

The Board Report

Monday, November 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 person at the Hampton Middle School Library. The meeting was recorded so community members could view it after it concluded.

Members of Administration in Attendance

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

** absent*

*** attended remotely*

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Voting Meeting

A video recording of the meeting can be viewed using the link posted on the district website.

Call to Order

Mrs. Hamlin called the meeting to order, and a roll call was taken. Eight Board members were present; Mr. Stein participated remotely.

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

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the October 15, 2024 Board of School Directors Voting Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board unanimously approved the following items:

- October 2024 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$4,933,933.83.
- October 2024 High School Construction Fund 35 Disbursements totaling \$226,907.28.
- October 2024 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$23,172.46.
- October 2024 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$246,044.36.
- September 2024 Treasurer's Report.
- September 2024 Student Activities Fund Report.

President's Report

Mrs. Hamlin said that the Board has held one executive session since their last Voting Meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Loughead's report highlighted the District's academics, arts, and athletics. The elementary school parent-teacher conferences, held on November 8th and 9th, were well attended. The District appreciates the community's support and interest in the education of their children. Additionally, Dr. Loughead praised the Hampton High School Drama Club's successful performance of the student-run fall play, "You Can't Take It with You," last week. The HMS Drama Club will perform "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on November 21-23. Finally, Dr. Loughead congratulated the Hampton Girls' Varsity Volleyball team for reaching the quarterfinals of the PIAA playoffs. The Board will recognize and honor fall student-athletes at its December reorganization meeting.

Student Affairs

Mr. Jarrell recommended, and the Board unanimously approved the Hampton High School Forensics Team Field Trip to the PA High School Speech League State Tournament at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA, March 20-22, 2025 at a cost to the District not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Facilities

There were no action items this evening.

Educational Programs

There were no action items this evening.

Finance

Mr. Vasko recommended, and the Board unanimously approved, the following action items:

- Authorize Renodis (formerly Eric Ryan Corporation) to secure bids for the District's electricity commodity for a 6-month period, beginning December 2024, and authorize Dr. Loughead and Mr. Kline to secure the bid at a rate not to exceed \$0.080/kWh. The expiring rate is \$0.0764/kWh and the indication for the 6-month renewal is \$0.0761/kWh.
- 2025-2026 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint purchasing Agreement and Resolution.

Personnel

Ms. Balason presented the following action items which were unanimously approved by the Board:

Resignation

- Ms. Gwen Cohen who is retiring after 31 years with the District effective November 20, 2024. Ms. Cohen is an Enrichment/Instructional Coach at Hampton Middle School.
- Mrs. Karen Murphy who is resigning after 6 years with the District, effective date to be determined. Mrs. Murphy is an Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Central Elementary School.

Teachers

- Ms. Victoria Querry as a Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher at Central Elementary School, effective December 6, 2024, through approximately May 21, 2025. Salary is \$37,500, prorated based on actual days worked. Ms. Querry would be substituting for Mr. Sean Desguin.

- The following as Guest Substitute Teachers for the Hampton Township School District, effective November 5, 2024. Salary is \$120 per day. These substitutes will be utilized on an as-needed basis.

Carlotta Bukowski	Richard Moore	Diane Prem
Angella DiPasquale	Stephanie Nardello	Amy Rayko
Kimberly Girard	Erin Nunnery	Kate Simeone
Jaclyn Joseph	Christianne Pamplona-Gentil	Nandry Smith
Gavin Mayer		

Paraprofessionals, Paraeducators, and Administrative Assistants

- The following Substitute Paraeducators/Substitute Paraprofessionals listed below, effective October 29, 2024. Hourly rate is \$15.00 per hour for days 1-20, and \$15.50 per hour thereafter.

Carlotta Bukowski	Iris Rugerio	Jaclyn Joseph
Angela Sciuillo	Christianne Pamplona-Gentile	Nandry Smith
Diane Prem		

Club Sponsors

- Makenzie Tresser as a co-sponsor of the Grade 6 Track Club.

Supplemental Contracts

- The following conditional appointments for 2024-2025, each at a rate of \$152 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025.

Name	Position	School	Points	Stipend
Chris DeJidas	Girls' Basketball 7th Grade Coach	Middle School	23	\$3,496
Matthew Belch	Swimming Assistant Coach	High School	30	\$4,560

Administration

- Appoint Dr. Rebecca Cunningham to continue as Assistant Superintendent for the District for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030 and approve the Contract for Employment for the District Assistant Superintendent.

The Board expressed gratitude to Ms. Cohen for her 31 years of service to the District. Additionally, the Board expressed enthusiasm for Dr. Cunningham’s new contract and thanked her for her continued leadership as Assistant Superintendent.

Technology

There were no action items this evening.

Policy and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Shages recommended, and the Board unanimously approved, the following policies:

- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #607: Tuition Income
- First Reading of Policy #113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities.
- First Reading of Policy #113.2: Behavior Support.

Transportation

There were no action items this evening.

A.W. Beattie Career Center Board Report

Mr. Stein and Mr. Vasko reported that A.W. Beattie’s tentative budget process is underway for the 2025-2026 school year, with an overall budget increase of about 1%. Additionally, Mr. Vasko commended the District for offering “Stop the Bleed” training to all employees and suggested exploring the possibility of expanding the program to include training for students.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE) Report

Mrs. Kennedy reported that HAEE met their fundraising goal for the annual 5K race by raising \$30,000, surpassing last year’s total amount. Additionally, HAEE is sponsoring a new fundraising event this spring called “The Heart of Hampton Award,” recognizing individuals or groups who have demonstrated exceptional commitment, innovation, and dedication to enhancing the educational experience within the District. Nominees are evaluated on the basis of innovation in education, commitment to excellence, impact on the community, commitment to the community, leadership and mentorship, and collaboration and teamwork. Visit the HAEE [website](#) for more information and to submit nominations. The event will be held from 6-10 p.m. on February 22nd at Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery.

Public Comment & Adjournment

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

Mrs. Hamlin motioned to adjourn the meeting.