

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR WORK MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2019, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton  
Lesia Dobo  
Rob Harmotto  
Lori McKittrick  
Darren Newberry  
Kathryn Oblak  
George Patterson  
Daniel Santia (arrived at 7:16)  
Jeffrey Winkle

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; and Nancy Barber, Secretary.

Patrick Zedreck and Marshall Wunderlich from the Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Agency presented a proposal to provide the District's insurance for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Dr. Miller said that the following items will be voted on at the June 10, 2019 Board meeting. She and Mrs. Conrad then reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

**Athletics:** Mr. Caton, Chair; Mr. Santia, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. **Seasonal Swim (Fall, Winter/Spring, Summer):**  
 \$30 - Individual Military/Senior Citizen Pass **(NEW PROPOSAL \$35.00)**  
 \$40 - Individual Pass  
 \$60 - Family Pass
  
2. **School Year Swim Pass:**  
 \$70 - Individual Military/Senior Citizen Pass  
 \$80 - Individual Pass  
 \$110 - Family Pass **(NEW PROPOSAL \$120.00)**

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Santia, Chair; Mrs. Dobo, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Request of Ashley Lokey to conduct a PiYo Live Fitness program on the grounds of Margaret Ross Elementary School, Friday mornings beginning June 14, 2019 through August 23, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

**Finance and Budget:** Ms. McKittrick, Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Renew the following insurance coverage through Utica Insurance Company and UPMC Work Partners (for worker’s compensation) for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This coverage will be provided through the Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Agency.
 

Privacy and Network Liability	\$8,798.00
General Liability/Excess Liability	\$76,926.00
Automobile	\$28,567.00
Workers Compensation	\$216,406.00

**Personnel:** Mr. Harmotto, Chair; Ms. McKittrick, Co-Chair

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Employment of Mary Ann Miller, aquatics instructor (American Red Cross Lifeguard and Lifeguard Re-Certification Course), effective April 29, 2019.
  
2. Employment of Amanda Kerr, lifeguard and swim instructor, effective June 10, 2019.
  
3. Employment of Elizabeth Firich, lifeguard and swim instructor, effective June 10, 2019.

The following items will be voted on at the June 24, 2019 Board meeting.

### **Education/Curriculum/Instruction**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Hopewell Area School District 339 Plan: Career and College Readiness.
2. Katelyn Shoemaker, a student at Geneva College, to do a student teacher placement during the first semester, under the guidance of Aubre Lindner.
3. Alec Tesznar, a student at Geneva College, to do a student teacher placement during the second semester, under the guidance of Jessica Muller.

### **Athletics**

Recommendation to approve the following:

1. Payment of spring coaches beyond the regular season. (**Attachment**)
2. Pay Schedule for Officials for the 2019-2020 School Year (**Attachment**)

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Recommendation to approve the following:

3. Payment of spring coaches beyond the regular season. (**Attachment**)
4. Pay Schedule for Officials for the 2019-2020 School Year (**Attachment**)

### **Finance and Budget**

1. Resolution #2-2019 a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2019-2020 General Fund budget, which projects revenues of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and appropriations of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The difference of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will come from the Fund Balance.
2. Resolution #3-2019, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at \_\_\_\_\_ mills.
3. Resolution #4-2019, 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, 2018, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

4. Resolution #5-2019, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2019-2020 School Fiscal Year.
5. Resolution #6-2019, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
6. Resolution #7-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2019-2020 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 #8-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2020 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 #9-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2019-2020 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 #10-2019, a Resolution reenacting for the 2019-2020 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 #11-2019, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).
11. E-Rate Category 1 services for Lit Fiber WAN through Sunesys for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$4,152.24. This cost represents Hopewell's 50% E-Rate discount of this service.

### **Legislative**

1. Informational:
  - a. House Bill 356
  - b. House Bill 357

Both Bills regard Charter School reform.

2. Reaffirm Policy 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying (**Attachment**)

**Nutrition & Food Services**

1. Agreement between the BVIU and the District to provide students with services authorized by the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This permits the BVIU to provide services accordingly for District students attending New Horizon School.

**Personnel**

1. Resignation of Mike Shuleski, Head Baseball Coach, effective June 25, 2019.
2. Resignation of Dawn Gailey, Student Council Sponsor at Hopewell Junior High School, effective June 25, 2019.

**Visitors**

No visitors wished to address the Board

**Other Business**

None.

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo returned to Athletics.

**Athletics by Dan Caton, Chair**

**MOTION #1**

By Dan Caton, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to increase the individual military/senior citizen swim pass from \$30.00 to \$35.00 and the school year family swim pass from \$110.00 to \$120.00. MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

**Buildings and Grounds by Dan Santia, Chair**

**MOTION #2**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Dan Caton to approve the request of Ashley Lokey to conduct a PiYo Live Fitness program on the grounds of Margaret Ross Elementary School, Friday mornings beginning June 14, 2019 through August 23, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance

**Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair**

**MOTION #3**

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the following:

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Discussion by Board members ensued regarding a proposal made by the current agency, Andrew J. Benedict Insurance Agency. The initial cost proposal from the Gallagher Agency was significantly lower than one offered by the Benedict Agency. Benedict was given the opportunity to match the proposal, but they were unable to meet the cost.

**MOTION #4**

By Dan Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to table the proposal from the Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Agency. Mr. Santia and Ms. McKittrick believed it was in the best interest of the District to give the Benedict Agency an opportunity to make a formal presentation to the Board. MOTION to table failed with four YES votes and four NO votes, with one abstention.

Discussion by the Board continued regarding the two proposals.

Mrs. Dobo called for a second vote on the proposal from the Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Agency. MOTION to approve the Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Agency was approved with six YES votes and two NO votes, with one abstention.

**Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair**

**MOTION #5**

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Mary Ann Miller, aquatics instructor (American Red Cross Lifeguard and Lifeguard Re-Certification Course), effective April 29, 2019. MOTION carried by a unanimous vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #6

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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 Amanda Kerr, lifeguard and swim instructor, effective June 10, 2019.
2. Employment of Elizabeth Firich, lifeguard and swim instructor, effective June 10, 2019.

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 Jeff Winkle, seconded by Dan Santia, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary