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Prior to the start of the meeting, Mrs. Lux, Hampton Middle School Principal and Mrs. Fierle, Hampton Middle School Library/Media Specialist officially introduced the HMS Escape Room to Board Members, District Administration, and members of the public. Mrs. Lux explained that the room was officially opened at the end of the 2016-2017 School year at the "Remake Learning Days." Mrs. Lux and Mrs. Fierle provided a summarized version of the introduction given to the Middle School students prior to their entrance into the Escape Room. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted aspects of the Mayan culture, architecture and beliefs. In conjunction with the "Mayan Experience" overview several Board Members, Administrators and members of the public entered the room to attempt to solve the student created puzzles and "free" themselves.

"The Mayan Experience" HMS Escape Room Tutorial

The Hampton Township Board of School Directors met on Monday, September 11, 2017 in the Dr. Harold Sarver Memorial Library at the Hampton Middle School, 4589 School Drive, Allison Park, PA.

Meeting

Attendance: Ms. Denise Balason, Mrs. Mary Alice Hennessey, Mrs. Pam Lamagna, Mrs. Gail Litwiler, Mrs. Cathy Lueers, Mr. Robert Shages, Mr. Greg Stein, Mr. Larry Vasko, Mr. Bryant Wesley, Dr. Michael Loughead and Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Messrs. Jeffrey Kline and Patrick Clair, along with a few Hampton Township residents.

Attendance

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

Mr. Wesley addressed the room requesting a moment of silence to remember the victims of September 11, 2001.

Moment of Silence

Dr. Loughead opened the floor up to Mrs. Lux to continue with the overview of the HMS Escape Room "The Mayan Experience." Mrs. Lux stated 67 Middle School student sections were introduced to the Mayan Experience/Escape Room at the end of last school year, of which 14 sections successfully completed the puzzles "freeing" themselves. Mrs. Lux stated the students and faculty also had opportunities to work with different professionals on different aspects of the project such as Mr. Colona, co-owner of the Wexford Code Breakers Escape Room.

HMS Presentation
- Escape Room

Ms. Cohen stated that the students were immersed in the entire process of creating the Escape Room. Ms. Cohen hosted "Shark Tank" events for students to present their puzzle ideas to a panel. The puzzles selected were then transformed from ideas to actual working puzzles. Students were involved in many facets such as design, art, architecture and technology. Mrs. Cohen stated the project-based learning experience provided the students with many forward thinking opportunities. She introduced several students who discussed their personal contributions to the escape room.

There was no public comment this evening.

Comments

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Upon motion by Mr. Vasko, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Minutes from both the August 7, 2017 and August 14, 2017 Board of School Directors Voting Meetings were approved and incorporated into the official Minute Book.	August 07, 2017 and August 14, 2017 Minutes Approved
Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 2017 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$4,495,642.14• August 2017 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$251,073.90• August 2017 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$4,478.85	Payment of Bills
Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the July 2017 Treasurer's Reports.	July 2017 Treasurer's Reports
Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the July 2017 Student Activities Report.	July 2017 Student Activities Report
The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Wesley in the President's Report.	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
The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Ms. Balason in the Board Secretary's Report.	Board Secretary's Report
Ms. Balason reminded the Board to review the email sent by PSBA to providing information on the various electoral candidates. Ms. Balason stated the Board would have an opportunity to discuss the email and candidates prior to voting.	PSBA Candidate Informational Email
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 noted in the academic portion of his report, that Hampton Township School District is quickly becoming a nationally known innovative school district. He stated this was evident in the Middle School's presentation this evening. Dr. Loughead stated the escape room was a great opportunity to showcase the project-based learning the students experienced being immersed in all aspects of the project. Dr. Loughead stated the District was also recently highlighted for their STEAM carts. The carts were designed and fabricated by secondary level students for use by the elementary level students. Dr. Loughead stated how exciting this innovation is and what an honor for the District to be recognized both regionally and nationally.	Hampton Township School District – Innovative School District

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Dr. Loughead encouraged the public and Board Members to attend a football game to see the Marching Band's halftime show. Dr. Loughead remarked at the creativity of the District's music department and students to put on such an amazing show. Dr. Loughead also reported that the music department has an upcoming concert in October. He encouraged attendance to the concert highlighting the talent of the HHS orchestra and choir.

Marching Band
 Halftime Show;
 Music Department
 Concert

Dr. Loughead reported a successful start to the beginning of the Fall Sports Season. He noted that many teams have had a great start to their seasons. Dr. Loughead highlighted some achievements of the Varsity Football Team, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and the Golf Team.

Successful
 Beginning to the
 Fall Sports' Season

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 Mrs. Lamagna and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following Clubs:

- HHS – Ping Pong Club
- HMS – Show Choir Club

Club Approval;
 HHS – Ping Pong
 HMS – Show Choir

Upon motion by Mrs. Hennessey, seconded by Mrs. Lamagna and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following Field Trips:

- Hampton Baseball – Spring Trip - Dodgertown, Vero Beach, FL – March 24-29, 2018
- Future Business Leaders of America – FBLA Job Shadow - Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD – April 18-22, 2018
- Forensics – Yale Debate Assoc. Invitational Tournament - Yale University, New Haven, CT – September 14-17, 2017

Overnight/Outside
 District - Field Trip
 Approvals

There was no Facilities report this evening.

Facilities

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 Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Community College of Allegheny County.

Memorandum of
 Agreement with
 CCAC

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

Personnel

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Ashley Dembowski, who is

Resignation, Ms.
 Ashley Dembowski

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resigning after one year with the District, effective August 30, 2017. (Ms. Dembowski was a Class 1-D Paraprofessional at Hampton Middle School.)

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Kara Vaccarelli, who is resigning effective date TBD. (Ms. Vaccarelli is a Long-Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at Hampton High School.)

Resignation, Ms.
Kara Vaccarelli

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Kim Gally, who is resigning after one year with the District, effective September 15, 2017. (Ms. Gally is a Class 1-B Paraprofessional at Hampton High School.)

Resignation, Ms.
Kim Gally

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mrs. DeAnna Richey, as a Long-Term Substitute ESL Teacher for the first semester of the 2017-2018 School Year, effective August 25, 2017. Salary is \$30,500, pro-rated. (Mrs. Richey is a substitute for Mrs. Katie Koleno.)

Mrs. DeAnna
Richey, LTS ESL
Teacher

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Sarah Morris, as a Building Substitute at Hampton High School for the 2017-2018 School Year, effective August 18, 2017. Salary is \$20,500. (This is an annual position.)

Ms. Sarah Morris,
Building Substitute,
HHS

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Catherine Porter, as an Elementary Building Substitute (Floater) for the 2017-2018 School Year, effective date August 23, 2017. Salary is \$20,500, pro-rated. (This is an annual position.)

Ms. Catherine
Porter, Elementary
Building Substitute
(Floater)

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mr. Thomas (Tadd) Bevan, as a Building Substitute at Hampton High School for the 2017-2018 School year, effective August 30, 2017. Salary is \$20,500, pro-rated. (This is an annual position.)

Mr. Thomas (Tadd)
Bevan, Building
Substitute, HHS

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following list of Induction Team Mentors for the 2017-2018 School Year:

2017-2018
Induction Team
Mentors

Jennifer Morgan	Maryanne Librich	Jennifer Lavella
Leticia Dunstan	Lisa Oliveira	Amy Faith
Courtenay Garrett	Kendra Lapiana	Lynn Stevwing
Wendi Hunter	Stacie Sespico	

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mrs. Jennifer Larson as a Class 1-B Paraprofessional (2 hours per day) at Poff Elementary School, effective August 24, 2017. Salary is \$14.46

Mrs. Jennifer
Larson, Class 1-B
Paraprofessional,

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per hour for the 60-day probationary period and \$14.71 per-hour thereafter. (This is a new position.)

Poff

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mrs. Elvira Scolieri, as a Class 1-B Paraprofessional (2 hours per day) at Central Elementary School, effective September 11, 2017. Salary is \$14.46 per hour for the 60-day probationary period and \$14.71 per-hour thereafter. (Mrs. Scolieri is replacing Mrs. Kim Gally's position.)

Mrs. Elvira
Scolieri, Class 1-B
Paraprofessional,
Central

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Ashley Arlotti, as a Class 1-D Paraprofessional at Wyland Elementary School, effective August 21, 2017. Salary is \$15.73 per hour for the 60-day probationary period and \$15.98 per hour thereafter. (Ms. Arlotti is replacing Ms. Maria Franz.)

Ms. Ashley Arlotti,
Class 1-D
Paraprofessional,
Wyland

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mrs. Jansen Jamison, as a Class 1-D paraprofessional at Hampton Middle School, effective September 6, 2017. Salary is \$15.73 per hour for the 60-day probationary period and \$15.98 per hour thereafter. (Mrs. Jamison is replacing Ms. Ashley Dembowski.)

Mrs. Jansen
Jamison, Class 1-D
paraprofessional,
HMS

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following 2017-2018 Night Lead Custodial positions:

2017-18 Night
Lead Custodian,
HHS

Name	Building	2017-2018 Hourly Rate
Chuck Richard (replacing Randy Yester)	HHS	\$23.56

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mr. Randy Yester, moving from a 10 month/8 hour per day Custodian (and Night Lead) at the High School, to a 12 month/8 hour per day Custodian at Wyland Elementary School, effective August 22, 2017. Salary is \$23.28 per hour. (Mr. Yester is replacing Mr. Walt Baer.)

Change In Status,
Mr. Randy Yester,
12 month/8 hour
Custodian, Wyland

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Hennessey and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Mr. Jonathan Trout, as a substitute custodian for the District effective September 1, 2017.

Mr. Jonathan Trout,
Substitute
Custodian

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Renee Watterson, to continue as the 10 month/40 hour per week District-wide Custodial Substitute for the 2017-2018 School Year

2017-2018 District
- wide Custodial
Substitute

Upon motion by Mrs. Lamagna, seconded by Mrs. Litwiler and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following Building/Coach Supplemental positions for the 2017-2018 School Year, at a rate of \$130 per point:

2017-2018
Building/Coach
Supplemental

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NAME	POSITION	BUILDING	POINTS	RANGE	TOTAL STIPEND
Rachel Zang	Girls' Assistant Tennis Coach	HS	20	16/20	\$2,600
Joanne Greer	Wyland Bus Monitor	Wyland	12	12	\$1,560
Chelsea Niehaus	JV Cheerleading Coach	HS	30	28/36	\$3,900
David Interthal (replacing James Kohan)	Football Assistant "C" Coach	HS	41	33/41	\$5,330
Kellan Wheeler	Volunteer Boys' Golf Coach	HS			
Sam Flowers	Volunteer Middle School Football Coach	MS			
Amy Holtz	MS Special Education Department Chair	MS	13	13/17	\$1,690

Positions

The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Stein, of the Technology Committee.

Technology

Upon motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Lamagna and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved a two-year agreement of services with EduLink, Inc., for the PA-Etep web-based portal for teacher evaluations. The first-year licensing fee of \$3,000 is to be allocated from the 2017-2018 Ready to Learn grant. The remaining licensing fee balance is \$20,362 will be allocated from the 2018-2019 budget.

EduLink, Inc. –
 Two-year Service Agreement –
 Teacher Evaluations

Upon motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Lamagna and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved an agreement of services with the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit for annual access to software and safety plans. The fee of \$1, 100 is funded by the Ready to Learn grant.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit
 Service Agreement –
 Safety Plans

There was no Finance report this evening.

Finance

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 Mrs. Lamagna and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the first reading of revised Policy No. 137 – Home Education Program

First Reading,
 Revised Policy No.
 137

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Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved and adopted the second reading of the revised/replaced Policy No. 237 – Acceptable Use of Personal Technology Resources.

Second
Reading/Adoption
Policy No. 237

There was no Transportation report this evening.

Transportation

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

A.W. Beattie
Report

Mr. Vasko reported A.W. Beattie Career Center began on August 31, 2017. He noted the current enrollment was 773 students. Mr. Vasko stated student enrollment is approximately up by 100 students from the beginning of the 2016-2017 School Year.

2017-2018 - Beattie
Opening Day
Enrollment

Mr. Vasko noted that A.W. Beattie entered into an articulation agreement with Waynesburg University for students enrolled in both the Early Childhood Education and Sports Medicine programs.

Waynesburg
College
Articulation
Agreement

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

HAEE Report

Ms. Lueers reminded the Board of the upcoming HAEE 5k Run/Walk, and encouraged people to attend the race even if they did not participate in the actual race. Mrs. Lueers stated HAEE had worked diligently procuring wonderful prizes that would be raffled off at the race on October 14, 2017.

HAEE 5K Race;
Raffle/Prizes

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for public comment.

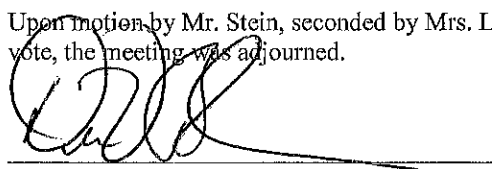
Comments

Mr. Mark Farabaugh, Hampton resident shared with the Board information on two Pittsburgh Post-Gazette articles about high school start times and the impact the time has on students. Mr. Farabaugh stated the Board had expressed interest in reviewing the matter and the two articles may be helpful in their research. Mr. Farabaugh stated the original article was published focusing on Quaker Valley School District and their decision to push back the start time for high school students. He noted the follow up article was published last month. Mr. Farabaugh noted the articles provided various research studies and actual start times of high schools in Pennsylvania. Mr. Farabaugh stated he would be willing to email Administration or Board Members links to the articles.

High School Start
Times – Articles in
Pittsburgh Post-
Gazette

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

Adjournment


Denise Balason, Secretary