

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Daniel Santia, Board Vice President.

Prayer was led by Lori McKittrick and flag salute was led by Madison Klodowski and Trinity Pisano, Senior High School students and All American athletes at the USA Cheer Camp at Slippery Rock University.

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

Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo (via telephone conference at 7:45)
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent
George Patterson

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Edward Katkich, and Korri Kane, Principals; Don Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

Each principal presented programs that they have initiated with students and staff to show Viking PRIDE (Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Empathy)

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction: Mr. Winkle, Chair; Mr. Harmotto, Co-Chair

1. Agreement with Optimal Performance by Design for School Board professional development.

Personnel: Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Ms. McKittrick, Co-Chair

1. Resignation of Heather Way, paraprofessional, effective October 2, 2019.
2. Ryan Frueh, volunteer coach for Junior High girls basketball for open gym on Saturday mornings for the fall basketball season.
3. Change of employment status for Gregory Barlion from substitute bus driver to permanent driver, effective August 19, 2019
4. Employment of Teresa Bradfield, transportation aide, effective August 19, 2019.
5. Employment of Cara Sembower, transportation aide, effective August 19, 2019.

Dr. Miller said that the following items would be voted on during the September 23, 2019 Business Meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. 2020 Kennywood School Picnic on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.
2. Free school privileges for Haley Cooper to attend Hopewell High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Finance:

1. Proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6.25 per required filing.

Legislative:

1. Candidates for PSBA election of officers:
 - a. President-elect: Art Levinowitz
 - b. Vice President: David Hein
 - c. PSBA Insurance Trust: (vote for up to 2) Kathy K. Swope, Mark B. Miller
 - d. Section 5 Advisor: Marsha Pleta

Personnel:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Hopewell Education Association with respect to long-term substitutes.
2. Winter sports coaches and salaries. (**Attachment**)
3. Resignation of Lisa Cedro, French club sponsor, effective September 6, 2019.

4. Appointment of Robin Ewing as French club sponsor, effective September 6, 2019.
5. Appointment of Brittany Covalt and Lori Colangelo, cosponsors of the Class of 2023, effective September 6, 2019.

Transportation:

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Settlement agreement with the EEOC with respect to an employee application in the Transportation Department.

Visitors

No one wished to address the Board.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Santia returned to Education/Curriculum/Instruction.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Mr. Winkle, Chair

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the Agreement with Optimal Performance by Design for School Board professional development. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Heather Way, paraprofessional, effective October 2, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve Ryan Frueh, volunteer coach for Junior High girls basketball for open gym on Saturday mornings for the fall basketball season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the change of employment status for Gregory Barlion from substitute bus driver to permanent driver, effective August 19, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the employment of Teresa Bradfield, transportation aide, effective August 19, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the change of employment status of Cara Sembower, transportation aide, effective August 19, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was 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.

It was also announced that the Board would meet on September 16, 2019, for professional development purposes.

Other Business**MOTION #7**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, that Michael Sundy and Courtney Vanoy be approved as Junior High School girls basketball coaches and that Jeff Homziak, Michael Sundy and Kari Steuer be approved as varsity girls basketball coaches. MOTION carried by a 5 to 3 vote, with Mr. Harmotto, Mr. Newberry and Mrs. Oblak voting no.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion or recommendations to come before the Board of Directors, Mr. Santia asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

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Daniel Santia, Board Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary