

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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
David Ciccone
Rob Harmotto
Jeffrey Winkle
Daniel Santia

Members absent:

Lesia Dobo
Michael Johnston
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster, Korri Kane and Patricia Simmons, Principals; Donald Short, Athletic Director; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Joanne Futato, Director of Food Services and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the August 27, 2013 Business Meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the September 10, 2013 Work Meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School, Mrs. Kane from Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, Mrs. Simmons from Independence Elementary School, and Mr. Short from the Athletic department. Copies of each report are attached to these minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by David Ciccone, 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 2013, 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 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of August 2013, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the October calendar and reported that the “Aliquippa” book presentation at the Senior High School went very well. She also stated that the annual “After Hours” fundraiser will be October 26, 2013. The library now offers e-magazines.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by David Ciccone, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #4

By David Ciccone, 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.

1. Kristen Placer, a student at Duquesne University, to fulfill a psychology practicum with Dr. Lynn Utchell from September 2013 through December 2013.
2. Audrey Zanath, a student at Penn State Beaver, to complete field experience at Hopewell High School under the supervision of Michael Allison.
3. Kathleen Leppla, a student at Slippery Rock University, to complete field experience under the guidance of Dianne Kanitra during the fall semester.

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MOTION #5

By David Ciccone, seconded by John Bowden, 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.

1. Continuance of the SAT Prep Course at the Senior High School for a seven week session in the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014.
2. Revised Senior High Activity Sponsors.
3. Revised Junior High Activity Sponsors.

Athletics by David Ciccone, Chair

MOTION #6

By David Ciccone, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve a 9th grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2013-2014 School Year, effective in the winter 2014.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Co-Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #7**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve items (1) through (7) 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 the American Cancer Society to host Relay for Life Hopewell at Hopewell Senior High School June 21 and 22, 2014.
2. Request by Tim Bell to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for an adult basketball league on Monday's and Wednesday's from September 2013 through May 2014.
3. Request from the Hopewell Youth Wrestling organization to use the wrestling room and Gym B at the Junior High School for the 2013-2014 season beginning October 29, 2013 through February 27, 2014.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 4 through 6 beginning October 16, 2013 through December 7, 2013.
7. 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 November.

MOTION #8

By Daniel Santia, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve the Consent Order of Court regarding the 2013 Assessment Appeal for Parcel Number 75-005-0141.000, Raccoon Elementary School property, in the amount of \$280,000. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Land	\$ 25,850
Building	<u>\$254,150</u>
Total	\$280,000

Legislative by Jeff Winkle, ChairMOTION #9

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

- a. Mark B. Miller, President
- b. Larry B. Breech, Vice President
- c. Otto W. Voit III, Treasurer
- d. Daniel J. O’Keefe, At-large Representative (West)

Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, ChairAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #10

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 payments in the amount of \$347,369.58.
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$452,084.82.
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$6,894.97.
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$4,931,002.32.
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$135,679.00.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve items (1) through (6) 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. Resignation of Jim Turnley, assistant boys' basketball coach, effective immediately.
2. Employment of Kathryn Curti as a substitute aide, effective September 11, 2013.
3. Employment of Jeanne Sutton as a permanent bus driver effective September 3, 2013.
4. Employment of Beth Gilligan as a substitute transportation aide effective September 10, 2013.
5. Change of employment status for Brian Henry from permanent driver to substitute driver, effective August 15, 2013.
6. Substitute teacher roster.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, to approve items (1) through (6) 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. Resignation for retirement of Ronald Turkovich, cleaning person at Independence Elementary School, effective at the end of his shift on September 20, 2013.
2. Resignation for retirement of Teresa Lackovich, bus driver, effective September 24, 2013.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve the employment of Lina Coulter as a substitute nurse, effective September 24, 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina said that the beginning of school went well and that we are half way through the first nine weeks. He stated that the implementation of the new reading series and Smartboards at the elementary level is also progressing nicely and that the wireless installation is 1/3 to 1/2 complete. He stated that there are five students enrolled in the Senior High online education program and they are beginning to contact students enrolled in charter schools to introduce and explain our program.

Security enhancements at the elementary schools will begin on September 25, 2013. Cameras will be placed in the entrance ways and throughout the buildings. Bids for the secure entrance way at the Junior High School are due on October 3, 2013.

Pool repairs are ongoing. Needed repairs are more extensive than first thought. There will be an additional expense to the District.

Mrs. Mihok and the principals continue to work on the new teacher evaluation process.

Dr. Reina informed the Board that the baseball field may need repairs at an approximate cost of between \$8,000 and \$15,000. He stated that this will be presented, hopefully, for action on October 8, 2013. Work must begin soon in order for it to be completed before winter.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 8, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

October 22, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 David Ciccone, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary