

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Vice President.

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

David Ciccone  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeffrey Winkle  
Daniel Santia

Absent

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Michael Johnston

Also in attendance were: Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Jessica Webster, Pat Simmons and Korri Kane, principals; Joann Futato, Director of Foods Services; and citizens.

Mrs. Dobo welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Lyndsie Malobabich from the American Cancer Society who spoke to the Board about the possibility of the District hosting Relay for Life Hopewell this spring at Hopewell High School.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the July 23, 2013 business meeting minutes and the August 13, 2013 work meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #2

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items (1) through (3) 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.

Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of July 2013, 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 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of July 2013, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Vivian Lombard spoke to the Board about her ongoing concerns with respect to the fact that there is only one art teacher and one librarian and the elementary level. She was also concerned about kindergarten class sizes, stating that she felt that the high numbers created an unsafe situation for students. She encouraged the board to hire an additional teacher or possibly and aide.

Linda Helms from the BF Jones Memorial Library passed out the September calendar and reported on the excellent participation by children in the summer reading program.

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

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Ciccone, Co-Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #3

By David Ciccone, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) through (15) 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. 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).
12. Ratify Free School Privileges for Dante Collins for the 2013-2014 School Year effective August 27, 2013 (Certificate of Gratuitous Keep on file).
13. Dale Steigerwald, a student at the University of Pittsburgh, to fulfill a principal internship program under the guidance of Mrs. Simmons.
14. Ratify Free School Privileges for Logan Foley to attend Hopewell Junior High School for the 2013-2014 School Year effective August 27, 2013 (Certificate of Gratuitous Keep on file).
15. Ratify Free School Privileges for Lenay Lindsey to attend Hopewell Junior High School for the 2013-2014 School Year effective August 27, 2013 (Certificate of Gratuitous Keep on file).

**Buildings and Grounds by Mr. Santia, Co-Chair****MOTION #4**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by David Ciccone, 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. 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.
4. Request by Joe Kusnir to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for an adult basketball league on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning September 10, 2013 and running through May 30, 2014.

**Finance and Budget by Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #5**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify items (4) through (6) 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 payments in the amount of \$431,393.12.
2. Capital Reserve Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$16,224.13.
3. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$8,544.96.
4. General Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$1,703,569.94.
5. Capital Reserve Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$86,993.00.
6. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$449.00.

**Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #6**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve items (1) through (11) 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. Employment of Greg Cercone as the first assistant boys golf coach, effective immediately.
2. Employee Acceptable Use of Technology Policy.
3. Vincenzo Kortstam as a volunteer assistant girls soccer coach.
4. Employment of David Parish as a full-time driver, effective August 23, 2013.
5. Employment of Yvonne Walbek as a full-time driver, effective August 23, 2013.
6. Employment of Jeffrey Rigsby as a transportation aide, effective August 23, 2013.
7. Substitute teacher roster.
8. Substitute transportation roster.
9. Substitute cafeteria roster.
10. Substitute custodial and cleaning person roster.
11. Megan Grabski as a volunteer assistant girls soccer coach.

**Policy/Planning by Mrs. Dobo, Co-Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #7**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the following new/revised Board policy 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.

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| 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 by Mr. Santia, Chair****APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #8**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by David Ciccone, 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. 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.

**MOTION #9**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to send the following two vans to the scrap yard. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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| a. | 1994 Ford Van | 1FTJE34MXRHA19612 |
| b. | 1994 Ford Van | 1FTJE34M1RHA19613 |

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina reported that the first day went very well with the exception of a few transportation glitches at the end of the day. Overall, enrollment numbers have gone up, with kindergarten enrollment at 175.

On Monday, August 26, 2013, District employees attended “mandatory reporter” training conducted by Christina Lane of the law firm, Andrews & Price.

Dr. Reina explained that PSBA elections were coming up and that each Board member received information on candidates. One vote will be cast for the Board, rather than each member voting separately. He announced that the PSBA School Leadership Conference was October 16-18, 2013.

### Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

### Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

### Upcoming School Board Meetings

September 10, 2013, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration  
September 24, 2013, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Dobo announced that an Executive Session would be held following the meeting to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

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 Jeff Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary