

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Hopewell Area School District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, in the Board Room, Administration Building, 2354 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Bufalini, Board President.

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

John Bowden
David Bufalini
Lesia Dobo
Tony Guy
Rob Harmotto (By Videoconference)
Daniel Santia (Arrived at 7:25 p.m.)
Anna Segner
Jeffrey Winkle

Members Absent
Lori McKittrick

Also in attendance were: Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent; Dr. Jacie Maslyk, Assistant Superintendent; John Salopek, Solicitor; Johannah M. Robb, Business Administrator; Nancy Barber, Secretary; Douglass Rowe, Michael Milanovich, Jessica Webster, and Robert Kartychak, Principals; and citizens.

“Good News” reports were presented by Mr. Kartychak from the elementary schools, Mrs. Webster from the Junior High School and Mr. Milanovich from the Senior High School. A copy of each report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bufalini asked for approval of minutes.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #1

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, 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 October 27, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. Recommendation to approve the November 10, 2015 work meeting minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMS

MOTION #2

By Anna Segner, seconded by Tony Guy, 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 October 2015, 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 October 2015, as presented, and make said report a part of these minutes.

Financial Statements

3. Recommendation to accept Financial Statements for the month of October 2015, as presented, and make said statements a part of these minutes.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Josef Batvinskas and Adam Barkman gave an update of their Ryan McGovern Memorial Alumni Volleyball Tournament which was held on November 14, 2015. They raised \$5,300 for the McGovern Memorial Scholarship Fund and will officially retire Ryan's volleyball jersey. Dr. Reina and Mr. Bufalini commended the boys on a job well done.

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

Education/Curriculum/Instruction by Lesia Dobo, ChairAPPROVAL OF GROUPEd ITEMSMOTION #3

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Jeff 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. Samantha Chambers, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill a student teacher placement at the Junior High School under the guidance of Elizabeth Lehman.
2. Sarah Taormina, a student at Robert Morris University, to fulfill a pre-student teacher placement at Margaret Ross Elementary School under the guidance of Annette Doria and a student teacher placement at Hopewell Elementary School under the guidance of Nicole Ozimok.

MOTION #4

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by John Bowden, to approve the request of Mr. Katkich to repurpose Room 121, an unused classroom, to create a Maker Space and STEAM lab for students in grades 5 through 8. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #5

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the pilot implementation of electronic progress reports and reports cards through the CSIU Parent Portal at the Senior High School beginning in December 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #6

By Lesia Dobo, seconded by Rob Harmotto, to approve the request of the Italian Club and its sponsor, Mrs. Cedro, to sponsor a trip to Italy in June of 2017. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Mr. Bowden asked if approval could be rescinded depending on worldwide security issues at the time of travel. Dr. Reina said that it will be closely monitored.

Athletics by Tony Guy, ChairMOTION #7

By Tony Guy, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve payment of fall coaches beyond the regular season. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #8

By Tony Guy, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to approve the Cooperative Athletic Agreement with the Aliquippa School District for boys' volleyball beginning in the spring of 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Buildings and Grounds by Anna Segner, ChairAPPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #9

By Anna Segner, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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. Request by Beaver County Special Olympics to use the pool on Friday's from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. beginning January 2016 through April 2016 for swim practice.
2. Request from Hopewell Girls Softball to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Monday evenings from November 9, 2015 through December 21, 2015 from 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
3. Request of Hopewell Area Soccer Association to use Tony Dorsett Stadium on Sunday's from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. from March 6, 2016 through May 29, 2016 for games.

4. Request of Michael Shutak and the Elks Club to use Gym B at the Junior High School on Saturday, December 5, 2015, for a Foul Shooting Contest.

Finance and Budget by John Bowden, Chair

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #10

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve items (1) through (3) and to ratify items (4) and (5) 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 \$542,323.94
2. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$31,888.00
3. Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of \$49,607.03
4. General Fund payments in the amount of \$538,935.91
5. Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of \$136,214.00

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMS

MOTION #11

By John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, 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. Renewal of the Administrators Travel Accident Insurance coverage, effective for the period beginning December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016, at an annual premium of \$17 per person.
2. Designation of WesBanco as a depository for School District funds.

MOTION #12

By John Bowden, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the fund balance assignments, restrictions and commitments as of June 30, 2015, listed below. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Nonspendable	\$1,852.87
Restricted for Stadium	\$21,521.99
Committed for Budget	\$990,431.00
Committed for Health Care	\$1,000,000.00
Committed for Fut Retire	\$2,600,000.00
Committed for Technology	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned	\$2,792,615.84

MOTION #13

By John Bowden, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as of June 30, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

Legislative by Jeffery Winkle; ChairMOTION #14

By Jeffery Winkle, seconded by Daniel Santia, to approve the appointment of Lesia Dobo and John Bowden to the PSBA/BVIU Legislative Action Council. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Personnel by Rob Harmotto, ChairMOTION #15

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Jeff Winkle, to accept the resignation for retirement of Dr. Charles M. Reina, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2016. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative roll call vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #16

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, to approve the employment of Mark Javens as 5th assistant boys' basketball coach, effective November 16, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #17

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by John Bowden, 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 Charles McClaine, lifeguard, effective November 25, 2015.
2. Employment of Allison Kindred, lifeguard, effective November 25, 2015.

MOTION #18

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Anna Segner, to approve the appointment of Ashley Cameron as a volunteer assistant bowling coach, effective November 25, 2015. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

MOTION #19

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Tony Guy, to approve the wrestling coaches and salaries as set forth below. MOTION carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Directors in attendance.

Head Coach	Jason Martsof	\$4,458.00
1 st Assistant	Wil Lynn	\$3,263.00
2 nd Assistant	Brandon Fedorka	\$2,816.00
3 rd Assistant	Corey Getz	\$1,500.00
Volunteer	Bill Bain	\$0.0
Volunteer	Jason Winters	\$0.0
Volunteer	Jose Molina	\$0.0
Volunteer	Chris Georgetson	\$0.0
Volunteer	J.T. Pennington	\$0.0
TOTAL		<hr/> \$12,037.00

APPROVAL OF GROUPED ITEMSMOTION #20

By Rob Harmotto, seconded by Dan Santia, 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. Change of employment status for Michael White from substitute driver to permanent driver, effective October 27, 2015.
2. Change of employment status for Carrie Ann Wise from substitute driver to permanent driver, effective October 27, 2015.
3. Substitute personnel rosters.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reina reminded everyone that the BVIU Reorganization meeting is December 15, 2015 and that reservations are due tomorrow.

With the Board Reorganization meeting next week, Dr. Reina thanked Mr. Guy for his service to the Board. Mr. Guy will no longer be on the Hopewell School Board, as he was recently elected Beaver County Sheriff.

Mr. Guy also thanked the Board for their support.

Dr. Reina wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

December 1, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Board Reorganization Meeting, Central Administration

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bufalini 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, Mr. Bufalini asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION by John Bowden, seconded by Lesia Dobo, that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Bufalini adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL BOARD

David Bufalini, President

Nancy Barber, Secretary