

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by John Bowden, Board Vice President.

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

John Bowden  
Dan Caton  
Rob Harmotto (via Facetime)  
Darren Newberry  
Kathryn Oblak  
Daniel Santia

Members absent:  
Lesia Dobo  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Korri Kane and Douglass Rowe, Principals; Donald Short, Athletic Director and citizens.

Dr. Miller announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. She then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mrs. Dobo, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Accept bids from Youngblood Paving, Inc., through the Hopewell Township contract, for the following projects in the amounts listed. Pricing does not include drainage work that will be performed by Hopewell Township in conjunction with Hopewell School District employees. Capital Reserve funds will be used for these projects.
  - a. Senior High School student parking lot: \$86,068.80
  - b. Junior High School access driveway and parking area: \$111,727.30
  - c. Hopewell Elementary School driveway and parking area: 95,468.75

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Ms. McKittrick, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of Kailen Fiedler, InnovatEd teacher at the Junior High School, effective August 7, 2018.
2. Resignation of Christine Furman, second grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 1, 2018.
3. Resignation for retirement of Georgina Estok, first grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective August 7, 2018.
4. Employment of Kelly Palmer, science teacher at the Junior High School, at step 1 of the Masters scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
5. Employment of Toni Priore, kindergarten teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 2 of the Bachelors scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. Ms. Priore was a long-term substitute teacher in Hopewell Area School District during the 2017-2018 school year and was given one year of service credit on the salary scale.
6. Employment of Anne Beilter, first grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 1 of the Bachelors scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
7. Employment of Tiffany Robinson, special education teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 1 of the Bachelors scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
8. Employment of \_\_\_\_\_, girls softball coach, effective August 7, 2018.
9. Employment of Brittany Enders, substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective August 7, 2018.
10. Employment of Robert Lepak, substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective August 7, 2018.

**Transportation:** Mr. Winkle, Chair; Mrs. Oblak, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Reject all bids dated July 27, 2018 for the two 9-passenger vans.
2. Purchase of 2, 2019 72 passenger buses from Wolfington, Inc. in the amount of \$166,466.00. Funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Dr. Miller said that the following items would be voted on during the August 20, 2018 Business Meeting.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Title 1 services to Our Lady of Fatima School for the 2018-2019 school year at a per pupil cost of \$1,107.11, paid with Title 1 funding.
2. Appointment of the following:
  - a. Dr. Moka as District Physician - \$10 per exam;
  - b. Optometric Care as District Vision Examiner - \$3.25 per exam; and
  - c. Dr. Timothy Ungarean to provide dental exams - \$5 per exam.
3. List of Senior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2018-2019 School Year.
4. Request of the Senior High School Marching Band to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio May 3, 2019 through May 5, 2019.
5. Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide ESL (English as A Second Language) for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$40.00 per hour.
6. Contract with Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Outreach Program to provide vision and/or orientation and mobility services for the 2018-2019 school year.
7. Staffing Agreement with STAT Staffing to provide nursing services on an as needed basis for the 2018-2019 school year at the following hourly rates:
 

a.	Licensed Practical Nurse	\$40.88
b.	Registered Nurse	\$43.88
c.	Registered Nurse/Specialty	\$49.88
8. Draft of elementary report card, as presented.
9. Photography by James to provide photography services for the Yearbook and the Senior High School dances for the 2018-2019 School year.
10. Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Education Association and the Hopewell Area School District with respect to instruction at the Beaver County Jail.

**Athletics:**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Agreement with Greater Pittsburgh Physical Therapy to provide assistant athletic trainer services supporting the District’s Athletic Director/Trainer, Mr. Don Short, in the amount of \$21,000.00.
2. Football coaches and salaries for the 2018-2019 season:

Head Coach	Mark Washington	\$10,400.00
1st Assistant	Sherman McBride	\$5,500.00
2nd Assistant	Dan Hilton	\$5,000.00
3rd Assistant	Andrew Moore	\$4,400.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Lynnwood Alford	\$4,200.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Jeff Kelly	\$3,800.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Dayne Smith	\$3,100.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Jim Brown	\$3,000.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Blake Lewis	\$3,000.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Justin Saunders	\$3,337.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	DeSantae Hines	\$500.00
11 <sup>th</sup> Assistant	Mike Nardelli	\$1000.00
Volunteer	Bob Cromer	\$0
Volunteer	Jeff McLaughlin	\$0
TOTAL		\$ 47,237.00

**Buildings and Grounds**

1. Request of Our Lady of Fatima to use the Senior High School practice soccer field from August 21, 2018 through November 1, 2018 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for practice.

Dr. Miller announced that she had send a Request for Proposal to four architects and engineers for a District-Wide feasibility study. The deadline for submittal is Thursday, August 16, 2018.

**Finance and Budget:**

1. Amendment to the funding arrangement set forth in the Articles of Agreement of the Beaver County School Health Care Insurance Consortium.

**Nutrition and Food Services:**

Mrs. Conrad explained that there would be no increase to school lunch prices this year. Prices remain as follows:

1. \$2.65 for secondary students; and
2. \$2.40 for elementary students.

Mrs. Conrad also announced that a grant through Share our Strength and the No Kid Hungry Campaign has been conditionally awarded to the District in the amount of \$6,600.00, \$2,200.00 for each elementary school, to help the District increase student participation in the school breakfast program. This grant opportunity is made possible by a partnership between Share Our Strength and the Arby's Foundation.

**Personnel**

1. Contract with PA-Educator.net to provide a clearinghouse for potential professional and non-certificated employees at an annual cost of \$2,175.00.
2. Employment of \_\_\_\_\_, English/language arts teacher at the Junior High School, at step \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
3. Employment of \_\_\_\_\_, technology education teacher at the Senior High School, at step \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
4. Employment of \_\_\_\_\_, part-time French teacher at the Senior High School, at step \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
5. Employment of \_\_\_\_\_, kindergarten teacher at Independence Elementary School, at step \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
6. Employment of \_\_\_\_\_, second grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.

**Visitors**

No visitors wished to address the Board.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bowden returned to Buildings and Grounds.

**Buildings and Grounds by Mr. Santia, Chair**

**MOTION #1**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept bids from Youngblood Paving, Inc., through the Hopewell Township contract, for the following projects in the amounts listed. Pricing does not include drainage work that will be performed by Hopewell Township in conjunction with Hopewell School District employees. Capital Reserve funds will be used for these projects. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

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**Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #2**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to accept the resignation of Kailen Fiedler, InnovatEd teacher at the Junior High School, effective August 7, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Christine Furman, second grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 1, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Caton, to accept the resignation of Georgina Estok, first grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective August 7, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #5**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Kelly Palmer, science teacher at the Junior High School, at step 1 of the Masters scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Tony Priore, kindergarten teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 2 of the Bachelors scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance. Ms. Priore was a long-term substitute teacher in the Hopewell Area School District during the 2017-2018 school year and was given one year of service credit on the salary scale.

MOTION #7

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the employment of Anne Beilter, first grade teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 1 of the Bachelors scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Tiffany Robinson, autistic support teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 1 of the Bachelors scale, effective August 23, 2018, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

A motion for the employment of a girls softball coach was tabled.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMSMOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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. Employment of Brittany Enders, substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective August 7, 2018.
2. Employment of Robert Lepak, substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective August 7, 2018.

**Transportation by Mrs. Oblak, Co-Chair**

**MOTION #10**

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the rejection of all bids dated July 27, 2018 for two 9-passenger vans. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #11**

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the purchase of 2, 2019 72 passenger buses from Wolfington, Inc. in the amount of \$166,466.00. Funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**Executive Session**

An Executive Session was 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, Mr. Bowden asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Darren Newberry, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

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

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John Bowden, Board Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary