

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 24, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 2019, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton (arrived at 7:21)
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (via FaceTime)
Lori McKittrick (via conference call)
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia (arrived at 7:19)

Member's Absent
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Principal; and visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Rob Harmotto, 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 by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance. Messrs. Newberry and Patterson abstained, as they were not present for the May 20, 2019 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the May 20, 2019 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the June 10, 2019 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 May 2019, 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 May 2019, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of May 2019, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Alexis Thompson, Amanda Thompson and Rod Hineman expressed anger and concern regarding the girl's basketball program and coach. They would like for the Board to open the position for a new coaching staff.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

MOTION #3

By Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Hopewell Area School District 339 Plan: Career and College Readiness. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Dan Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve Katelyn Shoemaker, a student at Geneva College, to do a student teacher placement during the first semester, under the guidance of Aubre Lindner. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Dan Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve Alec Tesznar, a student at Geneva College, to do a student teacher placement during the second semester, under the guidance of Jessica Muller. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Daniel Caton, Chair

MOTION #6

By Daniel Caton, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the payment of spring coaches beyond the regular season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Daniel Caton, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Pay Schedule for Officials for the 2019-2020 School Year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Chair

MOTION #8

By Dan Santia, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the request from David Tadich for use of the Junior High Baseball Field on July 27, 2019 (rain date August 3, 2019) from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. for their annual Serbian Softball Tournament. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the Agreement for Private Industry Council, Inc. to conduct one Head Start Classroom at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to PIC receiving appropriate funding. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #10

By George Patterson, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 payments in the amount of \$228,152.52
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$102,521.20
3. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,228,464.95
4. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$102,970.33

MOTION #11

By George Patterson, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve Resolution #2-2019 a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2019-2020 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$40,385,109.00 and appropriations of \$42,523,813.00. The difference of \$2,138,704.00 will come from the Fund Balance. MOTION carried by a vote of seven to one, with one member absent.

MOTION #12

By George Patterson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve Resolution #3-2019, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at 75.7 mills, an increase of 1.5 mills. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #13

By George Patterson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve items (1) through (8) 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. Resolution #4-2019, a Resolution requesting the Chief County Assessor to direct the inspection and reassessment of all taxable property within the territorial limits of the School District to which major improvements were made after September 1, 2018, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
2. Resolution #5-2019, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year.
3. Resolution #6-2019, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
4. Resolution #7-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year the tax upon transfers of real estate situated within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
5. Resolution #8-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2020 Calendar Year the tax upon salaries, wages, commissions, compensations, net profits, and other earned income of residents, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
6. Resolution #9-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year the tax upon natural persons engaging in an occupation within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
7. Resolution #10-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year the mercantile tax upon the gross receipts of wholesale and retail business activity performed or rendered within the territorial limits of the School District, the same heretofore imposed pursuant to the authority contained in the Local Tax Enabling Act.
8. Resolution #11-2019, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).

MOTION #14

By George Patterson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the E-Rate Category 1 services for Lit Fiber WAN through Sunesys for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$4,152.24. This cost represents Hopewell's 50% E-Rate discount of this service. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #15

By George Patterson, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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.

1. Settlement of the copyright claim with Higbee & Associates in the amount of \$100.00.
2. Settlement of the copyright claim with Agence France-Press in the amount of \$79.00.
3. Settlement of the copyright claim with Masterfile Corporation in the amount of \$400.00.

Legislative by Kathryn Oblak, Chair

MOTION #16

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance

Nutrition & Food Service by Rob Harmotto, Co-Chair

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the Agreement between the BVIU and the District to provide students with services authorized by the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This permits the BVIU to provide services accordingly for District students attending New Horizon School. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Mike Shuleski, Head Baseball Coach, effective June 25, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Dawn Gailey, Student Council Sponsor at Hopewell Junior High School, effective June 25, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the employment of the following individuals for the Buildings and Grounds summer work crew, effective June 10, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Tifanie Roberts
- b. Noah Drudy
- c. Josh Miklos
- d. Donald Crisci

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the appointment of School Resource Officer, Jared Rogers, the District's School Safety and Security Coordinator, effective September 1, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

July 22, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session will be held following the meeting to discuss personnel. 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 Dan Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary