

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Daria Minton (arrived at 7:06)  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner  
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe and Jessica Webster, Principals; Donald Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

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

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Lesia Dobo, 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 September 27, 2016 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the October 11, 2016 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 September 2016, 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 September 2016, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of September 2016, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the November calendar and announced that a benefit concert with Johnny Angel & the Halos would be held at Hopewell High School on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

At this time Mr. Bufalini asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, Chair**

**MOTION #3**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the agreement with Maiello Brungo & Maiello to act as special counsel to the District on an as needed basis. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the contract with West Interactive Services Corporation for a one year contract for SchoolMessenger, a school notification system, at a cost of \$4,441.80. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #5**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeff Winkle, 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. Annie McCune, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a student teacher placement January 10, 2017 through March 3, 2017 under the guidance of Nancy Miller.
2. Isabella Hindes, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a student teacher placement January 10, 2017 through March 3, 2017 under the guidance of Ciara Cutone.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #6**

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve items (1) through (6) 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. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Regional WAN – Wide Area Network, PAIUnet 2.0 and Internet service at a cost of \$8,981.20 for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide IP Address Block at a cost of \$64.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.

3. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Discovery Education at a cost of \$1.31 per student for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Discovery Education – Local Host at a cost of \$530.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Internet 2 Service at a cost of \$2,000.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.
6. Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide OverDrive School Digital Library Access at a cost of \$1,456.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #7**

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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. Request of Girls Youth Basketball to you Gym B at the Junior High School from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from October through March for practice and games.
2. Request of Jason Martself to use the wrestling room at the Junior High School on October 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a wrestling camp.

**MOTION #8**

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the solicitation of bids for security cameras at the Senior High and Junior High Schools. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #9**

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify item (4) 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 \$357,687.95
2. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$200,858.79
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$143,647.66
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$3,210,461.30

**MOTION #10**

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve a Resolution to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$600.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

At this time Dr. Miller discussed a proposal by Questeq for technology staffing for the District through the 2019-2020 school year.

**Legislative by Jeff Winkle; Chair**

**MOTION #11**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the HASD Board of Directors Reorganization meeting on December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Board Room. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #12**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve the schedule for School Board meetings for 2016-2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #13**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the change of employment status for Nicholas Slapikas from 4/6 English teacher at the Senior High School to full time English teacher, effective August 24, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**

**MOTION #14**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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.

1. Change of employment status for Olivia Costanza from permanent transportation aide to substitute transportation aide, effective August 15, 2016.
2. Resignation of Marissa Henry, transportation aide, effective February 24, 2016.
3. Resignation of Thomas Hunt, transportation aide, effective January 13, 2016.

**MOTION #15**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the employment of Sarah Fischer as a substitute nurse, effective September 30, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #16**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to accept the resignation for retirement of John Lasky, custodian at the Junior High School, effective January 2, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items (1) through (5) 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. Appointment of William Blue as a volunteer bowling coach, effective October 26, 2016.
2. Resignation for retirement of Carol Dishong, transportation aide, effective October 31, 2016.
3. Appointment of Mark Muslin, co-sponsor of the Ski Club at the Senior High School, effective October 1, 2016.
4. Employment of Kristie Conrad, individual aide at Independence Elementary School, effective October 20, 2016.
5. Resignation of Kristen Stowers, transportation aide, effective October 14, 2016.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller made the following announcements:

1. The National School Board Association's annual conference is March 25, 2017 through March 27, 2017 in Denver, Colorado.
2. The Board Policy Manual is now online and can be reached through the District's website.
3. Planning for the 2017-2018 school year has begun with meetings with principals regarding courses and staffing.

Dr. Maslyk announced that Monday, October 31, 2017 was going to be Tech Fest, where teachers will have 34 options to choose from to enhance their technology skills.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

November 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

November 22, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary