

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board Vice President.

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

Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner

Members Absent:
John Bowden
David Bufalini
Tony Guy
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, Edward Katkich and Rob Kartychak, Principals; and visitors.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 12, 2014 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. Recommendation to approve the July 22, 2014 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 2014, 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 2014, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of July 2014, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

At this time, the agenda was reviewed in its entirety.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library gave an update on upcoming activities at the library and handed out the September calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:03 p.m., Mrs. Dobo 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. The meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m.

At this time Mrs. Dobo asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lori McKittrick

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia 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. 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.
12. Annual Licensing Fee for Differentiated Supervision Module, PA-ETEP, in the amount of \$1,276.00.
13. Agreement with the Sanchez Legal Group, LLC to provide special legal counsel and consulting services to the District.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #4

By Anna Segner, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 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.

Finance and Budget by Anna Segner

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #5

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 \$511,452.43
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$165,178.70
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$8,633.32
4. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$449.00
5. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,189,814.76

Legislation by Lori McKittrick, Co-Chair

MOTION #6

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve Board Policy 217, Graduation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #7

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Kimberly Petrina, 4th Grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary 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 #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Monique Wertz, 2nd Grade teacher at Independence Elementary 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 Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Nicholas Slapikas, 4/6 English teacher at Hopewell 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 #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Dirk Hartman, Head Golf Coach, at a salary of \$2,192, effective August 11, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items 1 through 4, 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. Girl's Soccer coaches and salaries:

a.	Martin Byrnes, Head Coach	\$4,327.00
b.	Dean Aires, 1 st Asst.	\$2,813.00
c.	Vincent Korstam, 2 nd Asst.	\$2,380.00
d.	Tiffany Wise, 3 rd Asst.	\$2,164.00
e.	Brittany Grabski, Volunteer	
f.	Mollie Patterson, Volunteer	
g.	Megan Grabski, Volunteer	

2. Resignation of Robert Fodse, 6-hour cleaning person at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective August 11, 2014. Mr. Fodse requests to be placed on the 500-hour substitute roster.
3. Employment of Victoria Wallace, Lifeguard, effective August 26, 2014.
4. Substitute employee rosters.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina spoke of the following items in his Superintendent's Report.

1. The start of the school year, including transportation, went very well.
2. Monitoring of enrollment numbers continues.
3. Each Director was given a packet from PSBA, which include information on the services available.
4. The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit is offering the "Basic Education Funding Campaign: Statewide Videoconference" on September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

September 9, 2014, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration
September 23, 2014, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or recommendations to come before the Board of Directors, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary