

The Board Report

Monday, February 3, 2025



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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 A.W. Beattie Career Center. 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. Jacquelyn Removcik	Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Tammi Kinzel	Assistant Director of Administrative Services
Dr. Marlynn Lux	Hampton Middle School Principal

** absent*

*** attended remotely*

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Voting Meeting/Work Session

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

Student Awards

Mr. Jarrell announced that the Board would begin with a Voting Meeting to address one action item, followed by the regular Work Session.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Jarrell recognized and congratulated Hampton High School senior Aiden Hanna on winning the 2025 WPIAL Courage Award and being inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame Class of 2025 as one of 15 honorees. Hanna and the rest of the Hall of Fame class will be honored on June 6, 2025, at the DoubleTree in Green Tree. Hanna has also founded a charitable organization called Aiden's Helping Hands that financially assists families who have children with cancer. Dr. Loughead praised Hanna's positivity, resilience, and uplifting presence in the school community.

Student Council Representatives Report

Aiden Hanna and Josh Carr provided the Board with an update on Talbot Thon planning efforts. Notably, the event date has been moved to April 26. The students explained that they wanted more time to develop new ideas for Talbot Thon to increase student involvement and enhance fundraising efforts in the community.

Voting Meeting

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

Mr. Jarrell opened the meeting to public comment. One community member participated, advocating for a District-wide survey to assess families' wants and preferences regarding the calendar.

Educational Programs

Mrs. Perkins presented and the Board unanimously approved the 2025-2026 Calendar Option 1.

Mrs. Perkins noted that extensive community input was gathered from various sources such as PTOs, Key Communicators, and extended opportunities for public comment during Board meetings. Dr. Loughead thanked the school community for voicing their opinions on calendar preferences. He added that [Option 1](#) was adjusted so that the last day of school is on a Friday, June 5th, 2026.

Mr. Jarrell motioned to adjourn the Voting Meeting.

Work Session

Mr. Jarrell called the Work Session meeting to order.

Student Affairs

Mr. Jarrell introduced the following action items to be considered for Board approval at the February 10th Voting Meeting:

- Hampton High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble Field Trip to the Indianapolis World Guard International - Sport of the Arts Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana, February 28 to March 2, 2025, at no cost to the District.

Dr. Cunningham noted that this is an exciting opportunity for students, and they will not miss any school as a result of the field trip.

Facilities

Mrs. Midgley presented the following action item to be considered for Board approval at the February 10th Voting Meeting:

- “Intergovernmental Agreement” with Hampton Township.

Dr. Loughead explained that this agreement between the District and Hampton Township codifies arrangements already in place regarding the sharing of resources and materials such as road salt and snow clearing equipment. He commented on the District’s positive working relationship with the Township, adding that this agreement will benefit both parties.

- Purchase of 2020 International truck from Hampton Township in the amount of \$40,000 with \$1.00 down and \$39,999 payable by July 31, 2025 with funds from the 2025-2026 budget.

Dr. Loughead noted that the District’s current 10-year-old truck is failing. The agreement above would enable the District to acquire this truck from the Township. This purchase will help the District get through the rest of the winter and is beneficial from a safety standpoint.

Educational Programs

Mrs Perkins presented the following action item to be considered for Board approval at the February 10th meeting:

- Proposed 2025-2026 Middle School Program of Studies

Dr. Lux and Dr. Removcik outlined various changes, including updated course descriptions, updated course titles, and a new course. The executive summary of these changes is available on [BoardDocs](#). The Middle School is considering adding an Algebra 1 course alongside the existing courses, Honors Algebra 1 and Algebra 1 Essentials. This additional pathway aims to better prepare more students for the Keystone exam and math courses such as Geometry in 9th grade.

Additional proposed changes include the following:

- Grade 8 Physical Education (PE) would change from alternating days to two days per week, allowing for a universal intervention (tutorial) period for eighth graders on Wednesdays.
- Advanced Pre-Algebra would be renamed Accelerated Pre-Algebra to better reflect the pace of the curriculum, which moves faster than Pre-Algebra.

Finance

Local Tax Revenue Update

Mr. Vasko and Ms. Kinzel presented the local tax revenue update as of January 31, 2025. Tax collections are up 5.49% year-to-date due to last year's millage rate increase of 5.3%. Delinquent real estate tax collections were lagging but have caught up this month.

Personnel

Ms. Balason presented the following action items to be considered for Board approval at the February 10th meeting:

Resignations

- Mr. William Sparks effective January 23, 2025. Mr. Sparks was the District-wide 10 month/40 hour Custodial Substitute.
- Ms. Erica Lowry, who is resigning after three years with the District, effective January 29, 2025. Ms. Lowry was the Health Office Assistant at the Middle School.

Administration

- Job Description for the Assistant Athletic Director.
- Six-month sabbatical for Mr. Jeffrey Kline pursuant to the Public School Code P.L. 430, No. 66, effective February 3, 2025.
- Ms. Tammi Kinzel as the Interim Director of Administrative Services, effective February 3, 2025, with an additional monthly stipend of \$3,500.
- Mr. Steve Sciuolo as the Assistant Athletic Director, effective March 11, 2025, with an additional stipend of \$2,000 for the Fall Sports Season, \$5,000 for the Winter Sports Season, and \$5,000 for the Spring Sports Season.

Dr. Loughead clarified that the \$12,000 stipend for the Assistant Athletic Director position is not an additional budget expense but is funded from shifting duties and responsibilities for game managers at events.

Teachers

- Change in status for Ms. Stephanie Levine moving from a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Hampton High School to the Elementary Floating Building Substitute Teacher effective February 4, 2025. Salary remains \$37,500. Ms. Levine is replacing Ms. Maura Carrozza.

Paraprofessionals, Paraeducators, and Administrative Assistants

- Kelli Hartle and Songhee (Sarah) Lee as Substitute Paraeducators & Paraprofessionals, effective January 23, 2025. Hourly rate is \$15.00 per hour for days 1-20 and \$15.50 per hour thereafter.

Custodial/Maintenance

- Change in status for Mr. Ryan Koprivnikar moving from the HVAC 2nd Assistant position to the HVAC 1st Assistant position effective February 3, 2025. Hourly rate is \$32.13. Mr. Koprivnikar is replacing Mr. Wallace Rapp's position.

Technology

There was no report this evening.

Policy and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Jarrell presented the following items to be considered for Board approval at the February 10th meeting:

- Second Reading of Policy #121: Field Trips..
- Second Reading of Policy #222: Tobacco and Vaping Products.
- Second Reading of Policy #610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.
- Second Reading of Policy #611: Purchases Budgeted.

Dr. Cunningham stated that there was a minor revision to Policies #610 and #611 between the first and second readings. She stated that there is now additional clarifying language around competitive bids to avoid having to revise the policy each time the threshold number is adjusted by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

Transportation

There were no action items on the agenda.

Public Comment & Adjournment

There were no comments at the end of the meeting; Mr. Jarell motioned to adjourn.