

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 28, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Daniel Santia (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent:

Lesia Dobo
Anna Segner

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Jessica Webster, and Douglass Rowe, Principals; and citizens.

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

Mr. Bufalini thanked all for their fine reports.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Jeff Winkle, 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 unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the February 28, 2017 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the March 14, 2017 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Lori McKittrick, 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 February 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 February 2017, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Linda Helms from the B.F. Jones Memorial Library presented the April calendar. She also announced that tonight would be her last meeting, as she would be retiring on March 31st.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, Chair

MOTION #4

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the transfer of the remaining balance of \$45.44 from the Class of 2016 to the Student Council Activity Fund. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of Erin Caputo, math teacher at the Senior High School, for a sabbatical leave for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Agreement with Herff-Jones to produce the Junior High Yearbook through 2020. There is no cost to the District associated with this project. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #7

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving NH. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with respect to a disciplinary hearing involving SG. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the payment of the Hopewell Viking Musical Staff. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request from Bronwyn Korchnak for her and one student to attend the National Academic Games at Oglebay Resort at an approximate cost to the District of \$940.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the contract renewal for the 2017-2018 school year with AOT, Inc., providers of the District's occupational and physical therapy services, as well as speech therapy services on an as needed basis. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Dr. Maslyk introduced Colleen Jesko and Jody Showrank, parents of students from Independence Elementary School. They gave an overview of the Science Extravaganza that took place at the school on March 1. Companies, including Robert Morris University, Uber and Fisher Scientific demonstrated and gave students a hands on opportunity to work with robots, make slime and see how STEAM education will benefit all students.

Athletics by David Bufalini, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #12

By David Bufalini, 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. Students from the Central Valley School District to practice and participate in swim meets with the Hopewell Area Junior High School Swim Team for the 2016-2017 School Year, effective in the spring 2017.
2. Payment of winter coaches beyond the regular season. (**Attachment**)
3. Request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to conduct a 50/50 raffle at all home Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Junior High football games.

Buildings and Grounds by Jeff Winkle

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #13

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items 1 through 6, 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 from Joseph Sullivan for the Hopewell Community Big Band to use the Junior High School gym or Senior High School auditorium on Tuesday evenings beginning June 13 through July 25 as a potential indoor facility to be used in the event of rain.
2. Request of Hopewell Youth Softball to use Gym A at the Junior High School from March 14, 2017 through April 18, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for practice.
3. Request of Hopewell Youth Softball to use the Junior High School softball field from April 1, 2017 through June 28, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for games and practices.
4. Request received from Victoria Gill, Township Recreation Director, to use the parking lots at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools during its annual Park Fest, July 8, 2017.
5. Request of Robert W. Young Post 8805 Veterans of Foreign Wars to use the Senior High School as a staging area and the Junior High School for their Memorial Day parade and service.
6. Request from Jeff Homziak to use the main and auxiliary gyms at Hopewell High School and Gym B at the Junior High School to have a basketball summer league for girls in grades 7 through 12 from May 8, 2017 through June 29, 2017 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

MOTION #14

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the Agreement for Private Industry Council, Inc. to conduct one Head Start Classroom at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on June 10, 2017 for Viking Pride Youth Football Camp. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request of the Hopewell Quarterbacks and Football Boosters to use the concession stand and spirit shop at Tony Dorsett Stadium during the following events. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Viking Pride Youth Football Camp on June 10, 2017;
- b. All Home Varsity, Junior Varsity and 7th & 8th grade games; and
- c. Thursday evenings during football season to provide dinner for players and coaches.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #17

By John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, 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 \$686,223.10
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$93,884.67
3. Capital Reserve payments in the amount of \$3,263.00
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$2,162,996.80

MOTION #18

By John Bowden, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the 2017-2018 pay schedule, as presented. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the advertisement for receipt of bids for supplies and/or equipment for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the 2017-2018 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit general operating budget in the amount of \$1,677,962.00. MOTION carried unanimously by affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #21

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the appointment of George Patterson to fill the vacant Board seat in Region 2 through November 14, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to accept the resignation of Robert Mawhinney as co-sponsor of the Math Counts Club at the Junior High School, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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. Resignation of Jason Powell, Bus Utility Attendant, effective March 20, 2017.
2. Resignation of Guy Celeste, Bus Driver, effective March 26, 2017.
3. Resignation of Jeffrey Veness, substitute bus driver, effective March 31, 2017.
4. Employment of Marrissa Trasp, Bus Driver, effective March 14, 2017.

MOTION #24

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the appointment of Adam Barkman and Josef Batvinskis, volunteer assistant boys volleyball coaches, effective March 29, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #25

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to eliminate the special education aide position at the Junior High School, effective March 31, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #26

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items 1 and 2 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. Employment of Robert Cranmer as a substitute transportation aide and driver, effective March 28, 2017.
2. Employment of Margaret D'Atri as a substitute transportation aide and driver, effective March 28, 2017.

Transportation by Rob Harmotto, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #27

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve items 1 and 2 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 from Victoria Gill, Township Recreation Director, to use District buses and transportation personnel during Park Fest on July 8, 2017.
2. Request from Victoria Gill to use a District van during Rec-on-the-Run from June 5, 2017 through August 18, 2017.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller welcomed Mr. Patterson to the Board and thanked him for his willingness to serve. She reminded everyone of the Artist in Residence concert on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Mike Williams, lead trumpet player for the Count Basie Orchestra. Dr. Miller informed the Board that this week was kindergarten registration. She said that this year registration was being handled differently, with the option to register online and to have screening the same day as registration. She attended the Hopewell Musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and said it was outstanding. She was also pleased to announce that the Rochester Area School District won the State Championship of the inaugural season of Unified Bocce.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 11, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

April 25, 2017 – 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 John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary