

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 22, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District conducted a virtual and in person Board meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. This meeting was recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Daniel Santia, Board Vice President.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Barber. Roll call by the secretary followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

Daniel Caton
Matthew Erickson
Lori McKittrick (Via Zoom)
Jeanette Miller
Bethany Pistorius
Daniel Santia
Jeffrey Winkle
Lindsay Zupsic

Members Absent
David Bufalini

Also, in attendance were: Dr. Robert Kartychak, Acting Superintendent, participated via Zoom; John Salopek, Solicitor; Brooke Baker, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Joel Roth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Michael Allison, Nadia Engel, Lou Ceccarelli and Gary Hutsler, principals; and visitors.

Good News in our Schools reports were presented by Ms. Engel, Mr. Ceccarelli and Mr. Hutsler. Copies of their reports are attached to these minutes.

MOTION #1

By Bethany Pistorius, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the agenda as written.

Mr. Santia asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #2

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve the February 22, 2022 and March 8, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #4

By Bethany Pistorius seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, 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 February, 2022, 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 February, 2022, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of February, 2022, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Effective October 12, 2021, a maximum of thirty minutes total will be reserved during the Board meeting for community members who request to speak. At any time, the Board may allow additional time for the visitors portion of the Board meeting.

Whether the community member is participating virtually, or in-person, the community member will:

- State their name
- Have up to three minutes to make a statement and/or ask a question to the Board
- Only be able to speak once during the visitors portion of the board meeting
- Have their time begin when the individual begins to speak

It is recommended that community members wishing to speak during the visitors portion email the Board Secretary prior to the board meeting, however the online chat will be monitored during the visitors portion of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak.

A response may be given during the meeting, however, it is also possible that no response be provided during the Board meeting. The Board will instruct the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and/or the Solicitor to either respond to the inquiry or do further research and report back to the Board and/or the resident. For any question that requires a response, the District will contact the individual directly to respond or will share responses at the following Board meeting.

Deanna Hiltz

Mrs. Hiltz wanted to take this opportunity to commend the administration, teachers, paraprofessionals and students with respect to Bocce Buddies. This program provided opportunities for students both with all types of disabilities and without disabilities to participate in sports meaningfully and by engaging other students in the school community, Interscholastic Unified Sports helps promote inclusion, acceptance and respect. Mrs. Hiltz's daughter participated in the Unified Bocce program at the Junior High School and had a wonderful time. The enthusiasm and commitment of all who participated was a joy to see.

Mr. Santia continued with committee recommendations and discussion.

Educational/Curriculum/Instruction by Matt Erickson, Chair**MOTION #5**

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request from Mr. Keiper to take the band on a one day trip to Cedar Point on May 21, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Paula Battisti and Michael Gill to take students to Education Days at Cedar Point on Saturday, May 21, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the removal of the Latin Club from the list of activities at the Senior High School, effective March 23, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Mr. Katkich for two students to attend the 2021-2022 Academic Games in Knoxville, Tennessee, along with the three students from the Senior High School that had already been approved. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Jeff Winkle, Co-Chair**MOTION #9**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the request of Hopewell High School Football boosters to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on April 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. to host an Easter Egg Hunt. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request of Hopewell Girls Fast Pitch Softball to have DuraEdge do repairs on the infield edging, replace the clay bases of the batter's box and pitching lanes on the Independence Elementary Softball Fields in preparation of 2022 spring softball season. All costs and liability to be incurred by Hopewell Girls Fast Pitch Softball. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to approve the request of Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the pool for summer swim conditioning beginning June 13, 2022 through August 19, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lindsay Zupsic, ChairMOTION #12

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, 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 \$ 743,404.75
2. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$ 104,347.61
3. General Fund Payments in the amount of \$ 1,990,205.55

MOTION #13

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the 2022-2023 Pay Schedule, as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to approve the 2022-2023 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$1,459,600.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2022-2023 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the purchase of a booster pump from Renick Brothers for Margaret Ross Elementary School in the amount of \$18,700.00, including an additional \$12,825.00 for installation, for a total of \$31,525.00 to be taken from the Capital Reserve. MOTION carried by a vote of seven to one, with Mr. Winkle voting no.

Mr. Winkle wanted to know why members of the Buildings and Grounds committee were not notified about the purchase.

MOTION #17

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the appointment of Jeanie Parrish as Raccoon Tax Collector for tax years 2022 through 2025. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the exoneration of the following property tax collectors from uncollected 2021 taxes: Mary Ellen Oros, Independence Township; Diane Palsa, Hopewell Township; and Sandra Cain, Raccoon Township. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Matt Erickson, Chair

MOTION #19

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to accept the resignation of Joe McFarland, custodian, effective March 31, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the employment of Bill Boggs, 4th Assistant Softball Coach, effective March 21, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the appointment of Ryan Lynn, volunteer assistant track coach, effective March 23, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Maurer, School Nurse at Margaret Ross Elementary, effective May 27, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Pistorius said that she and the Board wished Izzy well, as she would soon be moving.

MOTION #23

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to approve the employment of Mary Ann Miller from Heart Strong Wellness to conduct a lifeguard training class. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to accept the resignation of Gail Brown, Bus Driver, effective March 14, 2022. Ms. Brown would like to be placed on the substitute driver roster. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #25

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, to approve the revisions to the following baseball coaches and salaries: MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Tom Armour from 6th assistant coach to volunteer; and
- b. Chuck Zahn from volunteer to 6th assistant coach at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

MOTION #26

By Matt Erickson, seconded by Jeanette Miller, to accept the resignation of Drew Falletta, head varsity basketball coach, effective March 23, 2022: MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Other Business

Mr. Winkle announced that this would be his last meeting, as he would soon be resigning.

Mrs. Pistorius wanted to thank the students and staff for a wonderful performance of Cinderella. She said that it gave students and opportunity to showcase their awesome talents.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Kartychak thanked Mr. Winkle for his years of service to the Board. He also said that the 3rd quarter ends this week and thanked the staff for all of their hard work.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 12, 2022, Regular Work Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Board Room and Virtual
April 26, 2022, Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Board Room and Virtual.

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Bethany Pistorius, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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

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Daniel Santia, Board Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary