

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District conducted a virtual and in person Board meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. This meeting was recorded.

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

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bufalini. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

David Bufalini
Carla Buxton
Daniel Caton
Matthew Erickson (via Zoom)
Lori McKittrick
Jeanette Miller
Bethany Pistorius
Daniel Santia
Lindsay Zupsic

Also, in attendance were: Dr. Robert Kartychak, Acting Superintendent, John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich, Gary Hutsler and Donna Steff, principals; and visitors.

MOTION #1

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the agenda as written.

An Executive Session was held on September 20, 2022 to conduct interviews for the Superintendent position. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #2

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to approve the August 23, 2022 and the September 13, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #3

By Dan Santia, seconded by Dan Caton, 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, 2022, 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, 2022, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of August, 2022, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

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
- 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.

Aleta Wright

Ms. Wright is concerned about the tax increase on senior citizens who are on a fixed income. She believes that many have moved from the District because of the high taxes. She has heard that the tax increase was not necessary.

Mr. Bufalini stated that each Board member is affected by the tax increase and that taxes are only raised when needed.

Mr. Bufalini continued with committee recommendations and discussion.

Educational/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeanette Miller, Co-Chair**MOTION #4**

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Mr. Katkich for Michael Gilmore to co-sponsor the Digital Media Club. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the appointment of the following. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Dr. Moka as District Physician - \$10 per exam;
- b. Optometric Care as District Vision Examiner - \$3.40 per exam; and
- c. Dr. Rich Covatto to provide dental exams - \$5 per exam.

MOTION #6

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve Isabelle Sparr, a student at Geneva College, to complete her secondary social studies field experience under the direction of Janet Meyers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve Rebekah Cox, a student at Geneva College, to complete her field experience in music under the direction of Kit Keiper. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the updated Special Education Individual Paraprofessional Job Description. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the updated Special Education Classroom Paraprofessional Job Description. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the Renewal Agreement with Precision HR to provide substitute paraprofessionals at a rate of \$17.55 per hour, on an as needed basis from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the Provider Agreement with Aveanna Staffing Services, doing business as Aveanna Healthcare, effective September 5, 2022 through June 30, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Provider Agreement with Pediatric Services of America, LLC, doing business as Aveanna Healthcare, effective September 5, 2022 through June 30, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the Provider Agreement with Epic Health Services, Inc., doing business as Aveanna Healthcare, effective September 5, 2022 through June 30, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the Provider Agreement with Care Unlimited, Inc., doing business as Aveanna Healthcare, effective September 5, 2022 through June 30, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Dan Caton, ChairMOTION #15

By Dan Caton, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve Jozlyn Marnhout, a student at South Side Area School District, to practice and compete as an independent swimmer, under the direction of the Hopewell Varsity Swim Team. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Dan Santia**MOTION #16**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of Little Lady Vikings Youth Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. beginning October 3, 2022 through February 27, 2023, for practice and games. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Little Lady Vikings Youth Basketball to use the Main and Auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. beginning October 8, 2022 through February 25, 2023 for inhouse games. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Little Lady Vikings Youth Basketball to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. beginning December 3, 2022 through February 25, 2023. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of the girls varsity basketball boosters to use the Main and Auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School during the months of January and February for a Junior High School basketball winter league. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of the girls varsity basketball boosters to use the Main and Auxiliary gyms at the Senior High School and gyms A and B at the Junior High School on December 9, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10 for a youth basketball tournament. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of the Hopewell Youth Boys Basketball to use Gym A at the Junior High School Monday through Friday from October 10, 2022 through March 10, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., as well as on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Service Agreement with Combustion Service & Equipment Co. for the Senior High School boilers and burners effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,244.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #23

By Dan Santia, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the mat room and Gym B at the Junior High School Tuesday through Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning November 1, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve the request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to use the mat room at the Junior High School from October 18, 2022 through October 20, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a wrestling clinic. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #25

By Dan Santia, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve request of Hopewell Youth Wrestling to hold a tournament at the Senior High School on December 3, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrickMOTION #26

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve 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 \$530,081.94
2. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$47,288.69
3. General Fund Payments in the amount of \$4,063,592.71

MOTION #27

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve request of Rebecca Naman & Scott Smith to purchase parcel 65-193-0280.954 located in Hopewell Township out of the Beaver County Repository. All delinquent taxes from 2020-2021 tax year and prior years are exonerated, provided that the purchasers shall pay the school real estate tax for the 2021-2022 tax year through the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau, including any fees, costs, penalties and interest on the 2021-

2022 tax year school real estate tax. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #28

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the transfer the following amounts from defunct Hopewell High School student club activity accounts to current Hopewell High School student club activity accounts (Defunct clubs: French, Latin, and Thespian). MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. German Club: \$549.90
- b. Italian Club: \$549.90
- c. Spanish Club: \$549.90
- d. Student Council: \$7322.12

Legislative by Jeanette Miller, Chair

MOTION #29

By Jeanette Miller, seconded by Carla Buxton, to approve the election of PSBA Officers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Michael Gossert President
- b. Allison Mathis Vice President

Personnel by Lindsay Zupsic, Co-Chair

MOTION #30

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the following regular education teachers, as “teachers of record” for the Beaver County Jail for the 2022-2023 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Rosetta Dufalla, English
- b. Elizabeth Lehman, Science
- c. Raymon Smith, Math
- d. Mark Witterman, Social Studies

MOTION #31

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the appointment of Mike Sundy and Mike Gilmore as Junior High School girls basketball coaches, each at a stipend of \$2,500.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #32

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Dan Santia, to accept the resignation of Rod Milanovich, sponsor for the Stock Market Club at the Junior High School, effective September 28, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #33

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the appointment of Nick DeSalle, sponsor of the Stock Market Club at the Junior High School, effective September 28, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #34

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Dan Santia, to accept the resignation of Kristy Gruber, individual paraprofessional at the Junior High School, effective September 30, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #35

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Dan Santia, to accept the resignation of Matt Weiss, sponsor of the SHOUT Club at the Senior High School, effective September 28, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #36

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to accept the verbal resignation of Laura Davis, breakfast monitor at Independence Elementary School, effective September 23, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #37

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the employment of the following teachers for After-School Learning from October 4, 2022 through November 17, 2022 at the extended education rate per the collective bargaining agreement. After-School Program will be funded using ESSER III 7% set-aside monies. MOTION carried by a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Bufalini abstaining.

Kristina Frioni	Courtney Hunt	Danielle McCutcheon	Jenny Marchionda
Natalee Bufalini	Monique Urick	Arlene Tierney	Jolene Blyzwick
Nicole Rodgers	Karin Aleva	Will Enders	Lisa Morell
Katie Snyder	Michael Gill	Linda Antonella	Anne Beitler
Taylor Carnot	Leslie Dennis	Nina Hodges	Elizabeth Pierce

MOTION #38

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Paula Bain, substitute cafeteria, effective September 21, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #39

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Justin Taylor, substitute custodian, effective September 28, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Other Business

None

Superintendents Report

Dr. Kartychak thanked everyone for the smooth start to the school year and thanked the Board for their continued support. He said that he was pleased to report that 46% of high school students participate in either a sport, cheerleading or band.

Solicitor's Report

None

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – Board Room and Virtual

October 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – Board Room and Virtual

MOTION Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary