

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 22, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2019, 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 President.

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

Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (via telephone conference)
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
George Patterson
Daniel Santia
Jeff Winkle

Members Absent:
Daniel Caton

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Michael Allison, Principal; Donald Short, Athletic Director; and visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held on July 16, 2019 and prior to this meeting to discuss personnel. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

MOTION #1

By Kathryn Oblak, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the June 24, 2019 Business Meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried by a majority affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance. Mr. Winkle abstained, as he was not present at the June 24 meeting.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By George Patterson, seconded by Jeff Winkle, 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 2019, 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 2019, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of June 2019, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS

Chris Speicher and Chad Mancini asked the Board to continue to review the girls’ basketball program and to consider a new coaching staff.

Mark Haywood asked the Board to review the bus stop for his child. Mr. Haywood lives at 227 Moores Road and states that the walk to the designated bus stop is dangerous and would like for his child to be picked up at their home.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeffrey Winkle

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve Isabella Condie, a student from Geneva College, to do a student teacher placement from March 16, 2020 through May 7, 2020, under the guidance of Sarah Bober. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #4

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the request from Kit Keiper for the Senior High Marching Band to travel to Orlando, Florida March 31, 2020 through April 5, 2020. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the Service Agreement with the Children’s Institute for educational and related services for one student for the 2019-2020 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Athletics by Daniel Santia, Co-Chair

MOTION #6

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Tony Ciucci as football statistician for the 2019 season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Daniel Santia, Chair

MOTION #7

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the appointment of Keystone Water Systems, LLC, and Christopher Greenberg, as Operator in Responsible Charge to perform a minimum of weekly drinking water testing at Independence Elementary School effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at a cost of \$850/month + lab fees to fulfill all DEP requirements with regard to drinking water testing regulations, monitoring, and reporting. Appointment can be terminated by either party upon 30-days’ notice. Operator license number PWSID: 5040389. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Daniel Santia, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the request of Varsity Softball to use the softball field at the Senior High School to conduct a softball clinic August 20, 2019 through August 22, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #9

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 \$493,648.69
2. Cafeteria Fund List of Bills in the amount of \$78,037.32
3. General Fund Payments in the amount of \$4,052,601.53

MOTION #10

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the Agreement with CCG Premium Recovery Group, LLC for auditing workers' compensation claims for errors that could result in funds returned to District. These funds would be split 50/50 between CCG and the District. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Kylee Babish, Assistant Principal at the Junior High School, a member of the Act 93 Agreement, effective August 12, 2019, at a salary of \$72,500.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the employment of Natalee Bufalini, physical education teacher at Hopewell and Margaret Ross Elementary Schools, at step 1 of the Master's scale, effective August 22, 2019, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Vanessa Schreiber, special education teacher (Autistic Support) at Hopewell Elementary School, at step 1 of the Master's scale, effective August 22, 2019, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and documentation. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Sheri Douglass, Transportation Director, effective July 26, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the fall sports coaches and salaries. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance, except for the coaches of Girls' Basketball, which failed by a vote of four to four.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the removal of the following coaches from staff. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

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| a. | Mark Washington | Football |
| b. | Sherman McBride | Football |
| c. | Dan Hilton | Football |
| d. | Andrew Moore | Football |
| e. | Jeff Kelly | Football |
| f. | Dayne Smith | Football |
| g. | Jim Brown | Football |
| h. | Blake Lewis | Football |
| i. | Justin Saunders | Football |
| j. | DeSahaun Hines | Football |
| k. | Mike Nardelli | Football |
| l. | Dave Vestal | Boys Golf |

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Roni Albanese, elementary teacher at Independence Elementary School, effective June 7, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept the resignation of Keary Pieczynski, Special Education Teacher, effective July 18, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to accept the resignation of Michelle Acon, bus driver, effective July 17, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to change the employment status of Tammy Simmons from full-time Bus Driver to Substitute Bus Driver, effective July 18, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Transportation by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #21

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry, to accept bid and purchase one 30-passenger bus from Wolfington in the amount of \$55,364.00. This bid is to replace Bus #8, 2017 Chevrolet/Thomas, VIN #1HA6GUBG6HN006192, which was deemed a total loss and will be purchased using funds received from our insurance company which was deposited into the capital reserve account (\$46,125). MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by George Patterson, to authorize the disposal of the following 72-passenger International buses at the 422 Auction. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. Bus 26 – VIN #4DRBUAAN18A492374
2. Bus 27 – VIN #4DRBUAAN38A492375
3. Bus 28 – VIN #4DRBUAAN58A492376

MOTION #23

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve Frye Transportation Group, Inc. to provide CDL training at a rate of \$20/hr. for bus drivers as needed. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #24

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by George Patterson, to approve Frye Transportation Group, Inc. to provide Transportation Consulting at a rate of \$50.63/hr, as needed. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miller wished those individuals leaving the District well. She also wanted to commend Roni Albanese for the outstanding contributions she has made during her 45 years of service to the District. She will certainly be missed.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

August 12, 2019, Regular Work Meeting, Central Administration
August 26, 2019, Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

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An Executive Session was 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, Mrs. Dobo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by Jeff Winkle, seconded by George Patterson, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary