

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle (7:10 p.m. arrival)

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster, and Robert Kartychak, Principals; Sheri Douglass, Director of Transportation; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools. 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 Daniel Santia, 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 26, 2014 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the September 9, 2014 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 2014, 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 2014, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of August 2014, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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. Fall musical program at Hopewell High School.
2. SAT Prep Course at the Senior High School in the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Site-Based Academic Services Agreement between the District and Wesley Spectrum Services. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Tony Guy, Chair

MOTION #5

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve a 10th grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2014-2015 School Year, effective in the spring 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #6

By Anna Segner, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve items 1 through 4, 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 from Hopewell Youth Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School from September 15 through October 31, 2014 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and to use Gym A on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. In addition, they would like to use Gym A from November 3, 2014 through March 31, 2015, Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

2. 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.
3. 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 15, 2014 through December 6, 2014.
4. 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 September through May.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #7

By Anna Segner, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items 1 and 2, 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. Annual Preventive Maintenance Service Agreement with Tri-State Fitness, Services, Inc. for all cardiovascular fitness equipment located at the Senior High School at a cost of \$1,000.
2. Annual Preventive Maintenance Service Agreement with Tri-State Fitness Services, Inc. for all cardiovascular fitness equipment and Bodymasters strength equipment located at the Junior High School at a cost of \$1,500.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

MOTION #8

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, 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 \$599,208.67
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$87,708.10
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$26,033.16
4. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$36,912.00
5. General Fund payments in the amount of \$4,628,256.44

Legislative by Jeffery Winkle, Chair

MOTION #9

MOTION by Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the following candidates for PSBA election of officers. MOTION carried by a vote of seven to two, with Mr. Bowden and Mr. Guy abstaining.

- a. President-elect: Kathy Swope
- b. Vice President: Mark B. Miller
- c. Treasurer: Otto W. Voit III
- d. At-large Representative (West): Daniel J. O’Keefe

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the request from Amanda Iannini, Guidance Counselor at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, for leave without pay beginning September 15, 2014 through December 2, 2014.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy to approve the employment of Diane Rohm as of 4-hour library aide at the elementary schools, effective September 24, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items 1 through 4, 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 Britta Grafton, 6th Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach, effective September 24, 2014, at a salary of \$1,800.
2. Change of employment status for Ivona Krigar from substitute to 6-hour cleaning person at Margaret Ross Elementary School, effective September 8, 2014.
3. Change of employment status for Keith Lorch from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective September 15, 2014.

4. Change of employment status for Jennifer Milligan from substitute food services employee to 2-hour lunch cook at Independence Elementary School, effective September 11, 2014.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the substitute personnel rosters. 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.

1. Due to testing schedules and end-of-year academic requirements, Dr. Reina would like to change the school picnic for the 2015-2016 school year to after school has ended for the year. The tentative date would be June 15, 2016.
2. Dr. Reina is working with Norm Kraus, Hopewell Township Manager, to bring ALICE training to the District. Training for a limited number of District personnel and local law enforcement is tentatively scheduled for May 19 and 20, 2015. Individuals trained this year would train District staff during the 2015-2016 school year.
3. The Community College of Beaver County would like to open their Aviation Academy to high school students. Dr. Reina toured the facility on September 18, 2014, with Bill Pinter, Director of Aviation. Dr. Reina thought it was an outstanding program and a wonderful opportunity for students who wanted to pursue a career in aviation.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 14, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration
October 28, 2014 – 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 Lori McKittrick, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary