

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2020, in the Auditorium of Hopewell Senior High School, 1215 Longvue Avenue, Hopewell Township.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Matthew Erickson
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Daniel Santia
Lindsay Zupsic

Members Absent
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent, Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Robert Kartychak and Kylee Babish, Principals; and visitors.

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

Michael Kopar, CIE, Project Manager, Environmental Services for Intertek gave a brief report on potable water lead testing that was completed in the District. Of the 109 samples taken, twenty-eight (28) had a concentration above the upper limit of 5.0 ppb. Fifteen (15) had a lead concentration above the EPA Action Level of 15 ppb. Eight (8) had a lead concentration above the EPA recommended limit of 20 ppb. The District is taking immediate action to remediate all issues. Through a grant through Women for a Healthy Environment, all testing and remediation efforts will be covered by grant _____.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Darren Newberry, seconded by Matthew Erickson, to approve the August 24, 2020 and September 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Lindsay Zupsic, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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 August, 2020, 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 August, 2020, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Bethany Pistorius read questions from individuals who were not able to attend the meeting.

Ms. Pistorius shared that Deanna Hiltz asked why IEP meetings cannot be held in person rather than virtually. She felt that she would prefer to meet in person with the IEP team so that she could better advocate for her child. Dr. Miller explained that generally, meetings are held during the school day and it would be difficult to find a location to meet where social distancing could occur.

Ms. Pistorius read a statement from Vivian Lombard. Mrs. Lombard wanted to know why the District was giving students the option to attend cyber school, but the Board chose to have an in person Board meeting. Mrs. Lombard felt that the District was trying to limit community participation.

Ms. Pistorius shared that a mother of a 6th grade student wanted to know why the District has not chosen attendance for students 5 days per week. She also wanted to know what emotional supports the District intends to implement to assist struggling students. This mother wanted to know what solutions the District is willing to discuss to help working parents.

Ms. Pistorius asked why the District had decided to have a live meeting rather than virtual. She felt that the virtual meetings were easy to attend and afforded families the flexibility to participate. She stated that if the Board continues to have live meetings, there should be a virtual option. She also wanted to know what assessments the District will use to make sure that students are progressing on grade level.

Chris McCafferty stated that she has two children in the District at the Senior High School. One of her children is in the gifted program and attends five days per week. Her other child, a freshman, has a hybrid schedule. She states that there are inconsistencies with each course during the virtual days. Dr. Miller and Mrs. Dobo said that they were aware of the issue and were working on a solution.

Kendra Gills wanted to know when the District will decide to return to 5 days a week attendance. Dr. Miller said that there continued to be obstacles, including social distancing, facial coverings and staffing, but the District is working on a plan to address these challenges. She also wanted to know if the Senior High School would have Homecoming. Dr. Miller said that she had met with the principals and Mr. Short to discuss the homecoming celebration

Mrs. Dobo continued with committee recommendations and discussion.

Educational/Curriculum/Instruction by Lori McKittrick, Chair

MOTION #3

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Matthew Erickson, to approve the agreement with the Prevention Network to provide services for the Student Assistance Program for the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the appointment of the following. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Dr. Moka as District Physician - \$10 per exam;
- b. Optometric Care as District Vision Examiner - \$3.25 per exam; and
- c. Dr. Rich Covatto to provide dental exams - \$5 per exam.

MOTION #5

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the Senior High School club and activity sponsors for the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve the Junior High School club and activity sponsors for the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. National Junior Honor Society: Donna Steff and Nicole Lash
- b. Yearbook: Donna Steff

Athletics by Dan Caton, Chair

MOTION #7

By Dan Caton, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve spectator guidelines for 2020 fall athletic events as follows. Any variance from these guidelines will be approved by the High School Principal or Athletic Director due to extenuating circumstances. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. All spectators are expected to follow all social distancing and facial covering guidelines.
- b. Varsity Football- Home and Visiting athletes, Hopewell Band members, and Hopewell Cheerleaders will be provided 2 tickets each. No students are permitted unless accompanied by a parent.
- c. Varsity Boys/Girls Soccer, JV/Middle School Football, Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Middle School Soccer – Spectators are welcome. NO students will be permitted without a parent accompanying them. No tickets provided.
- d. Boys/Girls Cross Country All Levels- No visiting spectators, Home athlete 1 parent only. NO students will be permitted without a parent accompanying them. No tickets provided.
- e. Girls Varsity Volleyball- Home and Visiting athletes will be provided 2 tickets each. No students are permitted unless accompanied by a parent.
- f. Boys Golf- Spectators are welcome. NO students will be permitted without a parent accompanying them. No tickets provided.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #8**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 List of Bills in the amount of \$532,944.09
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$150,032.69
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$29,850.00
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$5,129,767.02

MOTION #9

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6.25 per required filing. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the purchase of parcel #65-184-0104-0002-01-1 out of repository by Hopewell Township. The 2020-2021 school taxes and all delinquent taxes for the 2019-2020 tax year and prior years are exonerated. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Kathryn Oblak**MOTION #11**

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve Title IX related policies. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Policy 103, including attachments 1 through 3.
- b. Policy 104, including attachments 1 through 3.

MOTION #12

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the following candidates for PSBA election of officers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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| a. | President-elect: | David Hein |
| b. | Vice President: | Sabrina Backer |
| c. | Treasurer: | Michael Gossert |
| d. | Western at Large | Marsha Pleta |
| e. | PSBA Insurance Trust: | Michael Faccinetto |
| | (vote for up to 2) | Marianne Neel |

Personnel by Matthew EricksonMOTION #13

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to appointment of Dr. Michelle Miller, Title IX decision-maker. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the appointment of Dr. Kellee Oliver, Title IX Coordinator. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to table the Agreement with Trend Inc., to utilize services of an administrator, as needed, throughout the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the following regular education teachers, as “teachers of record” for the Beaver County Jail for the 2020-2021 school year: MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Rosetta Dufalla, English
- b. Elizabeth Lehman, Science
- c. Raymon Smith, Math
- d. Mark Witterman, Social Studies

MOTION #17

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, that effective July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, the following leaves of absence under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (ESPLA leaves #1-3) qualify as Special Sick Leave under PSERS. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance

- a. Employee is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19; or
- b. Employee has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19; or
- c. Employee is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and seeking a medical diagnosis.

MOTION #18

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve the employment of Alaina Marshall, Varsity Swim Coach, effective September 29, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance

MOTION #19

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Lindsay Zupsic, to approve the employment of Renee Rawding, individual paraprofessional, effective October 13, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Gianna Reda, lifeguard/swim instructor, effective September 29, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Matthew Erickson, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Delysia Jackson, lifeguard/swim instructor, effective September 29, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Dan Caton

MOTION #22

By Dan Caton, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the Transportation Consulting Agreement with Frye Transportation Group, Inc., through July 31, 2021. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 12, 2020 Regular Work Meeting, Senior High School Auditorium
October 26, 2020, Regular Business Meeting, Senior High School Auditorium

MOTION by Matthew Erickson, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Board President

Nancy Barber, Secretary