

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
David Ciccone
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Michael Johnston
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe, Jessica Webster and Korri Kane, Principals; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Donald Short, Athletic Director and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mrs. Kane from Margaret Ross and Hopewell Elementary Schools, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. Copies of each report, including one for Independence Elementary School, are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bufalini thanked all for their fine reports.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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 January 22, 2013 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the February 12, 2013 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By David Ciccone, 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 January 2013, 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 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of January 2013, 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 March calendar.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Michael Johnston

MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve the Resolution for participation in the 2013 Beaver County Summer Academy to be held at Beaver Area School District from June 17, 2013 through June 24, 2013 sponsored by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit at a cost of \$500. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request by Jenean Maratta, a student at Geneva College, to conduct research with students in a 4th grade and 6th grade math class to see if adding a positive saying sticker to some of the math fact tests prior to giving the test will reduce test anxiety. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, 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. School picnic for 2013-2014 at Kennywood Park on May 21, 2014.
2. 2013-2014 school calendar.

Athletics by Mr. Ciccone, Chair

MOTION #6

By David Ciccone, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve an 8th grade student from Ambridge Area School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the Hopewell Area Junior High School Swim Team for the 2012-2013 School Year, effective in the spring 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all of the Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By David Ciccone, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve students from Central Valley School District to practice and participate in swimming meets with the Hopewell Area Junior High School Swim Team for the 2012-2013 School Year, effective in the spring 2013. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all of the Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Michael Johnston, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #8**

By Michael Johnston, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve items (1) through (7) 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 Pennsylvania West Soccer Association and Steve Thomas, to use the stadium and bathrooms on April 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on April 14, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for youth soccer games.
2. Request by Girls Softball to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for spring-season conditioning and pitching program beginning March 4, 2013.
3. 2013 Hopewell Area Winter/Spring Pool Schedule for period January 2, 2013 through May 17, 2013 as presented by Steve DeLatte, Aquatics Director.
4. Request from Joseph Sullivan for the Hopewell Community Big Band to use the Junior High School gym or Senior High School auditorium on Tuesday evenings beginning June 4 through July 9 as a potential indoor facility to be used in the event of rain.
5. Request by Doug Williams to host 3 summer basketball camps at Hopewell High School.
 - June 10-14, Grades 9-12
 - June 24-28, Grades 2-8
 - July 22-26, Grades 2-8
6. Request by Hopewell Youth Football to use the High School Stadium for their 2013 football season.
7. Request by Jeff Homziak to host a girls basketball summer league for grades 7 through 12 from May 13, 2013 through June 28, 2013 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in both the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School.

Finance and Budget by Mr. Bowden, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #9**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify items (3) and (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 \$587,553.97.
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$75,284.94.
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,432,951.32.
4. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$17,860.00.

MOTION #10

By John Bowden, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve the advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2013-2014 school year MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the proposal from Comcast to provide telephone service to the District for a period of 36 months. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the eSchoolView Hosting Contract, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 at an annual cost of \$1,932.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #13**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Michael Johnston, to approve items (1) through (13) 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 from Teresa Lackovich to extend Leave Without Pay, up to an additional 90 days, based upon Teamster Local Union No. 205 letter dated February 15, 2013, that the approval will not be precedential and will not establish a past practice.

2. Spring sports coaches and stipends.
3. Dean Nelson as the Hopewell High School Class of 2014 sponsor, effective December 1, 2012.
4. Raymon Smith as the Hopewell High School Student Council sponsor, effective December 1, 2012.
5. Resignation of John Murphy as a full-time bus driver. Mr. Murphy wishes to be placed on the substitute driver list.
6. Substitute aide roster.
7. Employment of Michael Marchetti as a language arts teacher at Hopewell Junior High School at Step I Master's Scale, effective March, 1, 2013.
8. Leave without pay for up to one year, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, for Debbie McMahon, effective February 20, 2013.
9. Substitute teacher roster.
10. Substitute custodial and cleaning person roster.
11. Leave without pay for up to 30 days for Christian D'Alessandro, bus driver, effective January 28, 2013.
12. Substitute transportation aide roster.
13. Change of employment status for the following cleaning personnel:
 - Bonnie Miller from 6-hour permanent cleaning person at the Junior High School to 8-hour permanent pool custodian at the Junior High School, effective January 3, 2013.
 - Thomas Patton from 6-hour permanent cleaning person at the Senior High School to 8-hour permanent custodian at the Senior High School, effective January 3, 2013.
 - John Lasky from substitute personnel to 6-hour permanent cleaning person at the Senior High School effective January 11, 2013. Mr. Lasky has since obtained an 8-hour custodian position at the Senior High School effective February 4, 2013.
 - Michael Varkonda from substitute personnel to 6-hour permanent cleaning person at Hopewell Elementary School, effective January 3, 2013.
 - Sean Scalise from substitute personnel to 4-hour permanent cleaning person at Hopewell Elementary School, effective January 3, 2013.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina explained that a company called Seitel had contacted the District regarding seismic testing. He said that many residents of the District had received similar requests from the company. A community meeting with Seitel will be held at the High School on March 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. so that they may explain the process.

Dr. Reina and Mrs. Robb attended the PASBO budget seminar earlier in the week and he briefly explained the outcome.

Dr. Reina asked the Board to think about the prospect of the Board going paperless.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

March 12, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

March 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini announced that an Executive Session would be 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.

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 Lesia Dobo, seconded by David Ciccone, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary