

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ALLISON PARK, PENNSYLVANIA 15101
MARCH 11, 2019 MINUTES

The Hampton Township Board of School Directors met on Monday, March 11, 2019, in the Dr. Harold Saver Memorial Library at Hampton Middle School, 4589 School Drive, Allison Park, PA.

Meeting

Attendance: Ms. Denise Balason, Mrs. Jill Hamlin, Mrs. Gail Litwiler, Mr. Robert Shages, Mr. Bryant Wesley, Dr. Michael Loughead and Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Messrs. Patrick Clair and Jeffrey Kline, along with a number of Hampton Township residents.

Attendance

Mrs. Mary Alice Hennessey, Mrs. Pam Lamagna and Mr. Greg Stein participated via teleconference.

Mr. Vasko was absent at the time of roll call.

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wesley, President of the Board, served as Chairperson of the meeting. Mrs. Michelle Ambrose served as Recording Secretary.

Mr. Vasko joined the meeting.

Mr. Vasko Joined
the Meeting

Dr. Michael Silbaugh, Acting Principal of Hampton Middle School introduced faculty members Ms. Michele Hurst and Ms. Gwen Cohen along with a number of Hampton Middle school students to highlight the engaging learning practices promoted at Hampton Middle School's new Robotics Studio. The students demonstrated their projects created in Ms. Hurst's Science class for protecting watersheds. The students and faculty explained how this classroom provides a unique area to work on project-based learning activities in an interactive and engaging environment.

Middle School
Presentation -

On behalf of Mrs. Hennessey, Mrs. Hamlin and Dr. Loughead recognized District students for their various accomplishments during the Student Awards presentation.

Student Awards

Mrs. Hamlin and Dr. Loughead recognized an 8th Grade Hampton Middle School student for their outstanding finish in the 25th Annual Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest at the Pittsburgh Public Theater. Over 1,000 students from 80 schools participated this year. The student finished as one of five finalist and he was able to perform his monologue from Macbeth at the event.

Top Finish - 25th
Annual
Shakespeare
Monologue &
Scene Contest

Mrs. Hamlin and Dr. Loughead recognized a number of Hampton students who participate in a variety of programs at A.W. Beattie Career Center. All who were recognized participated in the 2019 Skills USA District competition. A competition designed to test technical skills and creativity. The students had impressive finishes in the competition.

Hampton/A.W.
Beattie Students -
2019 Skills USA
Competition

Mrs. Hamlin and Dr. Loughead recognized a member of the Gymnastics Team who under the direction of Coach Kinsey Basko, competed and took 5th place in the WPIAL Individual Gymnastics Meet. The student athlete had a "no-fall" meet which is an

WPIAL Individual
Gymnastics Meet -
Fifth Place Finish

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incredible achievement for a gymnast.

Mrs. Hamlin and Dr. Loughead recognized members of the Boys' Basketball team who were selected to the WPIAL 5A Section 3 All-Section Team.

Boys' Basketball
Team Members –
WPIAL 5A Section
3 All-Section Team

Mrs. Hamlin and Dr. Loughead recognized members of the Girls' Basketball Team who were selected to the WPIAL 5A Section 2 All-Section Team.

Girls' Basketball
Team Members –
WPIAL 5A Section
2 All-Section Team

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Dr. Drew Hall, Hampton Township resident and District parent addressed the Board regarding his concerns over the classroom implementation of "Mindfulness" techniques and practices along with the District's contracted services with Dr. Stephanie Romero of Awaken Pittsburgh to provide professional development to the faculty to institute "Mindfulness" to the students. Dr. Hall stated that "Mindfulness" directly descends from the religion of Buddhism. He noted that practicing these methods in the classroom along with contracting services from Dr. Romero to provide faculty with professional development opportunities on this theory violates the federal laws for separation of church and state. Dr. Hall stated in addition the program impedes upon the beliefs of he and his family as Christians. Dr. Hall requested the Board take action to cease the practice of "Mindfulness" in the classrooms, terminate the service contract with Dr. Romero and ask for a refund of the money paid to her, and terminate the pay-to-play "Mindfulness" clubs within the District.

Concerns -
"Mindfulness"
Program/
Professional
Development

Upon motion by Mr. Vasko, seconded by Mr. Shages and carried unanimously by voice vote the Minutes from the February 11, 2019 Board of School Directors Voting Meeting were approved and incorporated into the official Minute book.

February 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following:

Payment of Bills

- February 2019 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$3,526,029.10
- February 2019 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$22,511.48
- February 2019 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$112,201.91

Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the January 2019 Treasurer's Report.

January 2019
Treasurer's Report

Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the January 2019 Student Activities Report.

January 2019
Student Activities
Report

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr.

President's Report

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Wesley in the President’s Report.

Mr. Wesley stated that, since the last meeting, the Board had met once in Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Executive Session

There was no Board Secretary’s Report this evening. Board Secretary’s Report

There was no Solicitor’s Report this evening. Solicitor’s Report

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Dr. Loughead in the Superintendent’s Report. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Loughead stated that his report encompasses information regarding the District’s academics, arts and athletics.

Dr. Loughead reported that under the umbrella of academics he was proud to announce that the District would be welcoming Mr. Gregg Behr, Executive Director of the Grable Foundation back to Hampton. Dr. Loughead stated District Administration would lead Mr. Behr on an innovative learning walk through of the District facilities to update him on the innovative learning opportunities here at Hampton. Visit from Mr. Gregg Behr, Grable Foundation

Dr. Loughead reminded everyone of the upcoming arts celebration - 2019 Hues and Harmony. Dr. Loughead encouraged all to attend the two night event on March 19th and 20th at Hampton High School. He noted that each facet of the District Art curriculum would be represented. Dr. Loughead stated this is always a wonderful event to attend. Hues & Harmony

Dr. Loughead stated under the umbrella of athletics the Winter sports season is ending and he is very proud of the student athletes who were recognized this evening and those who will be recognized in upcoming meetings as their sport seasons conclude. Dr. Loughead announced that the Inline Hockey team won the regionals “best of three” playoffs this past weekend. Positive Athletic Season – Conclusion of Winter Sports

Dr. Loughead concluded his report by recognizing the HTSD Board of School Directors, who recently were awarded the D. Richard Wynn Distinguished School Board Award. Dr. Loughead displayed the plaque that was given to the Board members at the event. He read aloud the plaque’s inscription and noted what a wonderful group of professionals the Board members were to work with. D. Richard Wynn Distinguished School Board Award

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mrs. Hennessey of the Student Affairs Committee. Student Affairs

Upon motion by Mrs. Hennessey, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the HHS Forensics Field Trip to the PA High School Speech League 2019 State Tournament in Bloomsburg, PA, March 14-16, 2019 at a cost to the District not to exceed \$424.00. (Funding from the District’s Competition Fund) HHS Forensics Field Trip – PA High School Speech League State Tournament

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The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mrs. Litwiler of the Educational Programs Committee.

Educational Programs

Upon motion by Mrs. Litwiler, seconded by Mrs. Hamlin and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the snow make up day for March 15, 2019, and changing the early release day for elementary students from March 14th to March 15, 2019.

March 15, 2019 – Snow Day Make up

Upon motion by Mrs. Litwiler, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote the Board approved 2018-2019 snow make up days on February 18, 2019 and June 7, 2019.

2018-2019 Snow Make Up Dates

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Ms. Balason of the Facilities Committee.

Facilities

Ms. Balason stated that before action would be taken on the District Facilities Agenda items, Dr. Loughead would present an HHS Renovation Project Action Plan.

Dr. Loughead – HHS Renovation Action Plan/Schedule

Dr. Loughead provided a general timeline of important dates and outlined important steps required to continue working from the HHS Feasibility Study and completing PlanCon submission for July 1st deadline.

March 2019

- Secure a firm to review/analyze the Feasibility Study to ensure the cost estimates are accurate and reliable

April 2019

- April 1, 2019 Work Session – Discuss and review proposals for securing an architect firm to complete the PlanCon Part A submission.
- April 1, 2019 Work Session – Review findings of independent analysis of the Feasibility Study
- April 8, 2019 Voting Session - Presentation of funding options for the project including both long and short term resources

May 2019

- Review PlanCon progress

June 2019

- June 3, 2019 Work Session – review/approve PlanCon A submission (due for 7/1/2019)
- June 10, 2019 Voting Session – approve the District’s final budget for 2019-20

Upon motion by Ms. Balason, seconded by Mr. Vasko and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the proposal from Pennsylvania Soil & Rock Inc. for geotechnical testing for the Fridley Turf and Fridley Track projects in the estimated amount of \$3,745.

Pennsylvania Soil & Rock Inc. Proposal – Fridley Field/Turf Project

Upon motion by Ms. Balason, seconded by Mr. Shages and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the proposal from P.J. Dick Incorporated for an analysis of the

P.J. Dick Inc. Analysis of HS

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High School Feasibility Study at a cost of \$2,910.00. Feasibility Study

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Vasko of the Finance Committee. Finance

Upon motion by Mr. Vasko, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Budget Transfer totaling \$3,522 for the following: Budget Transfer

- HMS; General Supplies \$3,522

Upon motion by Mr. Vasko, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services 2019-2020 Budget, with Hampton Township School District's estimate share of \$48,403. AIU Program of Services Budget 2019-20

Upon motion by Mr. Vasko, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the District initiated appeals for 2019 real estate tax assessments based on property transactions in 2018 where the difference between the adjusted purchase price and the 2019 assessment reflects a lost revenue to the District in the amount of \$1,000 or more at the current 2018-2019 millage rate of 18.95 mills. 2019 District Initiated Appeals for Real Estate Taxes

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mrs. Hamlin of the Personnel Committee. Personnel

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Jordan Stanopiewicz (effective date to-be-determined). Mr. Stanopiewicz is an Academic Support Biology Teacher and a Long-Term Substitute Biology Teacher at Hampton High School. Resignation, Mr. Jordan Stanopiewicz

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the change in status for Ms. Emily Marcellus, moving from a Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Wyland Elementary School to a Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Hampton High School, from approximately February 26, 2019 through the remainder of the 2018-2019 School Year. Salary remains \$31,500, pro-rated. (Ms. Marcellus is a substitute for Mr. Michael Zdinak.) Change In Status, Ms. Emily Marcellus

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following Building/Coaching Supplemental position for the 2018-2019 School Year, at a rate of \$133 per point: Building/ Coaching Supplemental 2018-2019 SY

NAME	POSITION	BUILDING	POINTS	RANGE	TOTAL STIPEND
Amanda Spencer	Volunteer Varsity Track & Field Coach	HS	NA	NA	NA
Ben Tackett	Volunteer Boys' Lacrosse Coach	HS	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Robert Voinchet	Volunteer Boys' Lacrosse Coach	HS	n/a	n/a	n/a
Joe Cangilla (Replacing Jayne Beatty)	Track – Asst. A Coach	HS	29	21/29	\$3,857
Heather Dietz	Track – Asst. B Coach	HS	29	21/29	\$3,857
Kim Masarik	Track – Asst. C Coach	HS	20	18/22	\$2,660
Steve Sciuillo	Track – Asst. D Coach	HS	20	16/20	\$2,660
Sam Evans	Boys' Lacrosse Asst. Coach	HS	20	16/20	\$2,394

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Ms. Balason and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mr. Kyle Fay as a Technology Support Technician for the District, effective March 18, 2019. Salary is \$48,000, pro-rated. (Mr. Fay is replacing Mr. Dan Becker.)

Mr. Kyle Fay,
 Technology Support Technician

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Teresa Henneberg as a Custodial Substitute for the District effective March 5, 2019.

Ms. Teresa Henneberg,
 Custodial Sub

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mr. Brandon Jenkins as a School Psychologist Intern from California University of Pennsylvania for the 2019-2020 School Year, with a stipend not to exceed \$12,500, effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 School Year. (This is an annual position.)

Mr. Brandon Jenkins, School Psych. Intern, 2019-20 SY

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Shages of the Policy/Legislative Affairs Committee.

Policy/Legislative Affairs

Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote the Board approved the first reading of Policy No. 251 *"Homeless Students."*

First Reading - Policy No. 251

There was no Transportation report this evening.

Transportation

There was no Technology report this evening.

Technology

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Vasko in the A.W. Beattie Career Center report.

A.W. Beattie Report

Mr. Vasko stated he attended the A.W. Beattie Career Center Open House on February 28, 2019. He noted the event was well attended.

Open House – Update

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Mr. Vasko reported on the continued growth in the Sports Medicine Program. He noted enrollment began with 8 students in the first year, growing to 25 students in the second year, and 60 students enrolled for 2019-2020.

Sports Medicine Program

Mr. Vasko stated that A.W. Beattie will be hosting the Technical Honor Society Inductions next week and a Hampton student is being inducted.

Technical Honor Society Inductions

Mr. Vasko encouraged everyone to participate in the A.W. Beattie annual Fish Fry Fundraiser event.

Fish Fry Fundraiser

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mrs. Hamlin in the HAEE Report.

Mrs. Hamlin stated that in February, Dr. Kern, Principal Central Elementary and Dr. Cunningham presented to HAEE an idea for converting Central Elementary Court Yards to a usable outdoor science/engineering space. Noting cooperation from many local companies and agencies, the spaces would be incorporated with butterfly gardens, water tables, magnets, etc. The grant was approved and the space will actually be used by all three elementary buildings.

Central Elementary Court Yards

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for additional public comment.

Comments

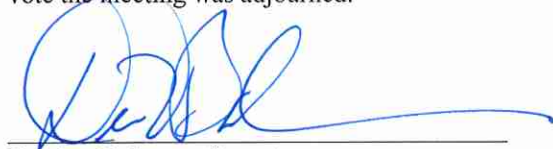
Mr. Mark Farabaugh, Hampton Township resident inquired if the presentation on the HHS Project Action Steps would be made available on the website.

HHS Presentation PowerPoint – Posted to Website

Dr. Loughhead addressed Mr. Farabaugh stating the presentation would be made available to the public.

Upon motion by Mrs. Litwiler, seconded by Mr. Vasko and carried unanimously by voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment



Denise Balason, Secretary