

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

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

John Bowden
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (Via videoconference)
Lori McKittrick
Daria Minton
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent
David Bufalini

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; Frank Paganie, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Edward Katkich, Principal; and citizens.

“Good News” was presented by Mr. Katkich from the Junior High Schools. Good News reports from each building are attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the November 22, 2016 Business Meeting minutes and the December 6, 2016 Reorganization Meeting minutes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Jeff Winkle, 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 November 2016, 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 November 2016, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of November 2016, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held beginning at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

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

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair

A proposal from Foreman Architects and Engineers for professional services for the video surveillance project at the Senior and Junior High Schools was tabled for additional discussion.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #3**

By John Bowden, 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.

1. Appointment of Diane Palsa as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Hopewell Township for 2016 school taxes for period December 31, 2016 through April 15, 2017.
2. Appointment of Mary Ellen Oros as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Independence Township for 2016 school taxes for period December 31, 2016 through April 15, 2017.
3. Appointment of Pam Petrella as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector for Raccoon Township for 2016 school taxes for period December 31, 2016 through April 15, 2017.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #4**

By John Bowden, seconded by Daria Minton, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify items (4) and (5) 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 List of Bills in the amount of \$439,930.04.
- b. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$85,449.02.
- c. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$6,087.46.
- d. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$27,125.00.
- e. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,477,427.36.

MOTION #5

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the proposal of BerkOne to process the District's Act 80 records at an approximate cost of \$715. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair**MOTION #6**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the employment of Anna Kostrick, special education teacher at Margaret Ross Elementary School at Step 1 of the master's scale, effective December 21, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #7**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo 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. Request of Vonda George, bus driver, for a 30 day leave of absence without pay, effective December 15, 2016.
2. Resignation for retirement of Herman Acon, bus driver, effective December 23, 2016.
3. Resignation of Steven Romanchak, special education aide at the Junior High School, effective December 9, 2016.

Transportation by Mr. Santia, Chair**MOTION #8**

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Anna Segner to approve participation in the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Purchasing Consortium for the 2016-2017 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to the students and Hopewell community throughout the year.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

January 10, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

January 24, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, that the meeting be adjourned.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary