

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR WORK MEETING
JUNE 10, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Daniel Santia
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members absent:
Tony Guy
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison; and citizens.

Nicole Lash, Kristen Rowe, and Kathy Baldauf gave an update on activities that took place in the library over the past year and of the technological advances that would help students in all aspects of their education. They discussed ways the District might enhance their program.

Dr. Reina said that the following items will be voted on at the June 17, 2014 Board meeting.

Education/Curriculum/Instruction

1. Adoption of Accelerated Math 7, Pearson Publishers, copyright 2013, as the mathematics textbook effective the 2014-2015 School Year, grade 7. Approximate cost for purchase is \$17,367.26.
2. Adoption of PH Common Core Geometry, Pearson Publishers, copyright 2015, as the mathematics textbook for Accelerated Geometry effective the 2014-2015 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$12,698.21.

3. Adoption of Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, & Algebraic (AP edition), Pearson Publishers, copyright 2012, as the mathematics textbook for Calculus effective the 2014-2015 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$6,105.94.
4. Adoption of Larson Algebra 2, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishers, copyright 2011, as the mathematics textbook for Algebra 2 effective the 2014-2015 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$17,357.89.
5. Adoption of Microsoft Office 2013: Illustrated Introductory, First Course, Cengage Learning Publishers, copyright 2014, as the textbook for Word/PowerPoint Computer Applications 1 effective the 2014-2015 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$4,389.
6. Adoption of 15, Microsoft Office 2013: Illustrated, Second Course, Cengage Learning Publishers, copyright 2014 as the textbook for Excel/Access Computer Applications 2 effective the 2014-2015 School Year. Approximate cost for purchase is \$4,609.
7. Agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association to provide benchmark assessments in reading and math for grades kindergarten through 6 at a cost of \$18,525.
8. Consulting Services Agreement with FAB Reporting Solutions LLC in the amount of \$18,000, effective September 5, 2014 through August 31, 2015.
9. Request from Kit Keiper to co-host the Beaver County Concert Band Festival, November 5 and 6, 2014.
10. Request from Kit Keiper, on behalf of Sarah Walker and Megan Welsh, to host the first Hopewell Marching Band Festival, September 13, 2014. Miss Walker and Miss Welsh propose this as their senior project. Proceeds will benefit Hopewell Band Boosters.
11. Agreement with the Community College of Beaver County to offer a College in High School program.
12. Blood lipid screening, conducted by the Beaver County Cancer & Heart Association, for 7th and 8th grade students on March 25, 2015. Cost of the test for students will be \$5. Further, District to provide breakfast to all students participating in said program.
13. Request from Mr. Katkich to approve the agreement with Herff-Jones to print the Junior High Yearbook for the 2014-2015 school year. All costs are covered by the sale of the yearbook. There is no cost to the District.
14. Revised Beaver County Career and Technology Center Joint School Board Resolution addressing a process creating new Articles of Agreement.

Athletics

1. Endorsement Agreement with 5 Star Sports Calendar LLC.
2. Licensing Agreement between the District and Pel Industries, Inc. for the production and sale of licensed merchandise.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Request from Erin Grow to conduct the Andy Brunette Youth Tennis Camp, August 6 through 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.
2. Request from Laura Vogel to hold a Donkey Basketball game on November 12, 2014 as a fundraiser for her senior project. Proceeds will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation.
3. Summer pool schedule.

Dr. Reina also explained that the flagpole at the Junior High School had to be removed due to rust and deterioration. The flagpole was not able to be removed as planned, as it was set too deep in concrete. Mr. Pelino has begun to develop a plan for replacement.

Finance and Budget

1. Resolution #3-2014, a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, which projects revenues of \$35,243,838 and appropriations of \$36,300,538. The difference of \$1,056,700 will come from the Fund Balance.

Mrs. Robb explained that due to recent personnel changes, textbook purchases and decreased federal and state funding, these numbers will change before the final vote on the budget.

2. Resolution #4-2014, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2014-2015 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at 68.5 mills.
3. Resolution #5-2014, 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, 2013, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.
4. Resolution #6-2014, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2014-2015 School Fiscal Year.

5. Resolution #7-2014, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
6. Resolution #8-2014, a Resolution reenacting for the 2014-2015 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.
7. Resolution #9-2014, a Resolution reenacting for the 2015 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.
8. Resolution #10-2014, a Resolution reenacting for the 2014-2015 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.
9. Resolution #11-2014, a Resolution reenacting for the 2014-2015 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.
10. Resolution #12-2014, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).
11. Master Service Agreement between Highmark and the Hopewell Area School District for the administration of the Health Services Account, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
12. Service Agreement Reinstatement between the District and The Omni Group, administrators of the District's 403(b)/457(b) plans, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Legislative

1. Board Policies:
 - a. 102 Academic Standards
 - b. 105 Curriculum
 - c. 105.1 Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
 - d. 106 Guides for Planned Instruction
 - e. 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
 - f. 108 Adoption of Textbooks
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 - h. 119 Current Events
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 - j. 124 Alternative Instruction Courses
 - k. 140 Charter Schools
 - l. 203.1 HIV Infection
 - m. 235 Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - n. 235.1 Surveys
 - o. 246 Student Wellness
 - p. 804 School Day
 - q. 810.2 Transportation – Video/Audio Recording

Personnel

1. Elimination of the position of guidance counselor at Independence Elementary School, effective June 30, 2014.
2. Establishment of the position of guidance counselor at Independence and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, effective July 1, 2014.
3. Employment of Adam Thomas as a full time computer technician at a salary of \$31,000 with benefits, effective July 1, 2014.
4. Fall and winter coaches and salaries.
5. 2014-2015 recreation program.
6. Resignation for retirement of Susan Todd, technology teacher at Hopewell Junior High School, effective June 9, 2014.
7. Resignation of Karin Tranelli as co-sponsor of the Public Address and Office Worker clubs at Hopewell Junior High School.

Visitors

Sharon Tisch and Mark Skelton spoke of their concern regarding the upkeep of school grounds.

Executive Session

At this point in the meeting, 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 Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary