

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (via videoconference)
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner

Member's Absent
Tony Guy
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Milanovich, Jessica Webster, and Robert Kartychak, Principals; Sheri Douglass, Director of Transportation; and citizens.

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

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, 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 25, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the September 8, 2015 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 2015, 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 2015, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of August 2015, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Tammy Holland thanked the Board for hiring part-time classroom aides for 1st and 4th grade at Independence Elementary School.

At this time Mr. Bufalini asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items 1 and 2 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. Staffing Agreement with Stat Staffing to provide one-on-one nursing services on an as needed basis effective August 26, 2015.
2. Contract with Epeople Health Care, Inc., dba: eKidzCare, to provide nursing services on an as needed basis throughout the district.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve free school privileges for Shyanne Hamilton to attend Hopewell High School for the 2015-2016 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve Annie McCune, a student at Geneva College, to do a field experience placement at the Junior High School under the direction of Mr. Keiper. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden to approve the SAT Prep Course at the Senior High School in the fall of 2015 and the spring of 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by David Bufalini, Co-Chair

MOTION #7

By David Bufalini, seconded by John Bowden, to approve an 11th grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2015-2016 School Year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #8

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items 1 through 9, 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. Request of varsity cheerleaders to conduct a Youth Cheer Clinic in the Auxiliary Gym at the Senior High School on October 9, 2015.
2. Request of the Class of 2019 to use the Senior High main gym for a donkey basketball game fundraiser on October 21, 2015.
3. Request by Joe Kusnir to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for an adult basketball league on Tuesday's and Thursday's from September, 2015 through May, 2016.
4. Request from Erin Grow to conduct a youth tennis clinic on the tennis courts or in Gym A or Gym B at the Junior High School on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. beginning the end of September and running through November.
5. Request of Marc Weller and Hopewell Girls Softball to purchase a shed to be placed next to the current shed at Independence Elementary School for equipment and concessions.
6. Request from Little Lady Vikings Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from October until the end of February for practice and games.
7. 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 14, 2015 through December 5, 2015.
8. 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.
9. Request from the Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the pool and cafeteria area for home swim meets on Saturdays from October, 2015 through February, 2016.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #9

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify items (4) and (5) 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 \$478,444.76
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$44,540.14
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$64,180.93
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$4,227,597.54

MOTION #10

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the final payment to Northern Athletic Construction Company in the amount of \$1,350.00 for various senior high projects. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Jeffery Winkle; Chair

MOTION #11

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Hopewell Area School District's Return-to-Work program to provide modified duty to employees under job restrictions due to work related injuries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Nutrition and Food Services by Lori McKittrick, Chair

MOTION #12

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the contract between the Hopewell Area School District and the Beaver County YMCA to purchase meals/snacks for the YMCA After-School Program. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to the approve the employment of Lauren Kozel, life skills teacher at Independence Elementary School at step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective September 23, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner to approve the employment of Stephanie Valentine, business, computer and information technology teacher at Hopewell High School at step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective October 3, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo to approve the employment of Kelly Fernandez, special education teacher at Hopewell Junior High School at step 1 of the bachelor's scale, effective September 23, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo to approve the employment of Letitia Vallecorsa, reprographics, effective September 21, 2015 at step 0 of the Secretary/Aide Collective Bargaining Agreement MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items 1 through 8, 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. Employment of Joe Cioc as 1st Assistant Girls' Volleyball coach, effective August 17, 2015.
2. Employment of Mackenzi Woolsey as 2nd Assistant Girls' Volleyball coach, effective September 23, 2015.
3. Employment of Laura Davis as breakfast monitor at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 31, 2015.

4. Resignation of Jo-Ann Garofolo, bus driver, effective September 30, 2015.
5. Resignation of Jonathan Jones as 1st Assistant Girls' Volleyball coach, effective August 17, 2015.
6. Resignation of Marla Henry, bus driver, effective August 17, 2015.
7. Resignation of T.R. McClellan, bus driver, effective August 11, 2015.
8. Cross country coaching changes as follows:
 - a. John Erath as 3rd assistant coach at a salary of \$1,201.00.
 - b. Natalee Bufalini as a volunteer coach.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the substitute personnel rosters. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the employment of Danielle Notarianni as a classroom aide in the life skills classroom at Independence Elementary School, effective October 6, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina spoke of the following items in his Superintendent's Report.

He thanked each of the retirees, JoAnn Garofolo, Marla Henry and T.R. McClellan, for their service to the District and wished them well in all their future endeavors.

He also said that today was the 19th day of school and that things were going well. He said that students were settling in and that teachers were working hard. Students were excited about the new online classes including, Anatomy, Game Design and Sociology.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

October 27, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini 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 John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary