

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Tony Guy
Lori McKittrick
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
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, Michael Milanovich and Rob Kartychak, Principals; Sheri Douglass, Director of Transportation and visitors.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, 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.

Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the August 11, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. Recommendation to approve the July 28, 2015 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Anna Segner, 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 July 2015, 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 July 2015, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of July 2015, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Melissa Mitchell was pleased that the District had added a technology teacher at the elementary schools. She is the parent of a first grade student and is concerned that the classes are too large.

Dr. Reina said that class sizes are big in first and fourth grades and that he continually monitors the situation.

Linda Shaffer, Kurt Wolfe and Tammy Holland all spoke of their concern for the large class sizes in first grade at Independence Elementary School. Ms. Shaffer would also like access to the Board via email from our website.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Tony Guy

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items 1 through 13 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. 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.
11. Free school privileges for Dillon Swogger to attend Hopewell High School beginning the 2015-2016 school year.
12. Free school privileges for Katie Prentice to attend Hopewell High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

13. Free school privileges for Raven Graham to attend Hopewell Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #4

By Anna Segner, 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. 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.

MOTION #5

By Anna Segner, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to the purchase of a dump truck from Woltz & Wind Ford for \$49,490.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Anna Segner, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the Fall Pool Schedule. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #7

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) 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 \$463,858.04
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$449.00
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$629,860.30

MOTION #8

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislation by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #9

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the following Board Policies. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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| 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 |

MOTION #10

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Anna Segner, to nominate the following individuals for PSBA officers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

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| a. | President-elect: Mary Birks |
| b. | Vice President: Robert Schwartz |

Personnel by Anna Segner, Co-Chair

MOTION #11

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

By Anna Segner, 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.

HASB REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES – 8/25/2015

1. Resignation of David DeMarco, assistant football coach, effective August 3, 2015.
2. Employment of Christina Cooper, 5th assistant girls' soccer coach, effective August 25, 2015.
3. Appointment of Barry Cox, volunteer assistant football coach, effective August 25, 2015.

MOTION #12

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to table Hopewell Area School District's Return-to-Work program to provide modified duty to employees under job restrictions due to work related injuries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #13

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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. Substitute personnel rosters.
2. Football coaches and salaries.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #14

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, 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 Angeline Mannella, breakfast monitor at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective August 25, 2015.
2. Employment of Judy Pippard, breakfast monitor at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective August 26, 2015.

MOTION #15

By Anna Segner, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Tammy Simmons, bus driver, effective August 26, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Ken Willis, bus driver, effective August 26, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of James Malesky, bus driver, effective August 26, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Anna Segner, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the employment of Kristie Vecciarelli, special education aide at the Junior High School, effective August 24, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Kristine Strickler, special education aide at Independence Elementary School, effective August 24, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Matthew Farward, special education aide at Independence Elementary School, effective August 24, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Sheila Junak, special education aide at the Senior High School, effective August 25, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Anna Segner, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the employment of Marissa Henry, transportation aide, effective August 26, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #23

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Steve DeLatte, Aquatics Director, effective August 24, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation of Debra D'Antonio, special education aide at Hopewell Elementary School, effective September 17, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Lori McKittrick

MOTION #25

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Anna Segner to approve the purchase of a 54 passenger bus from Wolfington Body Corporation for \$84,630.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #26

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Anna Segner to approve the purchase of a 30 passenger gasoline mini bus from Leibensperger for \$51,584.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina said that the District is ready for school to start tomorrow. The buildings look great and the new electronic marquee is up and running. As he stated earlier in the meeting, he will continue to monitor class size and will make changes, if needed.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

September 8, 2015, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration
September 22, 2015, 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 John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary