

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 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 Dr. Reina. 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; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe and Korri Kane, Principals; and citizens.

Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

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. Discussion/Recommendation: Local requirement for culminating project beginning with the Class of 2017.
2. Proposal from Dagostino Electronic Services for the wireless project at the Senior High School in the amount of \$119,592.75.

3. Italian as a foreign language at the secondary level, effective the 2014-2015 school year.
4. Curriculum for Italian, effective the 2014-2015 school year.
5. Agreement with the American Red Cross to provide first aid training to paraprofessionals.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

1. Employment of Britta Grafton, Computer Education teacher at the Junior High School, at Step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective August 19, 2014.
2. Employment of Sarah Ambrose, Nurse at the Senior High School, at Step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective August 19, 2014.
3. Employment of Matthew Weiss, Learning Support teacher at the Senior High School, at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014.
4. Employment of Lana Greenawald, Speech teacher, at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014.
5. Employment of Lisa Cedro, French/Italian teacher at the Senior High School at a Step 10 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014.
6. Employment of Mark Seltzer as 1st assistant girl's tennis coach at a salary of \$1,389, effective August 11, 2014.
7. Employment of Dirk Hartman, Head Golf Coach, at a salary of \$2,192, effective August 12, 2014.
8. Appointment of Doug Williams, 1st Assistant Golf Coach, at a salary of \$1,425, effective August 12, 2014.
9. Resignation of Allison Fuhr, part-time language arts teacher at the Junior High School, effective August 1, 2014.
10. Resignation of Lucy McClure, speech teacher at Independence Elementary and the Senior High School, effective August 12, 2014.
11. Resignation of Kristen Rowe, librarian at the Senior High School, effective July 22, 2014.
12. Resignation of Barbara Lynn Gartley as a part-time library aide, effective August 1, 2014.

13. Resignation of Janice Zullo, breakfast cook at the Senior High School, effective July 28, 2014.
14. Resignation of Dave Nicol, 10th assistant football coach, effective August 12, 2014. Mr. Nicol will remain at a volunteer.
15. Employment of Dayne Smith as the 10th assistant football coach at a salary of \$500.00, effective August 12, 2014.
16. Employment of Julie Coston, Speech teacher at Independence Elementary School and the Senior High School at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014.

Dr. Reina said that the following items would be voted on during the August 26, 2014 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. 2014-2015 School Picnic at Kennywood on May 20, 2015.
2. High School Exam Schedule for the 2014-2015 School Year.
3. Contract between the District and the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Outreach Program to provide vision and/or orientation and mobility services.
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 2014-2015 School Year.
6. List of Senior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2014-2015 School Year.
7. List of Junior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2014-2015 School Year.
8. Implementation of social suspensions at Hopewell High School.
9. Service Proposal with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide ESL (English as a Second Language) Services for the 2014-2015 school year.
10. Service Agreement with the Watson Institute to provide educational, therapeutic and consulting services to the District for the 2014-2015 school year.
11. Agreement with PHASE 4 Learning center, Inc. to provide educational services as an alternative placement for disruptive students, as necessary.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request from the Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the Junior High School Cafeteria for a meeting on September 8, 2014.
2. Request for the Hopewell Area Aqua club to use the lower lobby of the Junior High School for Aqua Club signup on September 3 and 4, 2014.
3. Request from Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School on December 6, 2014 for a tournament.

Personnel

1. Substitute personnel rosters.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Guy, Co-Chair

MOTION #1

By Tony Guy, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the local requirement for culminating project beginning with the Class of 2017. MOTION did not pass by a five to two roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Tony Guy, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the proposal from Dagostino Electronic Services for the wireless project at the Senior High School in the amount of \$119,592.75. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By Tony Guy, seconded by John Bowden, to approve Italian as a foreign language at the secondary level, effective the 2014-2015 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Tony Guy, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve curriculum for Italian, effective the 2014-2015 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Tony Guy, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the agreement with the American Red Cross to provide first aid training to paraprofessionals. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, ChairMOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Britta Grafton, Computer Education teacher at the Junior High School at Step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Sarah Ambrose, Nurse at the Senior High School at Step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Matthew Weiss, Learning Support teacher at the Senior High School at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the employment of Lana Greenawald, Speech teacher at the Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Lisa Cedro, French and Italian teacher at the Senior High School at Step 10 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Mark Seltzer as 1st assistant girl's tennis coach at a salary of \$1,389, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

The employment of Dirk Hartman, Head Golf Coach, was tabled.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the appointment of Doug Williams as 1st assistant golf coach, at a salary of \$2,192, effective August 12, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Allison Fuhr, part-time language arts teacher at the senior high school, effective August 1, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to accept the resignation of Lucy McClure, Speech teacher at Independence Elementary School and the Senior High School, effective August 12, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Julie Coston, Speech teacher at Independence Elementary and the Senior High School at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective August 19, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Kristen Rowe, Librarian at the senior high school, effective July 22, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to accept the resignation of Barbara Lynn Gartley, library aide, effective August 1, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to accept the resignation of Janice Zullo, breakfast cook at the senior high school, effective July 28, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, 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. Resignation of Dave Nicol, 10th assistant football coach, effective August 12, 2014. Mr. Nicol will remain at a volunteer.
2. Employment of Dayne Smith as the 10th assistant football coach at a salary of \$500.00, effective August 12, 2014.

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 8:00 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary