

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District conducted a virtual and in person Board meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. This meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order at \_\_\_\_ p.m. by Dan Santia, Board President.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Santia.

Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Anitre' Bell  
Carla Buxton  
Daniel Caton  
Victoria Gill  
Anissa Klesser  
Jeanette Miller  
Bethany Pistorius  
Daniel Santia  
Lindsay Zupsic

Also in attendance were: Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, Superintendent, Deborah Engelman, Business Administrator; Christina Lane, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Rob Kartychak, Lou Ceccarelli, and Jim Cassell, Principals; and visitors.

Good News in our School was presented by Dr. Kartychak from the Senior High School, Mr. Ceccarelli from the Junior High School, and Mrs. Steff from the elementary schools. Copies of each report are attached to these minutes.

An Executive Session was held prior to the start of 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.

MOTION #1

By \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the agenda as written.

Mr. Santia asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #2

By \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the September 24, 2024 Business meeting and the October 8, 2024, Board Work Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the Financial Reports consisting of the Tax Collection, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, for September. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Effective October 12, 2021, a maximum of thirty minutes total will be reserved during the Board meeting for community members who request to speak. At any time, the Board may allow additional time for the visitors portion of the Board meeting.

Whether the community member is participating virtually, or in-person, the community member will:

- State their name and township of residence
- Have up to three minutes to make a statement and/or ask a question to the Board
- Only be able to speak once during the visitors portion of the board meeting
- Have their time begin when the individual begins to speak

It is recommended that community members wishing to speak during the visitors portion email the Board Secretary prior to the board meeting, however the online chat will be monitored during the visitors portion of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak.

A response may be given during the meeting, however, it is also possible that no response be provided during the Board meeting. The Board will instruct the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and/or the Solicitor to either respond to the inquiry or do further research and report back to the Board and/or the resident. For any question that requires a response, the District will contact the individual directly to respond or will share responses at the following Board meeting.

No visitors wished to address the Board.

**Buildings and Grounds by Dan Caton, Chair**

**MOTION #4**

By Dan Caton, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve Option A2, build an addition and make alterations to Hopewell Senior High School to include Grades 7-8 and create one 7-12 school facility. Renovate and construct a new addition onto Margaret Ross Elementary School to convert the current building to a K-6 school facility. Total estimated cost is \$105.6 million. MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION #5**

By Dan Caton, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve Option A3, build an addition and make alterations to Hopewell Senior High School to include Grades 7-8 and create one 7-12 school facility. Construct a completely new Grade K-6 school facility. Total estimated cost is \$112.6 million. MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION #6**

By Dan Caton, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve Option E1, build an addition and make alterations to Hopewell Senior High School to include Grades 7-8 and create one 7-12 school facility. Construct a completely new Grade 2-6 school facility. Grades K-1 remain at Margaret Ross Elementary School and Independence Elementary School until the final phase occurs. Total estimated cost is \$99.5 million. MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION #7**

By Dan Caton, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve Option E2, build an addition and make alterations to Hopewell Senior High School to include Grades 7-8 and create one 7-12 school facility. Construct a completely new Grade 3-6 school facility. Grades K-2 remain at Margaret Ross Elementary School and Independence Elementary School until the final phase occurs. Total estimated cost is \$89.8 million. MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance and Budget by Lindsay Zupsic, Chair**

**MOTION #8**

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) 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 \$
2. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$
3. Payments to be ratified in the amount of \$
4. Cafeteria payments to be ratified in the amount of \$

MOTION #9

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the request of Anthony Rossi to purchase parcel 65-174-0217.000-01-1 located in Hopewell Township out of the Beaver County Repository. All delinquent taxes from 2021-2022 tax year and prior years are exonerated. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Legislative by Jeanette Miller, Chair**MOTION #10

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the Hopewell Board of School Directors Reorganization meeting on December 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Board Room. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Bethany Pistorius, Chair**MOTION #11

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the 2024-2025 winter coaches and salaries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the employment of Timothy McGovern, substitute custodian, effective September 9, 2024. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the request of employee 257 for an emergency medical sabbatical, effective October 28, 2024 through March 20, 2025. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the employment of Lauren Hale, substitute in the cafeteria, effective October 21, 2024. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the employment of Mikaela Malobabich, long-term substitute teacher at the Junior High School, effective October 25, 2024. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved the employment of Barry MacDonald, bus driver, effective October 15, 2024. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Superintendent's Report

Solicitor's Report

Upcoming Board Meetings

November 12, 2024, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration Board Room and Virtual

November 26, 2024, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration Board Room and Virtual

MOTION by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Santia adjourned the meeting at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

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Daniel Santia, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary