

The Board Report

Monday, March 11, 2024



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The Hampton Township Board of School Directors

Mrs. Jill Hamlin	Board President
Mr. Matt Jarrell	Board Vice President/Student Affairs Chair
Ms. Denise Balason	Board Secretary/Personnel Chair
Mrs. Jenny Kennedy	Transportation Chair
Mrs. Joy Midgley	Facilities Chair
Mrs. Maureen Perkins	Educational Programs Chair
Mr. Robert Shages*	Treasurer/Policy & Legislative Affairs Chair
Mr. Greg Stein**	Technology Chair
Mr. Larry Vasko	Finance Chair

This Hampton Township School Board Meeting was held in the Hampton High School Conceptual Thinking Lab. The meeting was held in person and audio/video recorded so that community members could view it after the meeting concluded.

Members of Administration in Attendance

Dr. Michael Loughead	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rebecca Cunningham	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jackie Removcik	Assistant to the Superintendent

** absent*

*** attended remotely*

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Work Session

A video recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#). The time within the video that each section begins is indicated below.

Student Awards

(0:00)

Mrs. Hamlin welcomed everyone to the Voting Meeting, and Mr. Jarrell presented the Student Awards. Mr. Jarrell noted that the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were launched in 1923 to encourage and recognize student achievement in the creative arts. This year, the competition featured over 350,000 entries in 28 categories, with nine Hampton students winning awards in the Pittsburgh region:

- Amanda Elstner: The Vanity Table (Gold Key), Horseshoes Hanging on a Tree Branch (Gold Key), Mom's Car (Honorable Mention), and Cigarettes (Honorable Mention)
- Olivia Hoffman: Femininity (Gold Key)
- Kiley Vande Geest: Stillness Speaks (Silver Key Portfolio)
- Esther Cohen: Insomnia (Silver Key)
- Madison Hurst: The Cool Girl That Smokes (Honorable Mention)
- Suying Jiang: Deep In The Forest (Honorable Mention)
- Ben LaRusse: For What It's Worth (Honorable Mention)
- Sienna Lasek: Horror Movie Night (Honorable Mention) and Cavetown (Honorable Mention)
- Olivia Marks: Aladdin Sane (Honorable Mention)
- Richard Ma: The Right Direction (Silver Key)

Mr. Jarrell expressed gratitude to Hampton's art teachers for guiding the students through this process. Dr. Loughead mentioned that the winning artworks will be displayed at the Pittsburgh Regional Scholastic Awards Exhibition held at Carnegie Mellon University from March 12 through March 23.

Call to Order

(8:04)

Mrs. Hamlin called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken. Seven Board members were present, while Mr. Stein participated remotely; Mr. Shages was absent.

Mrs. Hamlin opened the meeting to public comment, but there were no comments at this time.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the February 12, 2024 Board of School Directors Voting Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

(9:09)

The Board unanimously approved the following items:

- February 2024 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$4,459,703.68
- February 2024 High School Construction Fund 35 Disbursements totaling \$310,296.50
- February 2024 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$818,155.60
- February 2024 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$243,704.80
- January 2024 Treasurer's Report
- January 2024 Student Activities Fund Report

President's Report

(10:06)

Mrs. Hamlin announced that the Board had held one Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters since the last meeting.

Superintendent's Report

(10:58)

Dr. Loughead recognized and congratulated the students who were honored this evening for the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, emphasizing how Hampton's academics and arts compliment each other. He said that the arts are integral to the core curriculum, and that this was evident at the recent Hues & Harmony celebration. Further, Dr. Loughead said that Hampton students consistently surpass expectations for excellence in the arts, which is a testament to the students and families.

Dr. Loughead also encouraged the community to support the Hampton Boys Basketball team on March 12th as they continue their PIAA playoff run against Greater Johnstown.

Mrs. Hamlin said the Hues & Harmony exhibition was very impressive, with wonderful art and music on display. Dr. Loughead thanked the art educators and Dr. Removcik for their hard work in planning this successful exhibition.

Student Affairs

(13:07)

Mr. Jarrell recommended and the Board approved the following action items:

- Hampton High School Girls Flag Football Club Team
- Hampton High School Boys Lacrosse Team Trip to play a PIAA scheduled game against West

Chester East High School on April 13, 2024. In conjunction with this away game, a field trip in the West Chester area has been scheduled. Transportation will be provided by the District.

- Hampton High School Boys Tennis Team Trip to play a PIAA scheduled match against Central High School on April 12, 2024. In conjunction with this away match, a field trip in the Philadelphia area has been scheduled. Transportation will be provided by the District.

Facilities

(14:24)

There were no action items this evening.

Educational Programs

(14:30)

Mrs. Perkins recommended and the Board unanimously approved the Pennsylvania Department of Education K-12 Guidance Plan. The Guidance Plan was discussed at length during the March 4th Work Session.

Finance

(15:01)

Mr. Vasko recommended and the Board unanimously approved the following addendum:

- Budget Transfer totaling \$928.04 for the following:
 - HMS, Principal Office Books \$580.00
 - Athletics, Boys Basketball Gen Supply \$348.04
 - Central - Services and Liability Ins. \$ 87.00
- District initiated appeals for 2024 real estate tax assessments based on property transactions in 2023 where the difference between the adjusted purchase price and the 2024 assessed value exceeds \$50,000.
 - 2023 - 21 of 223 will meet the criteria
 - 2022 – 79 of 276 met the criteria
 - 2021 – 211 of 369 met the criteria
 - 2020 – 104 of 285 met the criteria
 - 2019 – 93 of 323 met the criteria
 - 2018 – 92 of 295 met the criteria
 - 2017 – 71 of 291 met the criteria
 - 2016 – 71 of 332 met the criteria

Personnel

(15:45)

Ms. Balason recommended and the Board unanimously approved the following Personnel action items:

Resignation

- Mr. John Walsh effective approximately April 19, 2024. Mr. Walsh is the Director of Facilities Management.
- Ms. Breanna Pietropaolo, who is resigning after three and one-half years with the District, effective March 8, 2024. Ms. Pietropaolo is a Paraeducator (Class III) at Hampton Middle School.

Teachers

- Ms. Erika Yigdall to continue as the Long-Term Substitute Health and Physical Education Teacher at Hampton High School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 School Year. The salary remains at \$36,500 for the 2023-2024 School Year. Ms. Yigdall is substituting for Ms. Emily Onik.
- Change in status for Ms. Diane Thompson moving from a Long-Term Substitute Teacher in Computer Science at Hampton Middle School to a Building Substitute Teacher at Hampton Middle School, effective February 23, 2024 through the remainder of the 2023-2024 School Year. Salary remains \$36,500. Ms. Thompson is replacing Ms. Rita Smith's position.
- Mr. Matthew Rees as a Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher at Hampton Middle School and Poff Elementary School effective approximately March 13, 2024 through the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. Salary is \$36,500, prorated. Mr. Rees is substituting for Mrs. Shannon Hetrick.
- Mr. Sean Desguin as a mentor for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Paraprofessionals, Paraeducators, and Administrative Assistants

- Change of start date for Mrs. Kirsten Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Special Education, from February 5, 2024 to February 9, 2024.
- Mrs. Lurilene Preisendefer as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Hampton Middle School, effective February 20, 2024. Hourly rate is \$18.54 for the 60-day probationary period and \$18.79 per hour thereafter. This is an open position due to an employee transfer.

Supplemental Contracts

- Approval of the following conditional appointments for 2023-2024, each at a rate of \$149 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. 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 2023-2024 and does not guarantee any of the persons listed in the document below that his or her supplementary position will be needed and in place, or that it will continue uninterrupted, in 2023-2024.

Name	Position	Building
Kellen Wheeler	Baseball - Head Coach	High School
Stephen Swierczynski	Baseball Assistant Coach	High School
Jedd Cordisco	Baseball JV Coach	High School
Corey Casper	Baseball Assistant JV Coach	High School
Jordan Perry	Baseball MS Coach	Middle School
Noah Oddis	Baseball MS Assistant Coach	Middle School
Andrew DeMichiei	Lacrosse Boys' Head Coach	High School
Justin Mayfield	Lacrosse Boys' Assistant Coach	High School
Chris DeMichiei	Lacrosse Boys' JV Coach	High School
Kelsey Viets	Lacrosse Girls' Head Coach	High School
Christine McGrath	Lacrosse Girls' Assistant Coach	High School
Morgan McLaughlin	Larosse Girls' JV Coach	High School
Kate Hedderman	Girls' Softball Head Coach	High School
Haylie Dietz	Girls' Softball Assistant Coach	High School
Joe Merz	Girls' Softball JV Coach	High School
Elizabeth Bright	Girls Softball Coach	Middle School
Kaylee Grassmeyer	Girls Softball Assistant Coach	Middle School
Heather Dietz	Track Head Coach	High School
Nick Panza	First Assistant Track Coach	High School
Joe Cangilla	Track Coach Assistant "A"	High School
Kim Masarik	Track Coach Assistant "B"	High School
Matthew Combi	Track Coach Assistant "C"	High School
Greg Shumaker	Track Coach Assistant "D"	High School
Jessie Belitz	Track Head Coach	Middle School
Stephen Adametz	Track Coach Assistant "A"	Middle School
Jenna Rosenfeld	Track Coach Assistant "B"	Middle School
Ryan Guidos	Track Coach Assistant "C"	Middle School
Grant McKinney	Tennis - Boys' Head Coach	High School
Milton Squiller	Tennis - Boys' Assistant Coach	High School

*NOTE: The Board approved the coaches for their positions but deferred on approving point values and stipends.

Technology

(19:50)

Mr. Stein recommended and the Board unanimously approved the low bid with Crown Castle for leased lit fiber services connecting all schools to the District Data Center at Hampton High School at a net annual cost to the Hampton Township School District of \$23,760. Total annual cost of \$39,600 less the E-Rate reimbursement of \$15,840.

Policy and Legislative Affairs

(20:45)

Mrs. Midgley recommended and the Board unanimously approved the First Reading of Policy #251: Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability.

Transportation

(21:23)

There were no action items this evening.

A.W. Beattie Career Center Board Report

(21:35)

Mr. Vasko announced that AWBCC is planning to move forward with the new addition, opting for the two-story option. The AWBCC Board will discuss financial details during their budget meeting on March 14th. Mr. Vasko said Hampton's projected financial contribution for the project is less than the initial January budget. Dr. Loughhead stated that the superintendents of the AWBCC sending districts agreed to move forward with the two-story option, addressing the need for more spacing and program accommodation.

Additionally, Mr. Vasko provided updates on AWBCC's ongoing fish fry events, continuing for the next two Fridays.

HAEE Report

(25:15)

Mrs. Kennedy said that Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE) heard a presentation from Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina (HHS Principal) and Mr. Chad Himmler (HHS Music Teacher) regarding their request for Apple computers for the new music tech program. Dr. Imbarlina and Mr. Himmler responded to questions from HAEE members. HAEE will vote on their proposal this week. Mrs. Kennedy added that it was very interesting hearing about the new music tech program.

Public Comment

(26:10)

Mrs. Hamlin opened the meeting to public comment, but there were no comments at this time.

Adjournment

(26:15)

Mrs. Hamlin moved to adjourn the meeting.