

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (via Facetime)
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent
John Bowden
Kathryn Oblak

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

Mark Scheller from Eckles Architecture and Engineering and Daniel Engen, Jim Kosinski and Adam Cummins from VEBH Architects presented their proposals for the District Facilities Feasibility Study.

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: Mr. Winkle, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

1. Site-Based Academic Services Agreement with Wesley Family Services.

Finance and Budget: Ms. McKittrick, Chair; Mr. Bowden, Co-Chair

1. Agreement with Step by Step Learning for Federal Programs professional development for Our Lady of Fatima teachers using Title II non-public allocated funds.

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

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Hopewell Education Association for a four-year period effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022, subject to final confirmation of the Seniority List by HEA and the District by Friday, September 21, 2018.
2. Employment of Brittany Sturm, science teacher at the Senior High School, at step 1 of the master's scale, effective September 11, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation.
3. Employment of Dana Maule, long-term substitute teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective September 6, 2018.
4. Employment of Ronda Senskey, Varsity Girls Softball coach, effective September 11, 2018.
5. Employment of James Armstrong, individual paraprofessional at Independence Elementary School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018.
6. Employment of Jamie Goodwald, classroom paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018.
7. Employment of Alayna McDonald, individual paraprofessional at Hopewell Junior High School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018.
8. Employment of Camille Houy, individual paraprofessional at Hopewell Junior High School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018.
9. Employment of Tina Fratangeli, individual paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018.

10. Employment of Melissa Turnio, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 5, 2018.
11. Employment of Sara Snatchko, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 5, 2018.
12. Employment of Desirae Skeriotis, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 11, 2018.
13. Employment of Stephanie Rodriguez, substitute nurse, effective September 5, 2018.

Transportation: Jeff Winkle, Chair; Kathryn Oblak Co-Chair

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Teamster Local Union No. 205 for a four-year period effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022.

Dr. Miller said that the following items would be voted on during the September 17, 2018 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Free school privileges for Bryce Nickols to attend Hopewell Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Request of Mr. Katkich for the eighth grade field trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on Friday, October 26, 2018.

Buildings and Grounds:

1. Request of Hopewell Youth Basketball to use Gym A at the Junior High School for October 2018 through March 2019.
2. Request of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust to use the Senior High School auditorium on February 22, 2019 and April 15, 2019 for the Citizen's Bank Children's Theater Series.
3. Request of Chad Toporski to use the Senior High School auditorium November 16, 2018 through November 18, 2018 for the Junior High School musical.
4. District-wide feasibility study provided by _____ in the amount of \$ _____ as presented in proposal dated August 16, 2018.

Dr. Miller reported that the District had applied for an SRO (School Resource Officer) grant through the Commonwealth. Dr. Miller also informed the Board that Johnson Controls was 90-95% done with the security upgrade. The schedule is for completion of the project by the end of September and training of staff to begin in early October.

Finance:

1. Proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6.25 per required filing.

Legislative:

1. Candidates for PSBA election of officers:
 - a. President-elect: Eric Wolfgang
 - b. Vice President: Art Levinowitz
 - c. PSBA Insurance Trust: (vote for up to 3) William S. LaCoff, Dr. Richard Frerichs, Nathan Mains

Personnel:

1. Resignation of Kim Lauer as Junior High Visual Arts Club sponsor, effective August 28, 2018.
2. Employment of _____, Transportation Department mechanic, effective September 18, 2018.

Visitors

Diane Bufalini expressed her displeasure with the Board with respect to the Varsity Softball coach that was hired this evening.

Nick Gaughan asked the Board to review a bus stop on Maratta Road at Croxal Avenue. He believed it was too dangerous for children due to drivers using excessive speed on Maratta Road. He asked that the stop be moved back one block. Dr. Miller said that she would take a second look at the stop. Mr. Gaughan also asked for more fans at Margaret Ross Elementary School when it is very hot outside.

Sam Milligan wanted to offer a security/safety suggestion. He would like to see the District use a single point of entry at each building in the morning. He would also like to see the District, in cooperation with the Hopewell and Independence police departments, have police officers at those doors each morning.

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo returned to Education/Curriculum/Instruction.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Winkle, Chair**MOTION #1**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the Site-Based Academic Services Agreement with Wesley Family Services. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Ms. McKittrick, Chair**MOTION #2**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Agreement with Step by Step Learning for Federal Programs professional development for Our Lady of Fatima teachers using Title II non-public allocated funds. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**MOTION #3**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Hopewell Education Association for a four-year period effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022, subject to final confirmation of the Seniority List by HEA and the District by Friday, September 21, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Brittany Sturm, science teacher at the Senior High School, at step 1 of the master's scale, effective September 11, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Dana Maule, long-term substitute teacher at Hopewell Elementary School, effective September 6, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Ronda Senskey, Varsity Girls Softball coach, effective September 11, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of James Armstrong, individual paraprofessional at Independence Elementary School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Jamie Goodwald, classroom paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Alayna McDonald, individual paraprofessional at Hopewell Junior High School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Camille Houy, individual paraprofessional at Hopewell Junior High School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Tina Fratangeli, individual paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, pending receipt of all clearances, effective September 17, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Melissa Turnio, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 5, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Sara Snatchko, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 5, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Desirae Skeriotis, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 11, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Stephanie Rodriguez, substitute nurse, effective September 5, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary