

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JULY 25, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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  
George Patterson  
Daniel Santia  
Anna Segner  
Jeff Winkle

Members Absent:  
David Bufalini  
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; William McNamee, Acting Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison and Edward Katkich, Principals; and visitors.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By John Bowden, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the June 27, 2017 Business Meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried by a majority affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance. Mr. Patterson abstained from voting, as he did not attend the June 27, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, 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 June 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 June 2017, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

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

At this time, the agenda was reviewed in its entirety.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session began at 7:12 p.m. to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania’s Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

Dr. Miller reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

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

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction by George Patterson**

**MOTION #3**

By George Patterson seconded by John Bowden to approve the Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum Pre-Clinical and Student Teaching by and between the Hopewell Area School District and Geneva College. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #4**

By George Patterson, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve Elizabeth Dewar, a student at Geneva College, to fulfill a guidance practicum and internship with Mrs. Vanyo, Mrs. Diehl and Mrs. Iannini. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #5**

By George Patterson seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve Lindsay Vander Wagen and Brittany Douglas, students at Geneva College, to fulfill an internship at the Junior High School under the guidance of Aubre Lindner and Susan Burak, respectively. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #6**

By George Patterson, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the contract with Cumberland Therapy Services, LLC to provide School Psychologist services for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$72.50 per hour. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #7**

By George Patterson, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the agreement with Precision HR Solutions, Inc. to provide the following substitute personnel on an as needed basis beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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| a. | School Nurse         | \$140/day    |
| b. | Transportation Nurse | \$200/day    |
| c. | Para Professional    | \$12.33/hour |

MOTION #8

By George Patterson, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the contract with Care Unlimited, Inc. to provide nursing services on an as needed basis for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By George Patterson, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the contract with Glade Run Lutheran Services to provide educational programming for students attending St. Stephens Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By George Patterson, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the contract with Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children Outreach Program to provide vision and/or orientation and mobility services for the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #11

By George Patterson, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request of Mr. Katkich to add geometry to the list of math offerings at the Junior High School effective the 2017-2018 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By George Patterson, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the participation in the Beaver County Arts Education Consortium at an annual cost of \$500.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #13

By George Patterson, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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. Free school privileges for Javon Lewis to attend Hopewell Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Free school privileges for Mason Lewis to attend Hopewell Junior High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

MOTION #14

By George Patterson, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve Jacob Ujhazy to attend the All National Honor Ensemble in Orlando, Florida, at a cost to the District of \$425.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Athletics by George Patterson, Chair**

MOTION #15

By George Patterson, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Tony Ciucci as football statistician for the 2017 season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By George Patterson, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the Agreement with Greater Pittsburgh Physical Therapy to provide assistant athletic trainer services supporting the District's Athletic Director/Trainer, Mr. Don Short, in the amount of \$20,000.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By George Patterson, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the pay schedule for event workers for the 2017-2018 School Year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By George Patterson, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the officials pay schedule for the 2017-2108 School Year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By George Patterson, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request from Mike Shuleski for the junior varsity and varsity baseball teams to attend spring training at the Ripken facilities in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 27, 2018 through March 31, 2018 officials pay schedule for the 2017-2108 School Year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, Chair**

**MOTION #20**

By Anna Segner, seconded by John Bowden, to approve purchase and installation of 30” x 36” Bilco aluminum roof hatch at the Senior High School. The cost of \$3,364.00 will be taken from the Capital Reserve fund. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #21**

By Anna Segner, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve purchase and installation of 2 stainless steel “retro-fit” doors and frames for the cafeteria at the Junior High School. The cost of \$9,999.80 will be taken from the Capital Reserve fund. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #22**

By Anna Segner, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve installation of air conditioning at the Field House. Purchase and installation to be paid for by the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #23**

By Anna Segner, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the pool party fee and schedule. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS**

**MOTION #24**

By Anna Segner, seconded by George Patterson, 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 the Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the pool for practices and meets for the 2017-2018 season.
2. Request of the Hopewell Area Aqua Club to use the lower lobby at the Junior High School on September 6 and 7, 2017 for club sign-ups and the Junior High School Cafeteria on September 11, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a parent meeting.

MOTION #25

By Anna Segner, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the purchase of a John Deere TS Gator utility vehicle. The cost of \$6,229.57 will be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair**

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #26

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve items (1) and (2) and to ratify item (3) 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 \$332,044.97
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$350.00
3. General Fund Payments in the amount of \$3,255,310.53

MOTION #27

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the three year agreement with Trebron Company Inc. for purchase of Securly Anywhere Filtering, district-wide content filter and student email monitoring, at an annual cost of \$4,840.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #28

By John Bowden, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the agreement with Frontline Technologies to provide employee replacement system (Aesop) for secretaries, aides, and nurses, for the 2017-2018 school year, in the amount of \$3,565.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Nutrition and Food Services by Anna Segner**

MOTION #29

By Anna Segner, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the increase in meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year by \$.05 per tier. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. \$2.65 for secondary students; and
- b. \$2.40 for elementary students.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

**APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS**

**MOTION #30**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, 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. Elimination of the position of Secondary On-Line Education Facilitator.
2. Job description for the Technology and Online Facilitator.
3. Establish the position of Technology and Online Facilitator.

**MOTION #31**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the reappointment of Johannah Robb as Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2017 until the employment of Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator, on or around August 15, 2017, at which time Mrs. Conrad will become Board Treasurer. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**MOTION #32**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the fall sports coaches and salaries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS**

**MOTION #33**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, 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 of Brittany Powell, bus driver, for a 30 day leave without pay, effective August 24, 2017.
2. Resignation of Beth Gilligan, bus driver, effective July 26, 2017. Mrs. Gilligan would like to remain on the substitute driver roster.



MOTION #34

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the employment of Bryan Testa as a social studies teacher at the Junior High School, effective August 21, 2017, at step 1 of the bachelor's scale, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #35

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the employment of Morgan Singletary as a special education teacher at the Senior High School, effective August 21, 2017, at step 1 of the master's scale, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #36

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the employment of Esther Aloia as a family and consumer science teacher at the Senior High School, effective August 21, 2017, at step 1 of the master's scale, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #37

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Marlynn Hall, lifeguard, effective June 19, 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #38

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 Jason Powell as a substitute bus driver effective July 12, 2017.
2. Employment of Kimberlee Barger as a substitute bus driver and transportation aide, effective July 27, 2017.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller welcomed the new teachers to the District. She also thanked Mr. John Schafer for his work on behalf of the Hopewell Viking Football Boosters to install air condition at the Field House and his tireless work on their behalf. Dr. Miller reported that all the buildings are progressing nicely in anticipation of the start of the new school year. Dr. Miller introduced Jen Conrad, the new Business Administrator.

Dr. Maslyk introduced Ann Andrews, the new librarian at the B.F. Jones Memorial Library. She also reported that the cell repeater work is done at Independence Elementary School. Cell phone reception is much better.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

August 8, 2017, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration  
August 22, 2017, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held following the meeting to discuss legal 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, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, Vice President

Nancy Barber, Secretary