

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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:

David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Michael Johnston
Daniel Santia

Members Absent:

John Bowden
David Ciccone
Lori McKittrick
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, and Patricia Simmons, Principals; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mr. Ciccone, Co-Chair

1. Request from Carol Radulovich for a sabbatical leave effective August 23, 2013 through January 20, 2014.
2. Accept the lowest responsible bid for installation of wireless network infrastructure from Communications Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$65,575.

Mrs. Robb briefly discussed the project to provide wireless access to the three elementary buildings and the Junior High School.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Johnston, Chair; Mr. Santia, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Accept the bid of Chester Pool Systems, Inc. for the pool liner repair in the amount of \$95,100.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mr. Johnston, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Melanie Buddemeyer as a German teacher at Hopewell High School, Step 1 (B), effective August 23, 2013.
2. Employment of a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Hopewell High School, Step 1 (B), effective August 23, 2013. This item was tabled for further discussion.
3. Employment of Niccole Roethlein as a one-on-one aide for a student at Hopewell Junior High School, effective August 23, 2013.
4. Employment of Barbara Lynn Gartley as a 4-hour library aide, effective August 23, 2013.

Dr. Reina reviewed the items that would be voted on during the August 27, 2013 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Service Agreement renewal with The Watson Institute to provide educational and physical therapy services for two students in the home for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Service Agreement renewal with The Watson Institute to provide educational programming for students residing at Pediatric Specialty Care Hopewell for the 2013-2014 school year.
3. Service Agreement renewal with the Watson Institute to provide consultation services to the District for the 2013-2014 school year.
4. Contract renewal with Glade Run Lutheran Services to provide educational programming for students attending St. Stephens Academy for the 2013-2014 school year.
5. Contract between the District and the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Outreach Program to provide vision and/or orientation and mobility services.

6. Request from Mr. Rowe to approve year two of the pilot for social suspensions at Hopewell High School.
7. High School Exam Schedule for the 2013-2014 School Year.
8. List of Senior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2013-2014 School Year.
9. List of Junior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2013-2014 School Year.
10. List of Department Chairpersons for the 2013-2014 School Year.
11. Ratify Free School Privileges for Holly Biesenkamp for the 2013-2014 School Year effective August 27, 2013 (Certificate of Gratuitous Keep on file).

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request from the YMCA to operate an extended day childcare program at Hopewell Memorial Junior High School for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Request from the Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the pool for practices and meets for the 2013-2014 season.
3. Request from the Boys Youth Basketball organization to use Gym A at the Junior High School from September 2013 through February 2014 for practice and games.

Personnel

1. Employment of Greg Cercone as the first assistant boys golf coach, effective immediately.
2. Employee Acceptable Use of Technology Policy.

Policy

1. Approve new/revised Board Policy
 - a. 103.1 Nondiscrimination Qualified Students with Disabilities;
 - b. 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities;
 - c. 218 Student Discipline;
 - d. 218.1 Weapons;
 - e. 218.2 Terroristic Threats;
 - f. 222 Tobacco;
 - g. 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 - h. 323 Tobacco;
 - i. 351 Drug and Substance Abuse;
 - j. 805 Emergency Preparedness;
 - k. 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
 - l. 904 Public Attendance at School Events

Transportation

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Contract with Carole Buzard to transport students for the 2013-2014 school year from Raccoon Township to Pleasant Hills Wesleyan Academy at the current standard IRS mileage rate.
2. Revised bus accident procedures.

Executive Session

At 7:41 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 8:15 p.m.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo

MOTION #1

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the request from Carol Radulovich for a sabbatical leave effective August 23, 2013 through January 20, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Michael Johnston, to accept the lowest responsible bid for installation of wireless network infrastructure from Communications Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$65,575. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Michael Johnston

MOTION #3

By Michael Johnston, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to accept the bid of Chester Pool Systems, Inc. for the pool liner repair in the amount of \$95,100. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto

MOTION #4

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve employment of Melanie Buddemeyer as a German teacher at Hopewell High School, Step 1 (B), effective August 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Michael Johnston, to approve the employment of Niccole Roethlein as a one-on-one aide for a student at Hopewell Junior High School, effective August 23, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Barbara Lynn Gartley as a 4-hour library aide, effective August 23, 2013. 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 Lesia Dobo, seconded by Michael Johnston, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary