

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The Hampton Township Board of School Directors met on Monday, August 9, 2021, in the Hampton Middle School Auditorium, 4589 School Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101. The Meeting was also livestreamed online.

Meeting

Attendance: Ms. Denise Balason, Mrs. Jill Hamlin, Mrs. Joy Midgley, Mr. Robert Shages, Mr. Greg Stein, Mr. Larry Vasko, Mrs. Trisha Webb, Mr. Bryant Wesley, Dr. Michael Loughhead and Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Messrs. Jeffrey Kline and Don Palmer along with a number of Hampton Township residents.

Attendance

Mr. Matt Jarrell participated in the meeting via teleconference.

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

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Ms. Camille Joyce, District parent addressed the Board stating that she along with another HTSD parent created the Facebook group "Unmask Hampton Protect Our Children" that currently has 153 parent followers. Ms. Joyce noted that many of these families along with her own were willing to enroll into cyber charter schools to avoid mask mandates required by the District. She noted that she is a nurse and many of the masks worn by individuals do not prevent the spread of Covid-19 as indicated on their labeling. Ms. Joyce indicated that only N95 masks can aid in preventing the spread of Covid-19. She encouraged the Board to vote against masking the children and allow this decision to be made by the parents.

Request Not to
Mask Students

A sixth grade student addressed the Board asking the Board to vote against masking students. She noted that masks hurt her ears and make it difficult to breathe. The student stated that masks cause rashes on her face as well. She noted that she did not wear a mask all summer and that neither she nor anyone she knew had become ill.

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Mr. Timothy Joyce, District parent addressed the Board stating that he and his family moved to the District for a better education for their children. He noted that the masks are a distraction from the education. He echoed comments made regarding the lack of masks worn by children this summer and the low infection rate. Mr. Joyce commented that kids get sick every year with various illnesses but their survival rate is much higher and they are fine.

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A District 8th grade student addressed the Board listing the challenges presented with wearing a mask every day and questioning the science behind mask wearing. She noted how sad it was that many of the younger students have not yet experienced a normal school year. She indicated that mask greatly impede face to face socialization and this is an important aspect of school especially with all the technology based interaction students use today. She noted that many masks do not protect against the spread of

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Covid-19 due to the microbial size of the virus compared to the size of the filtration spacing in different masks. The student stated that parents should be permitted to decide whether their students should wear masks or not.

Ms. Jill Harrington, District parent and Township resident for 42 years addressed the Board stating the past year and a half has been difficult for the students and it is time for people to stand up for them and expose the lies and propaganda being spread about Covid-19. She reiterated comments regarding cloth masks and their lack of prevention from transmitting Covid-19. Ms. Harrington listed several facts regarding side effects of wearing masks such as headaches, irritability, lack of attention, fatigue, drowsiness. Ms. Harrington noted that people can and do fully recover from Covid-19 with no underlining medical issues and that the CDC, NIH and FDA all have conflicts of interest in regard to vaccinations and governing over pharmaceutical companies.

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Ms. Heather Lucci, District parent addressed the Board requesting the use of masks for students. Ms. Lucci stated that her children and those under 12 are not able to receive a vaccination and that masks are their only protection against the virus. She stated that she appreciated the District's mitigation efforts and handling of the pandemic last year. She encouraged the Board and administration to continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and AAP to protect the children during this time. She noted that she is a physician assistant and that her job requires her and her associates to wear masks daily.

Request for
Masking Mandates
for Students

Mr. Chris Arnold, District parent addressed the Board stating that the school district is the heart of the community. He noted that he is most proud of the level of care that students receive in school focusing on them as an entire person not just on their academics. He asked that the Board follow through with their duty to keep children safe and help them to achieve the best education possible. He noted through the challenges last year Hampton executed a successful school year allowing as much in-person instruction as possible. Mr. Arnold noted the best way to keep his children safe despite vaccination status is to require masks.

Request for
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for Students

A rising 4th grade student from Poff Elementary addressed the Board stating that he believes masks should be optional. He stated that masks make it harder to breathe and have been proven not to work.

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Ms. Rachael Mazzoni, District parent addressed the Board providing a list from the KDKA website of 24 neighboring school districts that are not requiring masks for students. She noted that all the districts named were approximately 30 minutes from Hampton. Ms. Mazzoni stated that many of these schools are also in areas of "Substantial Spread" in relation to the transmission rate of Covid-19. She noted that masks should be optional and that parent choices for their children accepted. Ms. Mazzoni then noted that we cannot keep making decisions based on the idea that we will eliminate Covid as variants will continue to emerge, but rather focus on the data for the students and the data shows that students are not at risk. Ms. Mazzoni updated the Board on her petition to not mask the students and she noted that she is just shy of 600 signatures.

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Ms. Erin Gazica, District parent addressed the Board regarding her interest in requiring

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masks for students. Ms. Gazica noted that her children participated in Hampton Online Academy last year, but that this year they are ready to return to the classroom. Ms. Gazica stated that one of her children suffers from congenital heart disease. She stated that wearing a mask helps protect others rather than the individual wearing the mask. Ms. Gazica stated she is relying on the other students in the classroom to help protect her child from being infected with Covid-19. She indicated how simple wearing a mask is and how this will aid in keeping students in school and out of quarantine.

Masking Mandates
for Students

Ms. Angela Ames, District parent addressed the Board thanking them for their time and handling difficult decisions such as these. She thanked the audience and especially the students for being present this evening and speaking on their beliefs on current matters. She noted that many schools nationwide that have opened without mask mandates in place are seeing large numbers of children in quarantine already. Ms. Ames stated that requesting masks for students is to promote a safe environment for learning and socializing among children.

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Masking Mandates
for Students

Ms. Sherry Sweeney, District Bus Driver addressed the Board regarding masking and the bullying that it can cause among students. She indicated that she did not witness any issues with her students at the secondary level. However, at the Elementary level she witnessed children behaving harshly toward others without masks. Ms. Sweeney noted that the behavior was a new level of bullying.

Mask Bullying

Dr. Loughead immediately addressed Ms. Sweeney and asked if she reported the behavior to the building principal. He noted that bullying of any kind is not tolerated in the District and that these behaviors need reported to the principals immediately.

Mr. Brian Martin, addressed the Board thanking them for the exceptional service to the families in the District during the pandemic. He noted that nobody likes masks or likes any of the restrictions or mandates in place during the last year. However, he noted that everyone does want and feel in-person instruction is best for the students. Mr. Martin encouraged the Board to follow the CDC and AAP guidelines for masking to allow for another successful year.

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Masking Mandates
for Students

A District Student addressed the Board echoing previous comments she noted that there has not been an outbreak of cases this summer and students have been unmasked doing various activities even sports as well as socializing with friends. She noted the hardships of wearing a mask caused throughout last school year. The student asked that the mental health of the students be taken under advisement when deciding upon masking requirements.

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Mr. Jeremiah Lambo addressed the Board stating he has three children enrolled in the District. Mr. Lambo stated that despite vaccination status it is possible to be infected and pass on Covid-19 especially the new Delta variant. He noted that vaccinated individuals are actually more likely to catch the Delta variant than non-vaccinated individuals or children. Mr. Lambo noted that there are reasons that a few parents may need to protect their children from Covid-19. However, the District should not force the vast majority to wear mask to protect the few. Mr. Lambo stated that separating children by making them

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wear mask or not wear mask based on vaccination status will only cause division. He noted that the CDC and the governor are not mandating masks for schools. Mr. Lambo stated that the school board should not mandate masks as well.

Ms. Cindy Hobbes, District parent addressed the Board stating they should follow the recommendations and guidelines of the public health experts such as the CDC and AAP. She noted that these organizations are performing the research and following the data to provide the health recommendations. Ms. Hobbes recommended have more class time outside to accommodate more time for kids to be mask free.

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Mr. Joe Monaco, District parent addressed the Board stating that parents try to raise their children to be respectful, proud and good citizens. He noted that one of the best ideals to teach a child is to not live in their fears. Mr. Monaco stated that overcoming their fears will help them to be successful in life. He indicated that for the last 18 months his children have had to live their lives according to the fears of other people or adults. Mr. Monaco stated that all the children are victims of living out someone else's fears and it's time to stop.

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Upon motion by Mr. Vasko, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Minutes from the June 14, 2021 Board of School Directors Voting Meetings were approved and incorporated into the official Minute book.

June 14, 2021
Meeting Minutes
Approved

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

Payment of Bills

- o June & July 2021 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$10,236,482.48
- o June & July 2021 H.S. Construction Fund 35 Disbursements totaling \$264,135.87
- o June & July 2021 Capital Reserve Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$38,629.05
- o June & July 2021 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$187,008.37

Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the May and June 2021 Treasurer's Reports.

Treasurer's Reports

Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the May and June 2021 Student Activities Reports.

Student Activities
Reports

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

Mr. Wesley asked for nominations for the office of Board Treasurer for a one year term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Mr. Stein nominated Mr. Shages. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamlin with Mr. Vasko moving to close nominations. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote to appoint Mr. Shages to the office of Board Treasurer for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Nomination of
Board Treasurer

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Mr. Wesley asked for nominations for the office of Board Secretary for a four year term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025. Mr. Wesley nominated Ms. Balason. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stein with Mr. Vasko moving to close nominations. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote to appoint Ms. Balason to the office of Board Secretary for the four year term, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

Board Secretary

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 typically encompasses the District's academics, arts and athletics.

Dr. Loughead stated that under the umbrella of academics, the Hampton Middle School will be hosting the ribbon cutting ceremony next week for the new Learning Pavilion. He noted that this area was made possible through grant money from HAEE along with additional funding by the HMS PTO and HMS Student Council. Dr. Loughead stated that the Middle School worked with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh to design and interactive learning pavilion.

HMS Learning Pavilion

Dr. Loughead noted that under the umbrella of the arts, he would like to highlight the hard work of the Marching Band. Dr. Loughead stated that the Band members have worked hard all summer in preparation for their season. He encouraged the Board and public to come out to watch their performances and competitions.

District Arts – HHS Marching Band

Dr. Loughead stated that under the umbrella of athletics, the fall sports season was revving up. He noted that the varsity football team was holding heat training this week. Dr. Loughead encouraged the Board and public to come out and support the student athletes this season.

District Athletics – Fall Sports Begin Preparations

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

Educational Programs

Mrs. Hamlin turned the floor over to Dr. Loughead to provide the Board with an update to the current recommendations for the District's Health and Safety Plan.

Update Presentation – HTSD Health & Safety Plan

Dr. Loughead stated that he wanted to review the updates to the recommended changes to the Health and Safety Plan which have been revised since last week's meeting. He noted that the task of making the recommendations for the Health and Safety Plan is very challenging as the District needs to balance the health and safety of the students with the academics and in-person instruction. Dr. Loughead noted that the District had a very

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successful year following the guidelines of the Health & Safety Plan as the students benefited from more in-person instruction time than some of the neighboring districts. He noted that with a combined effort from District Administration, faculty, students and parents he believes this will be another successful year to begin in-person and remain open for the school year.

Dr. Loughead outlined his presentation noting his key topics:

- CDC and AAP guidelines regarding mask-wearing
- Allegheny County Covid-19 community transmission update
- Allegheny County Health Department consultations with HTSD
- Updated HTSD proposal for mask-wearing and Covid-19 mitigation

Dr. Loughead stated that the CDC and AAP guidelines have not changed since last week. He noted that the CDC recommends universal masking due to the Delta variant for students and faculty K-12 regardless of vaccination status. As well masks should be worn indoors by all individuals age 2 and up who are not fully vaccinated. Dr. Loughead noted that there is still no vaccine available for children under 12 years of age.

Dr. Loughead reported that the latest data provided by Dr. Bogen, Dir. of Allegheny County Health Department and Dr. Brink, Chief Epidemiologist of the ACHD indicated Covid-19 cases in the county are rising. He noted that the 7-day rolling average has reached substantial transmission rate with the county case count at 92.68 per 100,000. In addition to the rising case count, Dr. Loughead noted that hospitalizations have also increased in the county.

Dr. Loughead stated that with this information, the District reviewed student demographics and found the majority of students entering the 6th grade were too young to receive a vaccination. In addition, only about half the 6th grade students would be eligible for vaccinations by the end of the first semester. As such, Dr. Loughead and District Administration have made the recommendation for students K-6 to be required to wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status. Dr. Loughead stated that faculty of K-6 students will also be mandated to wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Dr. Loughead stated that federal law mandates all students K-12 and staff must wear face coverings on the school bus regardless of vaccination status.

Dr. Loughead stated in regard to social distancing, students will be spaced at least 3 feet apart when feasible. The social distancing recommendation will be implemented to the best of the District's ability both in the classrooms and in communal areas such as the cafeteria.

Dr. Loughead noted that all students in grades 7-12 are eligible to receive the vaccine. As such, mask wearing will be voluntary students and staff. Dr. Loughead stated that the District strongly urges that while indoors unvaccinated individuals should wear masks. Dr. Loughead indicated that should the county enter a high transmission rate status, the

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voluntary masking guideline may change and become mandatory for all.

Dr. Loughead stated that social distancing would be set for 3 feet just as in the lower grades. The social distancing recommendation will be implemented to the best of the District's ability both in the classrooms and in communal areas such as the cafeteria.

Dr. Loughead provided a guideline for contact tracing and quarantine requirements:

- Close contact is defined as being within 3 feet of a Covid-19 positive individual for at least 15 minutes
- During contact tracing individuals are not required to provide their vaccination status or history of Covid-19 infections. Should this information be shared voluntarily, the information will be treated as protected health information by the District.
- During the contact tracing process, those identified as unvaccinated individuals must follow the standard CDC guidelines for quarantine. The individual must quarantine for 10 days without any further Covid testing, or quarantine for 7 days should they receive a negative Covid test after day 5.
- Fully vaccinated individuals identified in contact tracing who are asymptomatic should take a Covid test 3-5 days after exposure. These individuals may remain in school as long as they wear a mask and remain asymptomatic.
- Dr. Loughead stated that per the Allegheny County Health Department, students who consistently wear properly fitted masks indoors will be excluded from contact tracing. This applies to students only.
- The ACHD will head contract tracing efforts with assistance from HTSD.

Dr. Loughead stated that while students and staff in K-6 will be required to wear masks the District is encouraging frequent masks break opportunities as well as moving classroom instruction outdoors when possible. Dr. Loughead stated masking would only be required indoors only. Dr. Loughead stated masks would not be required during recess time.

Dr. Loughead encouraged families to contact their building principal or guidance office should they have a student who have physical or mental barrier which prevent which prevent them from wearing a mask. He indicated that throughout last year the District worked with families to find alternative solutions for students who could not wear masks on a daily basis.

Upon motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Ms. Balason and carried by a voice vote of 8-1, with Mrs. Midgley voting no, the Board approved the Hampton Township School District Health & Safety Plan Update.

Updated Health &
Safety Plan

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the 2021-2022 Hampton Township School District Goals.

2021-22 District
Goals

Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Emergency Instructional Time Plan for the 2021-2022

2021-22
Emergency

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<p>School Year</p>	<p>Instructional Time Plan</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the AIU Title I Non-Public School Agreement.</p>	<p>AIU Title I Non-Pub School Agreement</p>
<p>The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mrs. Midgley of the Personnel Committee.</p>	<p>Personnel</p>
<p>Upon motion from Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Matelan who is resigning after four years with the District effective August 4, 2021, (Mrs. Matelan was a Class III Paraeducator at Wyland Elementary.)</p>	<p>Resignation, Mrs. Jennifer Matelan</p>
<p>Upon motion from Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Marissa Kealey who is resigning after one year with the District effective August 22, 2021. (Ms. Kealey is a Class III Paraeducator at Hampton High School.)</p>	<p>Resignation, Ms. Marissa Kealey</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Sydney Funtal as a Long-Term Substitute Reading Teacher at Central Elementary School for the first-semester of the 2021-2022 School Year, effective August 23, 2021. Salary is \$33,500, pro-rated. (Ms. Funtal is a substitute for Mrs. Kristalyn Bruno.)</p>	<p>Ms. Sydney Funtal, LTS Reading Teacher, Central</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Haylie Rupnow as a Building Substitute at Wyland Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year, effective August 23, 2021. Salary is \$22.00. (This is an annual position.)</p>	<p>Ms. Haylie Rupnow, Building Substitute, Wyland</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Alyssa Ioannou as a Building Substitute at Central Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year, effective August 23, 2021. Salary is \$22.00. (This is an annual position.)</p>	<p>Ms. Alyssa Ioannou, Building Substitute, Central</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved a change in status for Ms. Audrey Sieg, moving from a Class IV Health Office Assistant to a Health Office Nurse position at Hampton Middle School effective August 23, 2021. Salary is \$22.45 per hour. (Mrs. Sieg is replacing Ms. Emily Golacinski.)</p>	<p>Change in Status, Ms. Audrey Sieg, Health Office Nurse, HMS</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the following conditional appointments for 2021-2022, each at a rate of \$139 per point, with each such appointment being conditioned on the District making a subsequent determination that the supplementary position and work associated with such position is needed and approved and will continue during the coronavirus</p>	<p>2021-2022 Building/Coaching Supplementals</p>

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pandemic following future guidance from the Commonwealth. Each appointment shall be effective only where the position is approved and operational and where the work associated with such position is actually being performed. This conditional appointment does not obligate the District to approve some, all or any of the supplementary positions for 2021-20221 and does not guarantee any of the persons listed below that his or her supplementary position will be needed and in place, or that it will continue uninterrupted, in 2021-2022:

NAME	POSITION	BUILDING	POINTS	RANGE	TOTAL STIPEND
Whitney Semin	Middle School Musical Assistant Director/Choreographer	HMS	18	18/20	\$2,502
Emily Milbert	Co-Bus Monitor	Central	2.27	12	\$316
Dainen Holler	Co-Bus Monitor	Central	9.73	12	\$1,352

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

Facilities

Upon motion by Ms. Balason, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board awarded the High School Renovation Project Phase I Bid Contracts as follows:

HHS Phase I Bid Contract Awards

- General Contractor – R.A. Glancy & Sons, Inc for their Base Bid with Alternates Selected in the amount of \$10,660,500
- Electrical Contractor - Merit Electrical Group for their Base Bid with Alternates Selected in the amount of \$2,755,221
- HVAC Contractor – East West Manufacturing for their Base Bid in the amount of \$1,494,500
- Plumbing Contractor – Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC for their Base Bid with Alternates Selected in the amount of \$694,400

Upon motion by Ms. Balason, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Testing and Inspection Service proposal from Construction Engineering Consultants, in the estimated amount of \$83,000, pending final review and approval by the District Solicitor.

Construction Engineering Consultants – Testing & Insp. Proposal

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

Student Affairs

Upon motion by Mrs. Webb, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Submission of the November 12, 2021 Act 80 Day for the 2021-2022 School Year

2021-22 Act 80 Day; Nov. 12, 2021

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<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Webb, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the 2021-2022 Handbook for Families with Elementary School Children.</p>	<p>2021-22 Elementary School Handbook</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Webb, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the Student Science Research Club Competition Fund Request not to exceed \$300.</p>	<p>Student Science Research Club Competition Fund Request</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mrs. Webb, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the HHS Boys' Soccer Field Trip to Erie Premier Sports Camp in Erie, PA from August 19-21, 2021 at no cost to the District.</p>	<p>HHS Boys' Soccer Trip to Erie Premier Sports Camp</p>
<p>The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Vasko of the Finance Committee.</p>	<p>Finance</p>
<p>Mr. Vasko tabled the motion to approve the revised Term Sheet with Huntington Bank for financing of Capital and Technology equipment was tabled. Mr. Vasko stated that due to Covid shortages big ticketed items such as the HVAC Truck that was to be purchased with the finance option will not be available for months.</p>	<p>Tabled Motion – Revised Term Sheet with Huntington Bank</p>
<p>There is no Technology report this evening.</p>	<p>Technology</p>
<p>The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Shages of the Policy and Legislative Affairs Committee.</p>	<p>Policy & Legislative Affairs</p>
<p>Mr. Shages tabled the motion to approve the First Reaing of Policy No. 236.1 “Threat Assessment.” Mr. Shages stated that the PSBA sample for the policy was 9 pages and that the Board will review and condense the policy to be better suited for the District’s purposes.</p>	<p>Tabled Motion – First Reading Policy No. 236.1</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mr. Shages, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved the second reading and adoption of Policy No. 123.2 “Sudden Cardiac Arrest.”</p>	<p>Second Reading & Adoption Policy No. 123.2</p>
<p>The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Jarrell of the Transportation Committee.</p>	<p>Transportation</p>
<p>Upon motion by Mr. Jarrell, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by a voice vote the Board approved the 2021-2022 Transportation Routes.</p>	<p>2021-22 Transportation Routes</p>
<p>The following information was presented and/or action taken on items submitted by Mr. Stein during the A.W. Beattie Career Center Report.</p>	<p>A.W. Beattie Report</p>
<p>Mr. Stein stated that the next Joint Operating Committee meeting is not scheduled until</p>	<p>Next JOC Meeting,</p>

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June 17, 2021

Mr. Stein and Mr. Vasko commented that the A.W. Beattie campus was impacted by the severe storms that came through the area. Mr. Vasko stated that in the back of the property a tree came down damaging the fence.

Campus Storm
Damage

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

HAEE Report

Mrs. Midgley stated that the next HAEE meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021. She noted that the meeting would be held in the Middle School to showcase some of the projects that were impacted by the aid of HAEE.

Next Meeting,
June 16, 2021

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Ms. Camille Joyce, District parent addressed the Board. Ms. Joyce noted that her child a third grade student was yelled at constantly by teachers last year for not properly wearing their mask. Ms. Joyce stated that teachers and staff need to remain professional when dealing with students and yelling at children is not acceptable. She noted that after the Board's vote on the Health and Safety Plan this evening, she enrolled her children into PA Cyber School. Ms. Joyce thanked Mrs. Midgley for her vote and support this evening and stated that she will campaign against the current Board members as it is apparent that they do not listen to their constituents.

Student Withdraw
From District

Mr. Brian King, District parent addressed the Board about comments made earlier this evening about children wearing N95 masks. Mr. King stated that N95 masks cannot be fitted on any individual, child or adult. He noted that only masks with respirators can be fitted to an individual.

Mask Fittings

Mr. John Ontko, District parent addressed the Board stating he has 3 elementary students in the District. He inquired why the parents had not been surveyed on masking recommendations in the Health and Safety Plan. Mr. Ontko noted that the parents received several surveys last year on aspects of the Health and Safety Plan. Mr. Ontko stated he liked the idea of students being permitted to remove their mask indoors once they were seated at their desk which should be socially distanced at 3' apart. He stated that the parents who are fighting for their students to be unmasked will continue to push ahead with their cause. Mr. Ontko commending the Board for looking into the need of Personal Finance as a course for students as it would teach everyday life skills.

Dr. Loughhead stated that the District relied on the information and guidance of the health experts at the Allegheny County Health Department to provide the Board with an informed recommendation. He noted that the District received petitions from parents on both sides of this matter and the District moved forward with a recommendation from the experts.

Ms. Heather Paxton, District parent and District employee addressed the Board with several questions regarding the updated Health and Safety Plan. Dr. Loughhead addressed

Questions on
Quarantine

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Ms. Paxton's questions as outlined below.

Requirements and Masking

Dr. Loughead stated that students who are identified as needing to quarantine will be provided with remote learning opportunities and support. He noted this will be similar to how the 2020-21 school year ended. Dr. Loughead stated it is not the technology options of the hybrid method instituted in the beginning of the year.

Online Opportunities for Quarantined Students

Dr. Loughead noted that any student who tests positive for Covid-19 will be required to quarantine.

Who Will Quarantine

Dr. Loughead stated if an unvaccinated students has an exposure to Covid-19, there are two procedures for them to follow.

Unvaccinated Students and Quarantine

1. Unvaccinated students who have had Covid-19 in the last 3 months will follow the same procedure for a vaccinated student
2. Unvaccinated students who have not had Covid-19 in the last 3 months will quarantine for the recommended 10 days or 7 days with a negative Covid-19 test. If the students were wearing properly fitted masks during the time of exposure there would be no need to quarantine.

Dr. Loughead stated that at this time, the District is not planning on supplementing the District Health Department with substitute Health Office Nurses as it did last year.

Substitute Health Office Nurses

Dr. Loughead noted that Hampton Middle School faculty and staff will need to mask only when working with 6th grade students.

Masking at the HMS

Mr. Sean Grimm, District parent addressed the Board. He stated that currently he has four students enrolled in the District and will eventually have 6 children enrolled in the future. Mr. Grimm stated that the Board has voted on the masks this evening, and parents will need to move forward after this decision. He indicated that a benefit to these types of debates is that it makes parents pay attention to the Board and their decisions. He stated that parents are waking up and democracy will be ignited as parents challenge for the Board Member seats. He stated that he is going to aid in this process.

Challenging For Board Positions

A District parent inquired if there was also a federal law that required social distancing on buses.

Social Distancing on Buses

Dr. Loughead addressed the gentleman and stated that the District will work to adhere to 3' of social distance on the buses. He noted that parents would be updated if there was any change to this recommendation.

The Senior Class President addressed the Board in regard to the "Secondary Switch" school start time. He noted that initially he was very optimistic about the change in start time. He stated that he was a Sophomore when this process began. The student noted that as a Senior, he believes his initial thoughts were a bit naive and upon further reflection, he has changed his opinion. He indicated that there could be negative effects to the

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Beattie students, those in the Marching Band, student athletes and those that have jobs after school. He inquired if it would be possible to move any extracurricular activities prior to the start of the school day to allow students more time in the evening.

Dr. Loughead stated that he would be happy to discuss possible options with Student Council.

Ms. Jill Harrington, District parent addressed the Board questioning the experts at the CDC. She stated that decisions were made based off the recommendations of the CDC. Ms. Harrington noted that there are thousands of doctors and scientist who do not agree with the CDC but their insight is not available through censorship. Ms. Harrington stated that the government as a whole is corrupt and the truth will eventually be heard.

Opposition to the CDC

Ms. Erin Colvin, District parent addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for their hard work throughout last school year. Ms. Colvin noted how hard it is to be a member of the school board and making these types of decisions. Ms. Colvin stated that she wished the CDC or ACHD had mandated masks and not left the decision to each individual school board. She stated that masking is a great start and asked that the case data is watched closely should the numbers worsen the mandate be instituted at the secondary level as well.

Masking at Secondary Level Should Data Warrant Change

Mr. Dave Vizslay addressed the Board inquiring about the submission of the District's Health and Safety Plan to the state and the amount of the ESSER funding. Mr. Vizslay asked if there were stipulation to receiving the funding such as masking.

ESSER Funding

Dr. Loughead stated that the District submitted the Health and Safety Plan in June. Dr. Loughead differed to Mr. Kline for the actual amount of ESSER funding that the District was to receive. Mr. Kline stated that he did not have the exact figure but estimated the amount near \$800,000. Dr. Loughead stated that the District had to submit the Health and Safety Plan prior to July 30th and that there was not a stipulation for what guidance the plan would need to outline.

Mr. Jeremiah Lambo addressed the Board and thanked them for listening to the public comment on both sides of the masking issue. He stated that while it is not what he wanted it was far better than what was proposed last week. Mr. Lambo stated that he agreed that Personal Finance should certainly be a requirement for graduation. He inquired where he would locate the current graduation requirements. Mr. Lambo asked several questions which Dr. Loughead responded, his answers are listed below.

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Dr. Loughead directed Mr. Lambo to the HHS Program of Studies to find the current graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements

Dr. Loughead confirmed that vaccination status will not be required by the District for faculty or students.

Vaccination Status

Dr Loughead stated that the District would work with elementary students and their families to understand the need to comply with the mask mandates at the elementary

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level.

Mask

Mr. Palmer, District Solicitor direct Mr. Lambo to the State Board of Education regulations and school code as to what authority is given to school boards to mandate mask wearing.

Authority to
Implement Masking

Dr. Loughead stated that the number of mask breaks is not set at a certain number, but rather depends upon the class and student needs. Dr. Loughead stated that the District trusts in its teachers to adhere to the guidance of mask breaks throughout the day.

Mask Breaks

Ms. Sherry Sweeney, District Bus Driver addressed the Board with clarification to her initial statement. She noted that the bullying behavior was reported verbally to the bus garage and not in a formal write up. She welcomed the Board and Administration to talk with her employer but wanted to clarify it was a verbal report not a written report.

Clarification to the
Type of Report
Filed

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

Adjournment



Denise Balason, Secretary