

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Rob Harmotto
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:

Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe and Korri Kane, Principals; and citizens.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. He then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mrs. Dobo, Chair; Mr. Guy, Co-Chair

1. ALICE training for District personnel.

Finance and Budget: Mr. Bowden, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

1. Proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6 per required filing.

Dr. Reina said that the following items would be voted on during the August 25, 2015 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. 2015-2016 School Picnic at Kennywood on June 15, 2016.
2. Contract between the District and the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Outreach Program to provide vision and/or orientation and mobility services.
3. Agreement with PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. to provide educational services as an alternative placement for disruptive students.
4. Contract with PA-Educator.net, an online application clearinghouse used to search for certified Pennsylvania educators, at a cost of \$2,175.00.
5. List of Department Chairs for the 2015-2016 School Year.
6. List of Senior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2015-2016 School Year.
7. List of Junior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2015-2016 School Year.
8. Eighth grade field trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on Friday, November 6, 2015.
9. Suspension of Saturday detention at the Junior High School beginning the 2015-2016 school year.
10. Implementation of after school detention on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Junior High School beginning the 2015-2016 school year.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the wrestling room and Gym B at the Junior High School beginning October 20, 2015 through March 17, 2016, Tuesday through Thursday evenings.
2. Request from Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use both the Main and Auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School on December 5, 2015 for a wrestling tournament.
3. Request of Pastor R.G. Liptak of Wildwood Chapel to conduct a Good News Club at Hopewell Elementary School one day per week after school beginning in late September.

Finance and Budget

1. Receipt of Plancon Part K: Project Refinancing for Lease No. 152315 in the amount of \$8,375,000 issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Legislative:

1. Update the following Board policies:
 - a. Policy 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
 - b. Policy 116 Tutoring
 - c. Policy 127 Assessment System
 - d. Policy 137 Home Education Program
 - e. Policy 138 English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program
 - f. Policy 212 Reporting Student Progress
 - g. Policy 918 Title I Parental Involvement

2. Candidates for PSBA election of officers:
 - a. President-elect: Mark Miller or Mary Birks
 - b. Vice President: John Love, Robert Schwartz or Michael Faccinnetto
 - c. At-large Representative (East): Michael Melnyk, Gary Smedley or Larry Feinberg

Personnel

1. Resignation of Jason McKenna, elementary gifted teacher, effective August 1, 2015.
2. Resignation of Loretta Clear, kindergarten teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 10, 2015.
3. Resignation of Nancy Ejzak, part-time library aide, effective August 4, 2015.
4. Resignation of David DeMarco, assistant football coach, effective August 3, 2015.
5. Appointment of Christina Cooper, volunteer assistant girls' soccer coach, effective August 25, 2015.
6. Appointment of Barry Cox, volunteer assistant football coach, effective August 25, 2015.
7. Approve Hopewell Area School District's Return-to-Work program to provide modified duty to employees under job restrictions due to work related injuries.
8. Football coaches and salaries.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

Dr. Reina said that PSSA scores had arrived and they are being analyzed. At first glance, they are low. He said that low scores are a concern across the state, mainly due to new test questions.

Dr. Reina also said that he does not believe the Commonwealth is close to passing a budget, which is a concern to Districts across the state. He continues to closely monitor the situation and will keep the Board posted on developments.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini returned to Education/Curriculum and Instruction.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Bowden

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve ALICE training for District personnel. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, Chair

MOTION #2

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6 per required filing. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #3

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the resignation of Jason McKenna, elementary gifted teacher, effective August 1, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the resignation of Loretta Clear, kindergarten teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 10, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Nancy Ejzak, part-time library aide, effective August 4, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative 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 Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:37p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary