

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

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

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

David Bufalini
David Ciccone
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto
Lori McKittrick
Jeffrey Winkle
Daniel Santia

Members absent:
John Bowden
Michael Johnston

Also in attendance were: Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; John Salopek, Solicitor; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Patricia Simmons, and Jessica Webster, Principals; Judy Mihok, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Venanzio Pelino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and citizens.

Mr. Bufalini welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, 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 May 28, 2013 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. Recommendation to approve the June 11, 2013 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, 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 May 2013, 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 May 2013, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of May 2013, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

No visitors wished to address the Board.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by David Ciccone, 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. Adoption of Reading Wonders, McGraw-Hill Publishers, copyright 2014, as the language arts textbook effective the 2013-2014 School Year, grades kindergarten through grade 5, as recommended by the department chairperson, colleagues and

principals. Further, approximate cost for purchase is \$200,000 (including shipping & handling) with funding source being the 2013-2014 District budget.

2. Adoption of PH Literature Common Core, Pearson Publishers, copyright 2012, as the literature textbook effective the 2013-2014 School Year, grades 6-8, as recommended by the department chairperson, colleagues and principal. Further, approximate cost for purchase is \$50,137.70 (including shipping & handling) with funding source being the 2013-2014 District budget.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve items (1) through (7) 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. Shannon Carter, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Erin Kamerer.
2. Laura Kaupinis, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill at student teacher placement at Independence Elementary School for eight weeks under the guidance of Linda Cecela, and Hopewell Junior High School for eight weeks under the guidance of Aubrey Lindner.
3. Tara Mann, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill at pre-student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Cathy Radford, and a student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Kristen Nan.
4. Tyler Lanciotti, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill at pre-student teacher placement at Margaret Ross Elementary School under the guidance of Kelly Pratte, and a student teacher placement for eight weeks at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Rob Kartychak, and eight weeks at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Karen Watts.
5. Cassondra Gaylik, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill at pre-student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Kelly McHugh, and a student teacher placement for eight weeks at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Margie Patton, and eight weeks at Hopewell Junior High School under the guidance of Susan Harcar.
6. Anthony Reda, a student at Slippery Rock University, to fulfill a student teacher placement for eight weeks at Hopewell High School under the guidance of Jeff

Hack and eight weeks at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools under the guidance of Lisa Morell.

7. Meagan Deniziak, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill at pre-student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Karen Gartley, and a student teacher placement for eight weeks at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Nicole Ozimok, and eight weeks at Independence Elementary School under the guidance of Joan Potts.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Daniel Santia to rescind the award to Questeq Incorporated for the wireless network infrastructure project. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all of the Directors in attendance.

Mrs. Robb explained that the reason to rescind was due to the fact that the Request for Proposal did not include the provision for prevailing wages. The next course of action will be to rebid the project with the new specification.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #6

By Daniel Santia, seconded by David Ciccone, 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 National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation to conduct survey work on District property Tax ID #662130185001.
2. Motion to reject all bids received for the pool liner repair project.

As was the case with the infrastructure project, Mrs. Robb explained that the reason to rescind the pool line repair project was due to the fact that the bid did not include the provision for prevailing wages. The next course of action will be to rebid the project with the new specification.

Finance and Budget by Mr. Winkle, Co-Chair**APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS****MOTION #7**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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 List of Bills in the amount of \$289,940.08.
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$87,115.97
3. Capital Reserve Fund payment in the amount of \$11,320.39.
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$1,846,353.06

MOTION #8

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve Resolution #8-2013, a Resolution providing for adoption of the Final General Fund budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, which projects revenues of \$34,270,850 and appropriations of \$35,113,007. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve Resolution #9-2013, a Resolution levying a tax during the 2013-2014 School Fiscal Year upon real estate within the territorial limits of the School District and fixing the rate thereof at 68.5 mills. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS**MOTION #10**

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by David Ciccone, to approve items (1) through (8) 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. Resolution #10-2013, 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, 2012, and not included in the tax duplicate certified to the Treasurer of the School District for the School Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.
2. Resolution #11-2013, a Resolution authorizing rates of discounts and penalties on real estate taxes for the 2013-2014 School Fiscal Year.

3. Resolution #12-2013, a Resolution providing for the installment payment of real estate taxes during the School Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
4. Resolution #13-2013, a Resolution reenacting for the 2013-2014 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.
5. Resolution #14-2013, a Resolution reenacting for the 2014 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.
6. Resolution #15-2013, a Resolution reenacting for the 2013-2014 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.
7. Resolution #16-2013, a Resolution reenacting for the 2013-2014 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.
8. Resolution #17-2013, a Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion real estate assessment reductions for the Hopewell Area School District's Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013, under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).

Personnel by Mr. Harmotto, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lesia Dobo, to approve the reappointment of John F. Salopek, Esquire, Solicitor, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by David Ciccone, 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. Fall and winter coaches and salaries.
2. Baseball and Track coaches pay beyond the regular season.
3. 2013-2014 recreation program.
4. Substitute custodian and cleaning persons roster.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeffery Winkle, 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. Resignation of Meghan Lewis, German teacher at Hopewell High School, effective June 25, 2013.
2. Resignation of Ryan Ricciardi, assistant girl's soccer coach, effective June 25, 2013.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

July 23, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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 David Ciccone that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David H. Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary