

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
MAY 23, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

Prayer and flag salute was led by Dr. Miller. Roll call by Mrs. Robb followed. Those Directors in attendance were:

John Bowden  
David Bufalini  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
George Patterson  
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:  
Lori McKittrick  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Jessica Webster, Principal; and citizens.

“Good News” report was presented by Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School. A copy of her report, and one from the elementary schools are attached to these minutes.

Ms. Widdersheim, Ms. Lash and Ms. Baldauf, from each of the school libraries, gave a status update and discussed new initiatives in the libraries.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By George Patterson, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, 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 April 2017, 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 April 2017, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of April 2017, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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 Jeff Winkle, to approve the Agreement to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Beaver County Summer Academy for 2017 at a cost of \$500.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the 2017-2018 Beaver County Career and Technology Center General Operating Budget in the amount of \$5,769,072. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, Agreement with the Beaver County Career and Technology Center to allow for a 7% fund balance and a 1.7% capital reserve ceiling for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Discovery Education service at a cost of \$1.35 per student for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Discovery Education-Local Host service at a cost of \$530.00 for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the Articles of Agreement with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit to provide Overdrive School Digital at a cost of \$1,498.00 for the 2017-18 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the request of Shelly Syrko, cheerleader sponsor, for the junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders to attend UCA instructional camp at Pine Forest in Greenly, Pennsylvania from August 13, 2017 through August 16, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Athletics by George Patterson, Chair**

MOTION #9

By George Patterson, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the price increase for swim lessons as follows: \$60 for one child, \$100 for two children, and \$150 for three or more children. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by George Patterson**

**MOTION #10**

By George Patterson, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of the Varsity Tennis Boosters to display sponsorship signs on the District tennis courts for the fall 2017 season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #11**

By George Patterson, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the request of the Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources to use the Senior High auditorium on April 13, 2018 from 3:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for performances. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**

**MOTION #12**

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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 \$299,606.38
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$84,800.40
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$3,735.17
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,098,738.60

**MOTION #13**

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the supply bids for the 2017-2018 school year for the departments listed below. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

a.	Athletics	\$5,305.81
b.	Art	\$4,640.66
c.	Custodial	\$14,534.00
d.	Industrial Arts	\$2,426.18
e.	Physical Education	\$2,997.13
f.	Science	\$8,538.42

MOTION #14

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the agreement with Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) to provide interim Business Administrator services as needed. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By John Bowden, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the one-year contract with Medic Rescue at a rate of \$3,300, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the reappointment of John F. Salopek, Esquire, Solicitor, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance. Mr. Patterson abstained from voting on this motion.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the Athletic Director Contract with Donald Short, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the Agreement between Confidential Employees and the Hopewell Area School District for the three year period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation of Diana Henry, substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective February 27, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Joleen Vongray, transportation aide, effective February 24, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation for retirement of Mary Lou O’Connell, learning support aide at Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 2, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to accept the resignation of Karen Gartely as Kindergarten Department Chairperson, effective June 2, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to accept the resignation for retirement of Andrea Tamburrino, first grade teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective June 2, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Sam Lauris, Head Girls’ Soccer coach, effective May 22, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Miller invited all to Commencement on June 2, 2017.

Dr. Maslyk congratulated Mrs. O’Connell and Mrs. Tamburrino on their retirement. She also said how much she enjoyed attending the Honors Banquet and updated the Board on Remake Learning.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Salopek thanked the Board for his reappointment as solicitor and for their continued support.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

June 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

June 27, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, that the meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Johannah Robb, Acting Secretary