

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (by telephone)
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
Tony Guy

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, Douglass Rowe and Korri Kane, Principals; Lynn Utchell, Director of Special Education; and citizens.

An Executive Session was held prior to 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.

Dr. Reina announced that the following items would be voted on later in the meeting. He then proceeded to review the agenda in its entirety.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Mrs. Segner, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Natalee Bufalini, Aquatics Director, effective September 9, 2015, at an annual salary of \$7,000.

Transportation: Daniel Santia, Chair; Rob Harmotto, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Sell the following vehicles at the 422 Auction on September 12, 2015:
 - a. Bus #16 – Thomas Mini Bus - VIN#GDJG31F011192063
 - b. Bus #30 – Thomas International - VIN#1HVBBABN8YH305500
 - c. Bus #31 – Thomas International -VIN#1HVBBABNXYH305501

Dr. Reina said that the following items would be voted on during the September 22, 2015 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Staffing Agreement with Stat Staffing to provide one-on-one nursing services on an as needed basis effective August 26, 2015.
2. Free school privileges for Shyanne Hamilton to attend Hopewell High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Athletics

1. A 11th grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the varsity swim team for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request of varsity cheerleaders to conduct a Youth Cheer Clinic in the Auxiliary Gym at the Senior High School on October 9, 2015.
2. Request of the Class of 2019 to use the Senior High main gym for a donkey basketball game fundraiser on October 21, 2015.

Finance

1. Approve final payment to Northern Athletic Construction Company in the amount of \$1,350.00 for various senior high projects.

Legislative:

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Hopewell Area School District's Return-to-Work program to provide modified duty to employees under job restrictions due to work related injuries.

Personnel

1. Employment of _____, life skills teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective September 23, 2015.
2. Employment of _____, business, computer and information technology teacher at Hopewell High School, effective October 3, 2015.
3. Employment of _____, special education teacher at Hopewell Junior High School, effective September 23, 2015.
4. Employment of Joe Cioc as 1st Assistant Girls' Volleyball coach, effective August 17, 2015.
5. Employment of Laura Davis as breakfast monitor at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 31, 2015.
6. Resignation of Jo-Ann Garofolo, bus driver, effective September 30, 2015.
7. Resignation of Jonathan Jones as 1st Assistant Girls' Volleyball coach, effective August 17, 2015.
8. Resignation of Marla Henry, bus driver, effective August 17, 2015.
9. Resignation of T.R. McClellan, bus driver, effective August 11, 2015.
10. Cross country coaching changes as follows:
 - a. John Erath as 3rd assistant coach at a salary of \$1,201.00.
 - b. Natalee Bufalini as a volunteer coach.

Visitors

Jody Showrank, Melissa Mitchell, Kimberly Klette, Beth Schultz, Jan Fisher, Corinna Petrella, Linda Shatar, Camille Houy and Holly Diccico are the parents of children who attend Independence Elementary School. Each spoke of their concern for class size at Independence Elementary School, particularly in grades kindergarten first and fourth. They are concerned that such large class sizes are not the best environment for all students to learn and that grades and standardized test scores will go down.

Dr. Reina said that he is continuously monitoring class size and that he has been in the building to observe. He stated that Dr. Maslyk has been reviewing standardized tests scores. He also said that if parents are concerned they should contact the teacher and that several practices are in place to identify struggling students.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini returned to Personnel.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Natalee Bufalini as Aquatics Director, at an annual salary of \$7,000, effective September 9, 2015. MOTION carried by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance, with the exception of the abstention of Mr. Bufalini.

Transportation by Mr. Santia, Chair

MOTION #2

By Dan Santia, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the sale of the following vehicles at the 422 Auction on September 12, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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- b. Bus #30 – Thomas International - VIN#1HVBBABN8YH305500
- c. Bus #31 – Thomas International -VIN#1HVBBABNXYH305501

Mr. Bufalini announced that an Executive Session would be held following 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.

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 Dan Santia, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary