

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY

AUGUST 9, 2011

7:00 PM

Mrs. Ostrzyzek called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and proper notice of postings was given. Mrs. Ostrzyzek read the Sunshine Statement and Mrs. Koeppen read the Mission Statement and led the pledge of allegiance. Board members present at the roll call were Mr. McKenna, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Koeppen, Mrs. Ostrzyzek and Mr. Lucas. Mr. Annunziata, Superintendent and Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance. Mrs. Kahler was unable to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

None

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Annunziata distributed an updated 2011-2012 school calendar with a corrected date. Mr. Annunziata distributed a copy of a letter that was sent as a follow-up to parents with a tuition bill in arrears.

Mrs. Huff distributed copies of the 2011-2014 agreement between the Hope Township Board of Education and the Hope Education Association.

Motion – Curriculum/Instruction/Technology

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mrs. Koeppen to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried unanimously, all yes, with Mrs. Ostrzyzek abstaining.

1. Approve the Gifted and Talented Co-Curricular Job Description

To approve the Gifted and Talented Co-Curricular job description

PERSONNEL

Mr. Annunziata noted that motion #2 will have to be pulled as the candidate is no longer available.

Block Motion - Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Koeppen to approve the following agenda items #1 and #3. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote, all yes.

1. Approve An LDT-C Service Provider for 2011-2012

To approve Kathleen Nace to provide LDT-C services on an as needed basis for the 2011-2012 school year at the cost of \$350 per day.

~~2. Approve a Teacher Aide~~

~~To approve Nicola Haag as a Teacher Aide for the 2011-2012 school year at a salary rate of \$12.60/hr. for 6.5 hours per day.~~

3. Approve the Following Co-Curricular Position and Personnel for 2011-2012

G & T Coordinator

Lianne Markus

\$1,500

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OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the use of the additional state aid allocation. Mrs. Huff reviewed the procedure for appropriating the additional state aid into the 2011-2012 budget and noted that we will have to seek Executive County Superintendent approval. The Executive County Superintendent will review the accuracy of the submission as well as ensure that the proposed use for the additional aid is both effective and efficient. Mrs. Huff recommended that the aid be used to support the additional part-time BSI teacher, pay the adjustment for the additional Charter School student and pay for the costs to send one of our preschool students out-of-district. The Board agreed that these were the most eminent unbudgeted expenditures and asked Mrs. Huff to prepare a revised budget for approval at the meeting on August 23, 2011.

Mr. Annunziata noted the need for a tutor for one additional student for approximately 12 hours this summer.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve Brian Grennan for summer tutoring for one student 4 hours/week for three weeks at his hourly rate. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McKenna to convene to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to interview Principal candidates. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

Be it resolved by the Hope Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening to interview Principal candidates. The board will publicly disclose information pertaining to the topics discussed as soon thereafter and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975c chapter 321.

A motion was made by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mrs. Koeppen to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

PERSONNEL

Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve Stacey Peterson as the Principal/Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2011-2012 school year, at a salary rate of \$87,500.00 for the year, prorated to her start date, to be determined. Motion carried, by roll call, all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Annunziata reported that our Board Attorney, Phil Stern, has requested the Board to consider an increase to his hourly rate. Hope Township is one of Mr. Stern's only clients that still pay an hourly rate of \$135.00 for his services. Mr. Stern is asking the Board to consider an increase to \$150.00 per hour. The Board agreed to a rate increase to \$150.00 per hour for the 2012-2013 school year, but would ask that he hold his rate to \$135.00 for the current school year.

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PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Tighe and seconded by Mr. McKenna to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously, all yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary