

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 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 Mr. Bufalini. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Lori McKittrick  
Daria Minton  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner

Members absent:  
John Bowden  
Rob Harmotto  
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich and Korri Kane, Principals; 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; Mrs. Minton, Co-Chair

1. Consulting Services Agreement with FAB Reporting Solutions LLC in the amount of \$7,500, effective September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.
2. Contract with AOT, Inc. to provide speech therapy for the 2016-2017 school year on an as needed basis.
3. Addendum to the Staffing Agreement with Stat Staffing dated August 26, 2015, to include Specialty Registered Nurse at an hourly rate of \$49.88
4. Resolution 13-2016, establishing Christa Harmotto Day in the Hopewell Area School District.

**Athletics:** Daria Minton, Chair; David Bufalini, Co-Chair

1. Request from the Girls Tennis Boosters to hang sponsor signs on the tennis court fence during the season.

**Finance and Budget:** Mr. Bowden, Chair; Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair

1. Proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6 per required filing.

Dr. Miller said that the following items would be voted on during the September 27, 2016 Business Meeting.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

1. Free school privileges for Christina Day to attend Hopewell Junior High School for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. Free school privileges for Damen Witkowski to attend Hopewell Senior High School for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. Pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year for third grade students to receive a pass/fail grade for science and social studies.
4. Contract with Epeople Health Care, Inc., dba: eKidzCare to provide nursing services on an as needed basis throughout the district.
5. Blood lipid screening, conducted by the Beaver County Cancer & Heart Association, for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on March 15, 2017. Cost of the test for students will be \$5. Further, District to provide breakfast to all students participating in said program.
6. Request of the Senior High School Marching Band to travel to New York City April 28, 2017 through April 30, 2017.

**Athletics**

1. A Student from the Aliquippa School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2016-2017 School Year.
2. Request from Mike Shuleski for the junior varsity and varsity baseball teams to attend spring training at the Ripken facilities in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 29, 2017 through April 2, 2017.

**Buildings and Grounds**

1. Request of Hopewell Youth Football Cheerleaders to use Gym A at the Junior High School for practice August 29, 2016 through September 30, 2016 from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Soccer to use the soccer fields at the Senior High School August 23, 2016 through December 9, 2016 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for practice.
3. Request of the Senior High School band to use Gym B at the Junior High School on September 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for a mattress sale fundraiser.
4. Request of Gerald Peoples to use Gym A at the Junior High School for a Men's Basketball League on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. from September 2016 through May 2017.
5. Request from Jeff Homziak to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Wednesday evenings and both the main and auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School on Saturday's for an instructional basketball league for girls in grades 2 through 6 beginning October 9, 2016 through December 3, 2016.
6. Request from Jeff Homziak to use the auxiliary gym at the Senior High School to hold a youth basketball skills clinic for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8 from October through May.

**Legislative:**

1. Board Policy 801 – Public Records.
2. Board Policy 823 - Naloxone

**Personnel**

1. Resignation of Rob Tapler as 1<sup>st</sup> assistant boys' golf coach, effective August 29, 2016.
2. Appointment of Mark Muslin as 1<sup>st</sup> assistant boys' golf coach, effective August 29, 2016, at a stipend of \$1,602.00.
3. Reaffirm the District's Non-Discrimination Policy as required by Title VI and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975. Further, said policy to be advertised in the Beaver County Times.
4. Appointment of Kellee Oliver, Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Services, as the District's Title VI and Title IX, Section 504 Compliance Officer.

5. Revised employee dress code.
6. Appointment of Brenda Kostial as sponsor of the Garden Club at the Junior High School.
7. Appointment of Britta Grafton as sponsor of the Digital Media Club at the Junior High School.
8. Resignation of Joyce Gratson as co-sponsor of Junior High Student Council.
9. Employment of Georgette O'Connor, transportation aide, effective August 29, 2016.
10. Employment of Jason Powell, Bus Utility Attendant, effective September 12, 2016.
11. Employment of Charlynn Schollaert, transportation nurse, effective September 9, 2016.
12. Substitute personnel rosters.
13. Change of employment status for Kathy Martin from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective August 30, 2016.

**Transportation:**

1. Bus bids received on September 12, 2016 for purchase of two 72-passenger buses and one 54-passenger bus.

**Visitors**

Rose Wilson spoke of her concern for her grandson's long commute.

Nancy Hesler, a transportation aide, spoke of her concern for the conditions at the bus garage and break room. The roof leaks and there appears to be mold on the ceiling tiles.

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

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mrs. Dobo, Chair****MOTION #1**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the Consulting Services Agreement with FAB Reporting Solutions LLC in the amount of \$7,500, effective September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #2**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve the contract with AOT, Inc. to provide speech therapy for the 2016-2017 school year on an as needed basis. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #3**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve the Addendum to the Staffing Agreement with Stat Staffing dated August 26, 2015, to include Specialty Registered Nurse at an hourly rate of \$49.88. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve Resolution 13-2016, establishing Christa Harmotto Day in the Hopewell Area School District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance. Christa Harmotto Day will be the second Friday in October.

**Athletics by Mrs. Minton, Chair****MOTION #5**

By Daria Minton, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the request from the Girls Tennis Boosters to hang sponsor signs on the tennis court fence during the season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by Mrs. Dobo**

**MOTION #6**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6 per required filing. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Bufalini announced that an Executive Session would be held following 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.

**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 Lesia Dobo, seconded by Anna Segner, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

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

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary