

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Darren Newberry  
Kathryn Oblak  
Daniel Santia  
Jeffrey Winkle

Member's Absent

John Bowden

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Doug Rowe, Rob Kartychak and Jessica Webster, Principals; and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. Copies of each report are attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve items (1) and (2) as presented in accordance with the School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the August 20, 2018 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the September 10, 2018 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve items (1) through (3) 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.

Tax Collectors' Report

1. Recommendation to accept report for taxes collected for the month of August 2018, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Treasurer's Report

2. Recommendation to accept report of the Treasurer for the month of August 2018, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of August 2018, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kerlin, President of the Band Boosters, commended Donnie Short, Barb Faulkner, bus drivers, coaches, students and parents for their actions after witnessing a tractor-trailer accident on the way home for the football game Friday evening. Mr. Short and Ms. Faulkner were able to rescue and aid the driver of an overturned truck while students and parents kept calm and waited to assist if necessary.

At this time Mrs. Dobo asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair**

**MOTION #3**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve free school privileges for Bryce Nickols to attend Hopewell Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request of Mr. Katkich for the eighth grade field trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on Friday, October 26, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #5**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve department chairs and club and activity sponsors for Hopewell Junior High School for the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Chair**

**MOTION #6**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the request of Hopewell Youth Basketball to use Gym A at the Junior High School from October 2018 through March 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #7**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the 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. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #8**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the request of Chad Toporski to use the Senior High School auditorium November 16, 2018 through November 18, 2018 for the Junior High School musical. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the District-wide feasibility study provided by VEBH in the amount of \$19,886.00 as presented in the proposal dated August 16, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair**

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify items (3) and (4) as presented in accordance with School Board's agreement for grouping items in a single motion. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. General Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$582,273.49
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$45,842.99
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$560,506.73
4. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$1,429.00

MOTION #11

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6.25 per required filing. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the Contract with West Interactive Services Corporation for a one year contract for SchoolMessenger, a school notification system, at a cost of \$3,691.80. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Legislative by Kathryn Oblak; Chair**

**MOTION #13**

MOTION by Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the following candidates for PSBA election of officers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- 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 by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #14**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Kim Lauer as Junior High Visual Arts Club sponsor, effective August 28, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #15**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Carrie-Ann Wise, Transportation Department mechanic, effective September 18, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #16**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the change of employment status for Carl Platko from substitute to permanent bus driver, effective August 21, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #17**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the change of employment status for Brittany Enders from substitute to permanent bus driver, effective August 28, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #18**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Tina Fratangeli, paraprofessional, effective September 11, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the change of employment status for Jim Brown, 7<sup>th</sup> Assistant Football Coach, to volunteer. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller spoke of how very proud she was of our students, parents and staff during the vehicle accident on Friday evening.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 1, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration  
October 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo announced that an Executive Session would be 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. Bufalini 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 7:30 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary