

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:

David Ciccone  
Michael Johnston  
Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Ed Katkich, and Patricia Simmons, Principals; Lynn Utchell, Director of Special Education; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Joann Futato, Director of Food Services; and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the visitors for their attendance.

Dr. Reina announced that there were items that would be voted on later in the meeting then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

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

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Agreement between the District and EduLink, provider of PAETEP, an electronic teacher evaluation portal.

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mr. Johnston, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Sarah Huth as a family and consumer science teacher at Hopewell High School, Step 1 (B) effective September 11, 2013.
2. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Cafeteria Educational Support Personnel Association for the four-year period beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

**Legislative:** Mr. Winkle, Chair; Lori McKittrick, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. The Hopewell Area School District Board of Directors to send a letter to state legislators and the Governor regarding funding for cyber charter schools and basic education funding using the costing out study.

The following items will be voted on at the September 24, 2013 Board Meeting

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Kristen Placer, a student at Duquesne University, to fulfill a psychology practicum with Dr. Lynn Utchell from September 2013 through December 2013.
2. Audrey Zanath, a student at Penn State Beaver, to complete field experience at Hopewell High School under the supervision of Michael Allison.

**Athletics:**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. A 9<sup>th</sup> grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2013-2014 School Year, effective in the spring of 2014.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Discussion Item: Request from the American Cancer Society to host Relay for Life Hopewell at Hopewell Senior High School in the spring of 2014.

After discussion regarding the logistics of the event, the Board decided that they would vote on the matter at the September 24, 2013 Board meeting.

2. Request by Tim Bell to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for an adult basketball league on Monday's and Wednesday's from September 2013 through May 2014.

### **Legislative:**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Discussion item: PSBA election of officers.

Dr. Reina gave the Board options regarding the upcoming PSBA election of officers. The Board must agree on a field of candidates and cast one vote. Dr. Reina does not know any of the candidates personally, so he suggested that if the Board wanted to vote, that they choose the endorsed candidate. The second option was to take no action at all.

### **Personnel:**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation of Jim Turnley, assistant boys' basketball coach, effective immediately.
2. Substitute teacher roster.

### **Visitors**

No visitors wished to address the Board.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned for executive session 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 7:55 p.m.

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

### **Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo**

### **MOTION #1**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the agreement between the District and EduLink, provider of PAETEP, an electronic teacher evaluation portal. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto**

**MOTION #2**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve employment of Sarah Huth as a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Hopewell High School, Step 1 (B), effective September 11, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Cafeteria Educational Support Personnel Association for the four-year period beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Legislative by Jeff Winkle**

**MOTION #4**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by John Bowden, to approve that the Hopewell Area School District Board of Directors send a letter to state legislators and the Governor regarding funding for cyber charter schools and basic education funding using the costing out study. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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

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

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary