

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 22, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board Vice President.

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

Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:
John Bowden
David Bufalini

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Douglass Rowe, and Korri Kane, Principals; Sheri Douglass, Director of Transportation; and Joanne Futato, Director of Food Services.

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

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Tony Guy, seconded by Anna Segner, 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 March 25, 2014 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the April 8, 2014 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 March 2014, 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 March 2014, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of March 2014, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

2014-2015 Budget Presentation.

At this time Mrs. Robb presented the 2014-2015 preliminary budget for review and discussion.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

At this time Mrs. Dobo asked that Committee discussion and recommendations begin.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Tony Guy, Co-Chair

MOTION #3

By Tony Guy, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Special Education Plan for years July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Tony Guy, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the proposal from Kelly Services, Inc. to provide substitute teachers and aides to the District, effective the 2014-2015 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Tony Guy, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve awarding 188 high school diplomas to Hopewell High School Senior Class of 2014. Further, awarding of said diplomas is contingent upon student completion of all graduation requirements. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

MOTION #6

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

By Anna Segner, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve items 1 through 4, 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 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 10 through July 22 as a potential indoor facility to be used in the event of rain.
2. Request from Valley Rage, a Beaver County Girls Softball Organization, to use Independence Elementary School fields for practice and games from April 2014 through August 2014.
3. Request from Hopewell Youth Football League to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School on April 22 through April 26 for cheer practice and tryouts and football registration.

4. Request from Hopewell Township to use the parking lot adjacent to Margaret Ross Elementary School as a staging area for the Community Day parade on April 26, 2014.

Finance and Budget by Jeff Winkle, Co-Chair

MOTION #7

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 payments in the amount of \$566,281.94.
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$9,475.00.
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$106,158.35.
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,572,601.39

MOTION #8

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Anna Segner to approve the exoneration of the following property tax collectors from uncollected 2013 taxes: Mary Ellen Oros, Independence Township; Diane Palsa, Hopewell Township; and Pam Petrella, Raccoon Township. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the Business Associate Contract with United Concordia dental plan, effective July 1, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia to accept the resignation of Amy Massimino, effective April 18, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Paulette Lander, Secretary at Independence Elementary School, effective June 13, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

MOTION by Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the substitute employee rosters. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina spoke of the following items in his Superintendent's Report.

1. He thanked Polly for her many years of service to the District. She was the glue that kept things running at Independence and she will be truly missed.
2. On May 6, 2014 the District will participate in the Beaver County Emergency Management drill.
3. Spring activities are underway at each school, including Keystone exams, choral and band concerts, Senior Projects and many field trips.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

On April 10, 2014 Mrs. Dobo, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Santia and Mrs. Bufalini met with students from Hopewell Senior High School to discuss student issues. Comments included the following:

1. Students feel safe;
2. There is a belief that Central Valley students have an upper hand on Hopewell due to block scheduling;
3. More electives, including band, chorus, and life skills;
4. More meetings with counselors;
5. Ability to attend more college fairs and have more information on trade schools and the career and technology center;
6. Spring Olympics;
7. The ability for regular education students to go on field trips like gifted students, such as to the hospital;
8. Milk from Brunton's Dairy;
9. Dislike of the food served in the cafeteria;
10. School should start later and end later; and
11. Band classes weighted.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

May 13, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

May 27, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo 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, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary