

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
George Patterson
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
Lori McKittrick
Anna Segner

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; William McNamee, Interim Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Korri Kane, Principal; 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.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mrs. Dobo, Chair; Mr. Patterson, Co-Chair

1. Professional Service Agreement with Lifesteps to provide Transition Program...The Next Step for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Free school privileges for Christian Romeo to attend Hopewell Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Free school privileges for Monai Coleman to attend Hopewell Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

1. Elimination of the following paraprofessional positions as of August 9, 2017:
 - a. Senior High School Special Education Classroom Aide
 - b. Junior High School Special Education Classroom Aide
 - c. Independence Special Education Classroom Aide
 - d. Margaret Ross Regular Classroom
2. Creation of the following paraprofessional position as of August 9, 2017:
 - a. Special Education Classroom Aide split between the Junior and Senior High Schools as of August 21, 2017.
3. Resignation of Elizabeth Barnes, special education teacher at the senior high school, effective August 21, 2017.
4. Resignation of Kathleen Mollenauer, bus driver, effective August 7, 2017. Ms. Mollenauer would like to remain on the substitute roster.

Dr. Miller said that the following items would be voted on during the August 22, 2017 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. 2017-2018 School Picnic at Kennywood on June 13, 2018.
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 2017-2018 School Year.
4. List of Junior High Club & Activity Sponsors for the 2017-2018 School Year.
5. Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide ESL (English as A Second Language) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$38.00 per hour.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Quote from Air Systems Mechanical to upgrade and modernize the HVAC system at Margaret Ross Elementary School at a cost of \$8,271.00.
2. Hopewell Soccer Club to use the Senior High School soccer field from August 15, 2017 through November 1, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for practice.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the Wrestling Room and Gym B at the Junior High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from October 17, 2017 through March 23, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for practice.
4. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the Wrestling Room at the Junior High School on October 21, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for camp.
5. Request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use Gym B at the Junior High School from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for a wrestling tournament.

Finance and Budget:

1. Agreement with the Benedict Agency to provide Athletic Accident Insurance at a cost of \$19,850.00.

Personnel

1. Appointment of Erin Fritz as a volunteer assistant cross country coach.
2. Employment of Lydia Martin, transportation nurse monitor, effective August 3, 2017.

Visitors

Carla Buxton said that she understood that the Administration and the Board continues to look at class size at Independence, and she appreciates their efforts on behalf of the students. She said that she continues to be concerned about Kindergarten and 2nd grade class sizes.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mrs. Dobo, Chair

MOTION #1

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Lifesteps to provide Transition Program...The Next Step for the 2017-2018 school year MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Dan Santia, 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. Free school privileges for Christian Romeo to attend Hopewell Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Free school privileges for Monai Coleman to attend Hopewell Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve items (1) through (5) 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. Senior High School Special Education Classroom Aide
2. Junior High School Special Education Classroom Aide
3. Independence Special Education Classroom Aide
4. Margaret Ross Regular Classroom
5. Creation of the following paraprofessional position as of August 9, 2017.
 - a. Special Education Classroom Aide split between the Junior and Senior High Schools as of August 21, 2017.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #4**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, 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 Elizabeth Barnes, special education teacher at the senior high school, effective August 21, 2017.
2. Resignation of Kathleen Mollenauer, bus driver, effective August 7, 2017. Ms. Mollenauer would like to remain on the substitute roster.

Other Business

Dr. Miller updated the Board on the Secretary of Education's visit earlier in the day. Secretary Rivera visited Hopewell Junior High School on his "Schools that Teach" tour. Teachers showcased the maker spaces and programs they have created as well as talked about the people and partnerships that they are involved with. Dr. Miller believed that the Secretary was quite impressed with the District and the programs that they are developing.

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 Dan Santia, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary