

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 28, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner

Members Absent:

John Bowden
Lori McKittrick
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Doug Rowe, Jessica Webster and Robert Kartychak, Principals; Sheri Douglass, Director of Transportation; and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. Copies of each report are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bufalini thanked all for their fine reports.

Mrs Robb presented the 2015-2016 preliminary budget.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, 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 24, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the April 14, 2015 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lesia Dobo, 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 2015, 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 2015, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of March 2015, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Richard Kerlin, President of the Band Boosters, updated the Board on activities the band has undertaken during this school year.

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the May calendar.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, Chair

MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the curriculum for an elementary computer education class as well as the creation of an elementary computer education teaching position. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve awarding 178 high school diplomas to Hopewell High School Senior Class of 2015. 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.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the Resolution for participation in the 2015 Beaver County Summer Academy to be held at Beaver Area School District from June 15, 2015 through June 23, 2015 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 #6

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve Ryan Gleason, a student at Geneva College, to do a counseling internship with Mr. Collins in the fall of 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to online education. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the request of Emily Wright, an 11th grade student at Hopewell High School, to host Fourth Grade Fun Night on June 3, 2015 at the Junior High School. This is Emily's senior project. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the request of Mr. Katkich and Mrs. Battisti for Junior High School Student Council members to visit Cedar Point on June 4, 2015. There is no cost to the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia, to adopt Resolution 2-2015, a Resolution adopting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving PH. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By Anna Segner, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve items 1 through 10, 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 by Jeff Homziak to hold a basketball camp for girls in grades 1 through 8 from June 22, 2015 through June 26, 2015 in both the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School.
2. Request by Jeff Homziak to host a girls basketball summer league for grades 7 through 12 from May 11, 2015 through July 1, 2015 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.
3. Request from Terry Borkovic to use Gym A at Hopewell Junior High School for a girls volleyball camp from June 8 through June 12, 2015.
4. Request of Raccoon Youth Cheerleading to use Gym B at Hopewell Junior High School May 5 through May 7, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for cheerleading registration and tryouts.
5. Request of Hopewell Wrestling Boosters to use Gym B at Hopewell Junior High School to conduct a wrestling camp on June 11 and 12, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
6. Request of Coyotes Cheerleading to use both the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School for cheer camp on September 20, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

7. Request from Hopewell Viking Pride Band Boosters to operate concession stands and fundraising activities during football games at Tony Dorsett Stadium.
8. Request from Erin Grow to host an after school tennis clinic for grades 5 through 8 from May 11, 2015 through June 3, 2015.
9. Request from Laura Tocci, a parent volunteer with Central Valley High School, to use Hopewell Junior High School, Hopewell Elementary School and Margaret Ross Elementary School as check points during their annual Road Rally on May 9, 2015. Volunteers will bring their own equipment and have asked permission for use of the driveways and parking lots only.
10. Hopewell Youth Football League to host Friday Night Tykes at the practice facility. The Youth Football League may be selected to be video tapped for this program.

Finance and Budget by Tony Guy

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #12

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) 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.

- a. General Fund payments in the amount of \$450,967.85
- b. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$95,011.25
- c. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,748,747.01

MOTION #13

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve PlgitPLUS-CD purchase with the following four banks at \$248,000 each (total \$992,000) to mature on September 29, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance

- Onewest Bank, N.A., Pasadena, California
- Bank of East Asia Ltd., New York, New York
- Cfg Community Bank, Lutherville, Maryland
- Pacific Enterprise Bank, Irvine, California

MOTION #14

By Tony Guy, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the 2015-2016 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget in the amount of \$5,566,766.81. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance

MOTION #15

By Tony Guy, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the proposal from Questeq, Inc. to provide technology services to the District for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$133,807.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Tony Guy, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the appointment of Janney Capital Markets as investment banker to submit a purchase proposal for the refunding of the District's Series B of 2005 bonds. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Tony Guy, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the appointment of Anthony A. Ditka, Esquire, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, as bond counsel for the Series B of 2005 bond refunding transaction. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Tony Guy, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the Proposal from Golden Rule Signs for a new wireless LED marquee in the amount of \$19,396.28 as the lowest responsible quote based on the following three quotes solicited. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Nice Signs, Inc.	\$21,889.00
Illuminators Signs	\$21,244.04
Golden Rule Signs	\$19,396.28

Nutrition by Lesia Dobo

MOTION #19

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the contract with Nutrition, Inc. to provide management services for the 2015-2016 school year. This would be Year 1 of 4 renewal periods under the food service management company bid effective July 1, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the release of Mr. Allison from duties as Hopewell High School principal for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 so that he may assume the duties as President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the appointment of Mr. Rowe as Acting Hopewell High School Principal, with an additional salary of \$5,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, 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. Creation of a half-time Instruction in the Home teaching position.
2. Employment of Amy Shaddick as a half-time Instruction in the Home teacher, effective April 29, 2015.
3. Change of employment status for John Hendricks from substitute bus driver to permanent bus driver, effective April 13, 2015.
4. Resignation of Guy Celeste as a transportation aide. Mr. Celeste would like to remain on the substitute driver list.

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to accept the resignation of Patti Komack, bus driver, effective April 27, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina and Mr. Bufalini participated in a discussion with local legislators moderated by Ronald Cowell. Dr. Reina was somewhat optimistic that legislators were willing to work together to solve problems faced by public schools.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

May 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

May 26, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary