

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2018, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by John Bowden, Board Vice President.

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

John Bowden
Daniel Caton
Rob Harmotto (via video conference)
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
Lesia Dobo

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; and Mr. Rob Kartychak, Principal.

“Good News” was presented by Mr. Kartychak from the Elementary Schools.

Mr. Bowden asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Jeffrey Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the January 15, 2018, Business Meeting Minutes and the February 5, 2018, Work Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 January 2018, 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 January, 2018, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of January, 2018, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Dennis and Christina Stevens, 2501 Washington St, Aliquippa, addressed the Board with their concerns about bullying with their elementary student. Dr. Maslyk will make sure this is addressed.

Educational/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Hopewell Education Association regarding video recording in classrooms. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds, by Daniel Santia, Chair

MOTION #4

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the use of Junior High Gym by Hopewell Youth Baseball from March 5 through April 21, 2018, from 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM on weekdays and 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturdays. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick to approve the use of Junior High Auxiliary Gym by Hopewell Youth Baseball on February 24, 2018, from 8:00 Am – 3:00 PM. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Jeffrey Winkle to approve a Preventative Maintenance Proposal with Renick Brothers for inspections in Spring, 2018, and Spring, 2019, on the chillers at the Junior High for \$4,306.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Mr. Caton, Chair

MOTION #7

By Daniel Caton, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to grant permission to Youth Softball organization to install a batting cage at Independence Elementary School at no cost to the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #8

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Daniel Caton to approve items (1) through (3) and ratify items (4) and (5) 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 payments in the amount of \$428,008.62
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$95,704.05
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$6,900.00
4. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$58,760.00
5. General Fund payments in the amount of \$567,661.46

MOTION #9

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to ratify PLGIT-PLUS CD purchases with the following banks and terms. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of 1.450% for 90 days from Luther Burbank Savings, Santa Rosa, CA to mature 5/2/2018.
- b. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of 1.50% for 120 days from Bank of the Ozarks, Little Rock, AR to mature 6/1/2018.
- c. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of 1.60% for 151 days from First Internet Bank of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN to mature 7/2/2018.
- d. CD purchase in the amount of \$248,000 for a net rate of 1.60% for 151 days from Bank of China, New York NY to mature 7/2/2018.
- e. CD purchase in the amount of \$247,000 for a net rate of 1.79% for 180 days from Landmark Community Bank, Collierville, TN to mature 7/31/2018.

- f. CD purchase in the amount of \$247,000 for a net rate of 1.79% for 180 days from First Commons Bank, Na, Newton Center, MA to mature 7/31/2018

Legislative by Mrs. Oblak, Chair

MOTION #10

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Jeffrey Winkle to nominate Daniel Santia to the Beaver Valley Intermediate Board of School Directors for a three-year term of office to commence July 1, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry to accept the retirement of Kimberly Williy, secretary, effective April 12, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick to approve the employment of Alayna McDonald as custodial/maintenance substitute effective January, 26, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve the employment of Jessica Hines as a bus driver effective January 22, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve the employment of Rosemary George to the bus aide permanent list effective January 29, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve the employment of Ashley Stowers to the bus aide permanent list effective January 29, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick to approve the employment of the following football coaches for the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Mike Commeso
- b. Shelton Colbert
- c. Mike Nardilli
- d. Andrew Moore

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffrey Winkle to approve employment of the following spring 2018 coaches. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Jim Lewis – Softball
- b. Marc Weller – Softball
- c. Dan Nale – Softball
- d. Danielle Cook – Softball
- e. Rich Davis – Swimming

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Caton to accept the resignation of the following coaches, effective immediately. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Zach Hayward – Football
- b. Jeremy Martini – Football
- c. Dan Sonsini – Baseball
- d. Lillian Pontis – Track
- e. Bob Pontis – Track
- f. Tyler Sparkman – Track
- g. Eli Mihalik – Track
- h. Cradeal Kimbrough – Track
- i. Gerald Kimmerle – Softball
- j. Robert Albertini - Softball

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve the employment and assignment of the attached Spring, 2018 coaches as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Jeffrey Winkle, Chair

MOTION #20

By Jeffrey Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak to approve participation in the Western PA Gasoline/Diesel purchasing Consortium for the 2018-2019 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Jeffrey Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve a request by Hopewell Township to use District van for Rec-on-the-Run from June 1, 2018 – August 10, 2018, at no cost to the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Jeffrey Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia to approve the request by Hopewell Township to use District buses and drivers for Hopewell Park Fest Community Day on July 7, 2018, at no cost to the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maslyk distributed and reviewed an update on the comprehensive plan. She noted that she will need input from the Board, community, businesses, and parents before seeking approval at the March meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

March 5, 2018: Work Meeting, Central Administration

March 19, 2018: Business Meeting, Central Administration

Executive Session

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

MOTION by Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Bowden adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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John Bowden, Board Vice-President

Jennifer Conrad, Acting Secretary