

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Lesia Dobo
Daniel Caton
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, Mr. John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator and acting Board Secretary; Mr. Mike Allison, Principal, and Mr. Katkich, Principal.

Dr. Maslyk presented mid-year educational highlights and data on all schools and grade levels. This included data available on the PDE website for Hopewell Area School District as well.

Dr. Miller and Mrs. Conrad reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

Personnel

1. Resignation of Brad Skomo as of January 28, 2019, pursuant to separation agreement as presented.
2. Act 93 Agreement for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022.
3. Employment of Elizabeth Dewar, as a daily substitute guidance counselor, effective February 5, 2019 at a rate of \$85.00 per day. Kelly Educational Services does not provide substitute counselor services.
4. Request of Guy Celeste, bus driver, for a 30-day leave without pay, effective February 11, 2019.
5. Request of Dina Opsatnic, transportation aide to extend her leave without pay through February 28, 2019.

6. Change of employment status for David Parish, bus driver, from full time to substitute, effective February 17, 2019.

Educational/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Informational items:
 - a. \$500,000 grant awarded to Hopewell and Beaver County Innovation and Learning Consortium (BCILC) by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a PAsmart Advancing Computer Science & STEM Education Grant
 - b. 2018-2019 enrollment figures as of February 1, 2019
 - c. February 2019 Calendar of Events for each elementary school
 - d. BVIU Board Notes for January, 2019
 - e. The District will host the PMEA Band Festival January 26-28, 2021
 - f. Beaver County Works #STEMSTRONG on March 11-12, 2019 (handout)
 - g. Safe2Say Something update
 - h. Highlights of Professional Development Act 80 Day on January 30, 2019 (handout)
 - i. Junior High School medical career awareness event March 13-14, 2019
 - j. Independence Elementary School event: 1 School:1 Book

Buildings and Grounds

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use facilities at Tony Dorsett Stadium and to conduct a 50/50 raffle during the 2019 football season.
2. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use the Senior High School cafeteria to provide lunch during football camp, August 12-16, and August 18, 2019.

Finance and Budget

1. Informational:
 - a. 2019-2010 budget timeline (handout)

Nutrition and Food Service

1. Wellness Policy Board Policy revisions
2. Informational:
 - a. Food Service audit is taking place this week

Personnel:

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Spring coaches and salaries (attachment)

2. Resignation of the following coaches:
 - a. Amanda Moore, softball
 - b. Lauren Schieb, track
 - c. Brandon Fedorka, track
 - d. Eric David, track

Visitors

Ms. Casey Hoth, 2020 S. Trillium Dr, Aliquippa, was concerned with the lack of substitute teachers and how frequently students are missing specials. Dr. Miller informed her that the District is trying different approaches to attract more substitutes but it is a county-wide issue.

Mr. Nick Marlett, 1233 Longvue Ave, Aliquippa, questioned why there is a six day rotation instead of 5 day rotation for specials and what sort of safety measures are taking place that are proactive instead of reactive? Dr. Miller listed the in-process camera/security system upgrades, two grants for preventative safety and security training, a mentor program for 8th and 9th grade students, a grant for a school resource officer, and a grant for 2-way radio communication as the many ways the District is taking a proactive approach.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve the resignation of Brad Skomo as of January 28, 2019, pursuant to separation agreement as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve the Act 93 Agreement for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #3

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle to approve the employment of Elizabeth Dewar, as a daily substitute guidance counselor, effective February 5, 2019, at a rate of \$85.00 per day. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve the request of Guy Celeste, bus driver, for a 30-day leave without pay, effective February 11, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve the request of Dina Opsatnic, transportation aide, to extend her leave without pay through February 28, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve the change of employment status for David Parish, bus driver, from full time to substitute, effective February 17, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Executive Session

Mrs. Dobo announced the Board would be meeting in executive session following this evening's meeting to discuss personnel. The announcement was made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

MOTION by Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Darren Newberry that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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Jennifer Conrad, Acting Secretary