

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
4591 SCHOOL DRIVE
ALLISON PARK, PENNSYLVANIA 15101
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 MINUTES

The Hampton Township Board of School Directors met on Tuesday, September 7, 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, Mr. Matt Jarrell, Mrs. Joy Midgley, Mr. Robert Shages, Mr. Greg Stein, Mr. Larry Vasko, Mrs. Trisha Webb, Mr. Bryant Wesley, Dr. Michael Loughead and Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, Mr. Jeffrey Kline along with a number of Hampton Township residents.

Attendance

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

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

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

Personnel

Upon motion from Mrs. Midgley, seconded by Mr. Stein and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board approved Ms. Elizabeth Bright as a TPE Health & Physical Education Teacher at Hampton Middle School effective September 13, 2021. Salary is Bachelor's Step 1, \$49,117, pro-rated. Ms. Bright is replacing Mr. Corey Vasbinder.

Ms. Elizabeth Bright, TPE Health & P.E. Teacher, HMS

Mr. Wesley opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Ms. Erin Moyer, District parent addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the use of heart monitors in the Hampton Middle School Physical Education classes. Ms. Moyer's concerns focused primarily on the sanitation of these devices which are shared among the students and are designed to be worn directly on the skin around the chest to work properly. She noted that especially now during these times, sharing devices such as these may aid in spreading germs and bacteria. Ms. Moyer indicated she had additional concerns with various "Heart Activities" and how the students are graded on these activities. Ms. Moyer noted physical differences between individuals will change targeted heart rate zones. Lastly, Ms. Moyer voiced concern that the devices may be a HIPPA violation of her child's health information.

Heart Monitoring Devices – HMS P.E. Classes

Dr. Loughead, stated that he would follow up with Ms. Moyer regarding her concerns.

Ms. Camille Joyce, District parent addressed the Board regarding concerns over student masking. Ms. Joyce read from the Pennsylvania Constitution (article I. section 27) regarding the right to breathe clean air. She stated that mask inhibit anyone from breathing clean air. Ms. Joyce reviewed guidelines from the CDC website in regard to proper mask wearing and the need for frequent mask changes as they become soiled. She inquired if the District was working to ensure masks were being worn correctly and changed often. She also inquired if the District would be liable if harm came to a student

Inquiries to Masking Procedures

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due to the mask mandate. Ms. Joyce referenced her Facebook group which supported the unmasking of students and the complaints that are voiced on this page. Ms. Joyce inquired if mask breaks were being offered. She asked if teachers were able to have time to educate the students while policing proper mask wearing, mask changes, and providing mask breaks.

Ms. Crystal Andrzejewski, District parent voiced her concern and shock that religious exemptions were taken away from students and families in regard to mask mandates. She noted that this is legally and morally wrong. She continued stating there is little room for medical exemptions as well. Ms. Andrzejewski stated that as of today, she has signed her three students up for a cyber-charter school. She noted that while her children are out of the District at this time, she will continue to fight for their rights so that they may return to Hampton.

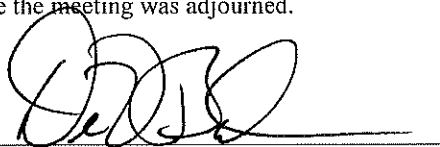
Removal of
Religious
Exemptions

Mr. Jerimiah Lambo, District parent addressed the Board regarding his concerns. Mr. Lambo began his time discussing information from the CDC website. Mr. Lambo noted facts pertaining to the transmission of Covid by touching contaminated surfaces. He also referenced the lack of scientific evidence to support disinfection mitigation efforts to sanitize hard surfaces aids in the prevention Covid-19 transmissions. He stated that per the CDC website the use of disinfectants should be used only when there has been a confirmed case within 24 hours. Mr. Lambo then read a letter which he generated. He stated that he would provide the letter to each Board Member, and encouraged the Board to forward the letter onto District families. He noted the correspondence is a "letter of informed consent" for masking. Mr. Lambo indicated that if this letter of informed consent was utilized it could serve a dual benefit. It would keep the District in accordance with the mask mandate while allowing parents the provide their own choice for their child(ren) on masking.

Masking

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

Adjournment



Denise Balason, Secretary