

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2354 BRODHEAD ROAD  
ALIQUPPA, PA 15001

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

7:00 P.M.

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. The President will announce if there was an Executive Session since the last meeting. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.
- V. Motion to approve the Agenda as written.
- VI. Special Presentation by Alisha Henry from PNC Bank and Dan Engen from DRAW Collective of school option details and costs.
- VII. Special Presentation by Deborah Engelman of the proposed 2024-2025 General Fund Budget
- VIII. Committee Discussion/Recommendations for May 14, 2024

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Caton, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of David Bufalini and the Robert W. Young VFW Post 8805 to use the Junior High School Memorial on May 27, 2024 for the Memorial Day ceremony.

**Finance and Budget:** Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 prepared by Hosack Specht Muetzel & Wood.

2. Adoption of the Hopewell Area School District Preliminary final 2024-2025 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$ and appropriations of \$. The difference of \$ will come from the Fund Balance. **(Roll Call)**
3. EHD as the Broker of Record for Workman's Comp, Liability and Automobile insurance.
4. Request of Chris Pritt to purchase parcel 65-002-0110-000-01-1 located in Hopewell Township out of the Beaver County Repository. All delinquent taxes from 2020-2021 tax year and prior years are exonerated. **(Roll Call)**
5. Resolution to approve Dr. Jeffrey Beltz, Superintendent, to apply for the Public School Facility Improvement Grant for roof replacement at the Senior High School building in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 The District agrees to adhere to all program guidelines and requirements. **(Roll Call)**
6. Agreement with Dr. Daniel Zorn and Skyline Chiropractic & Sports Medicine to provide employee physicals at a cost of \$70.00 per physical.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Pistorius, Chair; Mrs. Buxton, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Resignation for retirement of Donald Short, Athletic Director and Trainer, effective July 5, 2024.
2. Resignation for retirement of Lynn Short, paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, effective June 1, 2024.
3. Change of employment status for Kimberlee Halfhill, bus driver, to substitute driver, effective April 29, 2024.
4. Resignation of Shanna Hawthorne, transportation aide, effective April 28, 2024.
5. Request of Beth Butter, Junior High School cafeteria, for an unpaid leave of absence through May 31, 2024.
6. Employment of Colleen Tormey, substitute custodian, effective May 15, 2024.
7. Employment of Hunter Quel, substitute custodian, pending receipt of all clearances.
8. Employment of Bobbie Jo Chauvenne, substitute custodian, pending receipt of all clearances.

Committee Discussion/Recommendations for May 28, 2024

**Education/Curriculum/Instruction:** Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Mrs. Klessner, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Superintendent for the alteration of the Program of Courses and Classes of Music by the elimination of one elementary music position, effective June 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 School Term Year, to conform to standards of organization and due to a substantial decline in pupil enrollment; and the realignment of the Music Department for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
  - a. 1 music teacher at the Senior High School;
  - b. 2 music teachers at the Junior High School; and
  - c. 1 music teacher for the three elementary schools.
2. Awarding 160 high school diplomas to Hopewell High School Senior Class of 2024. Further, awarding of said diplomas is contingent upon student completion of all graduation requirements. (Copy in Superintendent's Office).
3. Continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Hopewell Area School District and the Hopewell Education Association with respect to Online Education for the 2024-2025 School Year.
4. Informational:
  - a. Enrollment numbers.
  - b. BVIU Board Notes for April 2024

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Caton, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Disposal by abandonment and placement in the Building Refuse Dumpster the following equipment from Hopewell High School:
  - Asset Tag 05039 Upright Bike (cardio room)
  - Asset Tag 05023 Upright Bike (locker room shower)
  - Asset Tag 05022 Upright Bike (locker room shower)
  - 2 Treadmills (cardio room) (No asset tag found)
  - Recumbent bike (cardio room) (No asset tag found)
  - Ping Pong Table (hallway) (No asset tag found)
2. Request from Hopewell Township to use the parking lots at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools for parking during Park Fest, July 13, 2024.

**Finance and Budget:** Mrs. Zupsic, Chair; Mrs. Miller, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Agreement with Medic Rescue to provide emergency medical transport for the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of \$3,600.
2. Agreement for Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. to conduct one Head Start Classroom at Hopewell Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year, subject to PIC receiving appropriate funding. **(Roll Call)**

**Legislative:** Mrs. Miller, Chair; Mrs. Buxton, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Hopewell Area SD School Board voting delegates to represent HASD at the PSBA 2024 Delegate Assembly event being held on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA. Voting delegates may attend the meeting either in person or virtually.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Pistorius, Chair; Mrs. Buxton, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Removal of the following individuals from employment from the Transportation Department. These individuals have not worked for the District in over one year.
  - a. Dan Boni
  - b. Dan Bubien
  - c. Guy Celeste
  - d. Tammy Celeste
  - e. Rick Cropper
  - f. John Mazzie
2. Resignation of Carol Morse, Vikette Sponsor, effective May 31, 2024.
3. Resignation of Jennifer Sutton, Assistant Marching Band Director, May 31, 2024.
4. Employment of the following individuals for the Senior High School Marching Band:
  - a. Carly Belich – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director
  - b. Samantha Lash – 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director
  - c. Fayette Wilson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant and Vikette Instructor  
(pending receipt of all clearances)

9. Employment of Maegan Johnson, individual paraprofessional, effective June 24, 2024.
10. Elimination of one 4<sup>th</sup> grade position at Independence Elementary School effective the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Elimination of one 5<sup>th</sup> grade position at Hopewell Junior High School effective the 2024-2025 school year.
12. Establish one 6<sup>th</sup> grade position at Hopewell Junior High School effective the 2024-2025 school year.

**Transportation:** Ms. Bell, Chair; Mrs. Klessner, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Hopewell Township to use District buses and drivers for Park Fest, July 13, 2024.

IX. Visitors

Effective October 12, 2021, a maximum of thirty minutes total will be reserved during the Board meeting for community members who request to speak. At any time, the Board may allow additional time for the visitors portion of the Board meeting.

Whether the community member is participating virtually, or in-person, the community member will:

- State their name
- Have up to three minutes to make a statement and/or ask a question to the Board
- Only be able to speak once during the visitors portion of the board meeting
- Have their time begin when the individual begins to speak

It is recommended that community members wishing to speak during the visitors portion email the Board Secretary prior to the board meeting, however the online chat will be monitored during the visitors portion of the meeting for anyone wishing to speak.

A response may be given during the meeting, however, it is also possible that no response be provided during the Board meeting. The Board will instruct the Superintendent, the Business Administrator and/or the Solicitor to either respond to the inquiry or do further research and report back to the Board and/or the resident. For any question that requires a response, the District will contact the individual directly to respond or will share responses at the following Board meeting.

- X. Other Business
- XI. Upcoming School Board Meetings  
May 28, 2024, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration Board Room
- XII. Adjournment