

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Lesia Dobo, Board President.

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

Daniel Caton
Lesia Dobo
Rob Harmotto (Via FaceTime)
Lori McKittrick
Darren Newberry
Kathryn Oblak
Jeffrey Winkle

Member's Absent

Daniel Santia

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Jennifer Conrad, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Doug Rowe, Rob Kartychak and Kylee Babish, Principals; Don Short, Athletic Director; and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools, Mrs. Babish from the Junior High School and Mr. Rowe from the Senior High School. Copies of each report are attached to these minutes.

Doug Rowe, Nick Mohrbacher and Meghan Parrish gave a presentation on the High School's implementation of Link Crew, a student driven program to help ninth grade students transition to the Senior High School. The program creates a student connection and offers peer support, while establishing leadership skills in upper classman.

Mrs. Dobo asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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. Mr. Patterson abstained from voting due to the fact that he was not present for the September 9, 2019 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

1. Recommendation to approve the August 26, 2019 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the September 9, 2019 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 August 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 August 2019, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held beginning at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. This announcement is being made to be in compliance with Act 84 of 1986, Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, as amended. The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Kelly Hineman asked if the District and the Board could respond to the concerns about the girls basketball program that she had emailed to Dr. Miller. Dr. Miller explained that they were working on the response and that she should expect to receive it on Tuesday, September 23, 2019.

Rod Hineman asked if Dr. Miller had a scheduled meeting with a varsity girls basketball player on September 9, 2019. Dr. Miller said that the meeting was scheduled, but that it was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The meeting was held the next day. Dr. Miller did not elaborate on the discussion.

Mr. Hineman asked why there was a vote on the girls basketball coaches last week. He had understood that all winter coaches would be approved as a group before the winter season. Mr. Salopek explained that any Board member has the right to make a motion for approval at any meeting.

Lou Santia complimented Mr. Kartychak on Open House at Hopewell Elementary School. He also complimented Mrs. Rodgers, counselor at the Junior High School, on her response to a request for a schedule change for his daughter.

Mrs. Hineman complimented Mrs. Babish on her enthusiasm and hard work as the new Assistant Principal at the Junior High School. Mrs. Hineman said that her daughters thought she was doing a tremendous job.

Mr. Hineman suggested that the District take a longer look for quality coaches.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Jeff Winkle, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #3

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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. 2020 Kennywood School Picnic on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.
2. Free school privileges for Haley Cooper to attend Hopewell High School for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. SAT Prep course sponsored by Ray Smith and Paula Battisti.

Buildings and Grounds by Jeff Winkle, Chair

MOTION #4

By Jeff Winkle, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Total Control Training, Inc. to use District facilities for the purposes of providing motorcycle safety training and education classes. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Finance and Budget by Lori McKittrick, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #5

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Darren Newberry, 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 \$309,342.24
2. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$46,974.73
3. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$2,982.16
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$4,953,184.65

MOTION #6

By Lori McKittrick, seconded by Dan Caton, to approve the proposal from Reschini Group to assist with employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$6.25 per required filing. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Kathryn Oblak; Chair

MOTION #7

MOTION by Kathryn Oblak, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the following candidates for PSBA election of officers. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. President-elect: Art Levinowitz
- b. Vice President: David Hein
- c. PSBA Insurance Trust: (vote for up to 2) Kathy K. Swope, Mark B. Miller
- d. Section 5 Advisor: Marsha Pleta

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, Chair

MOTION #8

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the winter sports coaches and salaries, as attached. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #9

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the updated list of fall coaches and salaries, as attached. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #10

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the appointment of Morgan Singletary as Varsity Head Baseball coach for the 2019-2020 school year at stipend of \$6,008.00. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, 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 roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

1. Resignation of Lisa Cedro, French club sponsor, effective September 6, 2019.
2. Appointment of Robin Ewing as French club sponsor, effective September 6, 2019.
3. Appointment of Brittany Covalt and Lori Colangelo, cosponsors of the Class of 2023, effective September 6, 2019.

MOTION #12

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the employment of Kelly Lepak, substitute transportation aide, effective September 11, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #13

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Angela Yanko, substitute transportation aide, effective September 11, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #14

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the appointment of Jolene Blyzwick, co-sponsor of the Junior High Wellness Club, effective September 24, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the request of Lisa McClure-Steals for an unpaid leave of absence through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Melissa Pahel, substitute school nurse, effective September 24, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the following regular education teachers, as “teachers of record” for the Beaver County Jail for the 2019-2020 school year. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

- a. Rosetta Dufalla, English
- b. Elizabeth Lehman, Science
- c. Raymon Smith, Math
- d. Mark Witterman, Social Studies

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Darren Newberry, to approve the employment of Chenoa Scott, permanent bus driver, effective September 13, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Rachel Hollis, substitute transportation aide, effective September 13, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the change of employment status for Michelle Shannon from substitute paraprofessional to full time classroom paraprofessional in the autistic support classroom at Hopewell Elementary School, effective August 27, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #21

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by George Patterson, to approve the employment of Erin Neal, individual paraprofessional at Independence Elementary School, effective September 30, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #22

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Lori McKittrick, to approve the employment of Amber Moden, substitute paraprofessional at Hopewell Elementary School, effective September 30, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #23

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Kathryn Oblak, to approve the employment of Kara Mangini, substitute cafeteria worker, effective September 24, 2019. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

At this time Dr. Miller discussed the District's substitute shortage and asked the Board to consider increasing the daily sub rate. She requested that if any of them had questions or feedback to reach out to Mrs. Conrad and Dr. Miller.

Superintendent's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Work Meeting, Central Administration

October 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Dobo announced that an Executive Session would be 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 Darren Newberry, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dobo adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Lesia Dobo, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary