN for members of the Senior High School Band as submitted by Chris Keiper and approved by Michael Allison. Band members would be leaving on Thursday, March 6, 2014 and returning Sunday, March 9, 2014, with request in compliance with Board Policy 123.2, Band Field Trips.
2. Kelsey Stringent student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill a field experience placement at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Maria

Ganoe and a student teacher placement at Margaret Ross Elementary School for eight weeks under the guidance of Patty Rabik, and Hopewell Junior High School for eight weeks under the guidance of Aubrey Lindner.

3. Blood lipid screening, conducted by the Beaver County Cancer & Heart Association, for 8th grade students on February 19, 2014 and March 19, 2014 for 7th grade students. Cost of the test for the students will be \$5. Parental permission is required. Further, District to provide breakfast to all students participating in said program.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve items (1) through (6) 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. Appointment of the following:
 - a. Dr. Moka as District Physician - \$10 per exam;
 - b. Optometric Care as District Vision Examiner - \$3.25 per exam; and
 - c. Dr. Timothy Ungarean to provide dental exams - \$5 per exam.
2. Renew agreement with Rydin Decal PermitExpress for high school student parking permits effective the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Procedure for Selecting Print and Electronic Materials.
4. Acceptable Use Policy for Technology.
5. Request from Mr. Katkich to modify the Jr. High School start time from 8:04 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
6. Contract with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) services at a cost of \$36 per hour.

Athletics by David Ciccone

MOTION #5

By David Ciccone, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Tony Ciucci as football statistician for the 2013 season at a stipend of \$80 per game. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all of the Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By David Ciccone, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the agreement with Greater Pittsburgh Physical Therapy to provide assistant athletic trainer services supporting the District's Athletic Director/Trainer, Mr. Don Short, in the amount of \$18, 000. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Michael JohnstonMOTION #7

By Michael Johnston, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the proposal from Brobeck Systems to install an advanced security system at Margaret Ross, Independence and Hopewell Elementary Schools at an approximate cost of \$60,000. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by John BowdenAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #8

By John Bowden, seconded by David Ciccone, 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 List of Bills in the amount of \$779,222.61.
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$12,195.50.
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$15,104.82.
4. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$3,250.00.
5. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,533,543.13.

MOTION #9

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the renewal of the following insurance coverage through PSBA Insurance Trust for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

School Leaders Liability	\$16,709
General Liability/Excess Liability	\$105,763
Automobile	\$44,784
Workers Compensation	\$354,133

MOTION #10

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the renewal of the interscholastic athletic, voluntary, and catastrophic student accident insurance for the 2013-2014 school year through AG Administrators and PSBA at an annual premium of \$9,360. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. HarmottoMOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Courtney Hunt as a grade 1 teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, Step 1 (M), effective August 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Amanda Allison as a kindergarten teacher at Independence Elementary School, Step 1 (M), effective August 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Kathy Baldauf as the elementary librarian, Step 1 (M), effective August 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Brittany Story-Stelzner as a physics teacher at Hopewell High School, Step 1 (M), effective August 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) through (9) 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. Resignation for retirement of Jill McFerran, Family and Consumer Science teacher at Hopewell High School, effective June 26, 2013.
2. Resignation of Emily Griffin, 2nd assistant band director, effective immediately.

3. Resignation of Bert Lerini, percussion instructor, effective immediately.
4. Appointment of Chad Toporski as 1st assistant band director, effective immediately
5. Appointment of Sarah Steder, Vikette sponsor, effective immediately.
6. Realignment/new hires for Girl's Soccer and Football:

Girl's Soccer

1st assistant - Dean Aires: \$2,737
 2nd assistant - Brittany Grabski: \$2,316
 3rd assistant - Tiffany Wise: \$2,105
 Volunteer - Mollie Patterson

Resignation of Mike Shutak

Football

Head Coach, Dave Vestal: \$8744.00
 1st Asst, Pat Tarquino: \$4350.00
 2nd Asst., Will Hetzer: \$4350.00
 3rd Asst., Chris Nee: \$4350.00
 4th Asst., Jeff Brunton: \$4350.00
 5th Asst., Guy Martini: \$4350.00
 6th Asst, Jeff Kelly: \$3300.00
 7th Asst., Jeremy Martini: \$3300.00
 8th Asst., Mark McDonald: \$3300.00
 9th Asst., Dave Nicol: \$500.00
 10th Asst., Larry Diday: \$500.00
 Volunteer: Bob Cromer
 Volunteer: John Oldham
 Volunteer: Craig Bokor

7. Appointment of John Erath as a volunteer assistant cross country coach.
8. Resignation of Larry Kaluza, Boy's assistant golf coach.
9. Athletic Official Pay Scale for 2013-2014.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by David Ciccone, 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. Employment of Alyson Collins as Second Assistant Band Director, effective July 22, 2013, pending receipt of updated clearances.
2. Employment of George Perilli as Percussion Instructor, effective July 22, 2013, pending receipt of updated clearances.

Transportation by Mr. SantiaMOTION #17

By Mr. Santia, seconded by Mr. Ciccone, to approve the purchase of a new 12 + 3 passenger bus with lift at a cost of \$53,694.00, a new 48-passenger bus at a cost of \$81,985.00 and a new 72-passenger bus at a cost of \$86,993.00 from Wolfington Body Company at a total cost of \$222,672.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina reported that the bus inspection went well today and that all buses will be ready to go in August. He said that Mr. Chasey was adapting well to his new job and the Mr. Smail continues to lend his support.

He reported that he had done a walk-through of all buildings this week and that cleaning is progressing nicely.

Dr. Reina said that he continues to monitor enrollment numbers.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bufalini reported that sophomore, Bobby Thompson, and third grader, Jackson Hunt, each had an instrumental solo performance at Park Fest.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

August 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration

August 27, 2013 – 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 Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary