

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
George Patterson
Daniel Santia

Member's Absent

Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Mike Allison, Doug Rowe and Jessica Webster, Principals; Mike Lipnicky, Director of Technology; and citizens.

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

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Dan 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 22, 2017 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the September 12, 2017 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, 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 2017, 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 2017, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of August 2017, 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

MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the purchase of technology as outlined in year 1 of the 5 Year Technology Plan. Approximate cost of \$167,952.00 will be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the request of the Senior High School Marching Band to travel to Nashville, Tennessee April 12, 2018 through April 16, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the eighth grade field trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on Friday, October 27, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the implementation of a pass/fail grading system for 3rd grade students in social studies and science beginning the 2017-2018 school year. This was a pilot program last year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #7

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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. Free school privileges for Anna McCoy to attend Hopewell High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Updated Club and Activity sponsors for Hopewell High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Athletics by George Patterson, Chair

MOTION #8

By George Patterson, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the purchase from Century Sports, Inc. of a Gill Scholastic I Landing System Complete (high jump pit), in the amount of \$7,030.00. Funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By George Patterson, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the purchase from Institutional Specialties, Inc. of a Daktronics BA-618 scoreboard for the softball field at Hopewell High School in the amount of \$6,900.00. Funds to be taken from the Capital Reserve. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Co-Chair

MOTION #10

By Daniel Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of Dave Gigliotti and Hopewell Youth Boys Basketball to use Gym A at the Junior High School from October 2017 through March 2018 for the Hopewell Youth Boys Basketball program. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of Ryan Frueh and Hopewell Youth Girls Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School from September 2017 through March 2018 for the Hopewell Youth Girls Basketball program. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Daniel Santia, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the request of the Greek Orthodox Church to utilize Gym A at the Junior High School Friday evenings from September 29, 2017 through March 19, 2018 from 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #13

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 \$554,167.46
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$46,987.13
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$40,832.88
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$5,315,411.96
5. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$449.00

MOTION #14

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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 #15

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of Jared and Amber Rogers to purchase tax parcel #65-004-0307.000 located at 000 Hazelcroft Avenue out of repository. The 2015-2016 and prior years taxes shall be exonerated. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Lori McKittrick; Co-Chair

MOTION #16

MOTION by Lori McKittrick, 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: David Hutchinson
- b. Vice President: Gary Michael Smedley
- c. Treasurer: Mike Gossert
- d. Western At Large: Daniel O'Keefe
- e. PSBA Insurance Trust: Marianne Neel, Michael Faccinnetto

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of Shirley D'Eramo, bus driver, for a 30 day leave of absence without pay, effective October 3, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve Karissa Parsons-Stubber, volunteer registered nurse, to accompany 8th grade students to Washington, D.C. on October 27, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation of Martin Vallecorsa as an assistant boys basketball coach, effective September 27, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Policy/Planning by David Bufalini, Chair

Informational:

- a. Policy 918 – Title I Parental Involvement, changes “parent involvement” to “parent and family engagement” per ESSA requirement.

Transportation by Daniel Santia, Chair

MOTION #20

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the sale of the following vehicles at the 422 Auction. MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Bus #1 – Chevrolet - VIN# 1GBHG31RXV1063464
- b. Bus #7 – International - VIN# 4DRBRABL84B967523

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Miller reported that the Settlement regarding the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and their K-4 kindergarten program is almost complete. She should know soon as to what the District should receive in reparations.

Dr. Miller, Mr. Short and the Senior High School principals are actively recruiting students for lifeguards.

Dr. Miller gave Board members information regarding options for the bus garage roof replacement. She is still waiting on additional information and hopes to have that for the next meeting.

Dr. Maslyk reported that teachers would be participating in Tech Fest on October 9, 2017.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bufalini asked the Board if they would be willing to make a contribution to the B.F. Jones Memorial Library. All agreed.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 10, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

October 24, 2017 – 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 George Patterson, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary