

The Board Report

Monday, March 03, 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
Ms. 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 in 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. Jacquelyn Removcik	Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Tammi Kinzel	Assistant Director of Administrative Services

** absent*

*** attended remotely*

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Work Session

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

Call to Order

Mrs. Hamlin opened the meeting to public comment, but there were none this evening.

Student Council Representatives Report

Zane List and Jake Killian provided the Board with an update on Talbot Thon planning efforts. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, with community hours from 3:30 to 6 p.m. So far, they have raised about \$9,000 of their \$30,000 fundraising goal for the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. To register or donate, click [here](#).

Additionally, the students discussed progress on prom planning. Prom is scheduled for May 2nd, and this year's theme is "A Night on the Bayou."

Wyland Elementary School Presentation

The Board heard a presentation from representatives of Wyland Elementary School about their efforts this year to integrate the Portrait of a Talbot learning progressions across K-5 classrooms. Dr. Michael Silbaugh, Principal, along with teachers Megan Walker, Brittnee Stepanik, Stephanie Moser, Wendi Hunter, Diane Snyder, and Teacher on Special Assignment Shanna Struble discussed the work of Wyland's school-based design teams, which has included highlighting a different competency each month, implementing portfolios to document student growth, and encouraging students to recognize meaningful work with regard to the competencies.

Student Affairs

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

- Hampton High School French Club International Field Trip request to Paris and the Lycée School Royan, France, March 28, 2026 to April 5, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Dr. Cunningham noted that this proposal, submitted by Jessica Heranic, HHS French teacher, aims to offer French students and French Club members an opportunity to visit Paris. The trip focuses on language immersion and cultural exchange with their partner school in France, requiring students to miss three days of school.

- Hampton High School Boys Lacrosse Team is playing WPIAL/PIAA scheduled games against West Chester Area High School and Lower Merion High School on April 11 and 12, 2025. In conjunction with these away games, a field trip to a college lacrosse game is being scheduled. The games and the field trip are at no cost to the District.

Dr. Cunningham noted that students will also have an opportunity to watch a collegiate lacrosse game. Students will miss a half day of school.

- High School Asian Student Union Club.

Dr. Cunningham said this request came from a high school student to pilot a new Asian Student Union Club, which would focus on promoting awareness, cultural understanding, and advocacy. The club would be open to students of all backgrounds to join.

- High School Mock Trial Club.

Dr. Cunningham said the focus of this club would help students understand the legal system and courtroom procedures through simulated trials.

Facilities

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

- Contract for the Hampton Middle School Milling and Resurfacing Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. for the proposed amount of \$236,405.00, pending approval from the District Solicitor's Office.

Mr. Dan Hartle, Director of Facilities, presented on the project's scope of work, which will include all parking lots at the middle school facility, Fridley Field, and the gravel lot across from the field. The existing pavement at the middle school is over 20 years old. The District worked with the Township of Hampton to solicit bids and complete the paving project. Work on the project is scheduled for completion in early July. Dr. Loughhead noted that the project cost is lower than previously anticipated.

Educational Programs

There were no action items on the agenda.

Finance

Mr. Vasko presented the following action item to be considered for Board approval at the March 10th Voting Meeting:

- Budget Transfer totaling \$32,257.50 for the following:
 - Central Digital Materials \$13,548.15
 - Poff Digital Materials \$8,386.95
 - Wyland Digital Materials \$10,322.40

Local Tax Revenue Update

Ms. Kinzel presented the local tax revenue update as of February 28, 2025. Tax collections are up 5.71% year-to-date, while year-to-date revenue is at 95.26% of the budgeted amount.

Personnel

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

Resignations

- Ms. Jessica Shaffer, who is resigning from the District effective February 13, 2025. Ms. Shaffer was a Paraeducator (Class III) at Wyland Elementary School.
- Mrs. Ashley Szramowski, who is resigning from the District effective March 7, 2025. Mrs. Szramowski is a Paraeducator (Class III) at Hampton Middle School.
- Ms. Heather Hutchings, who is resigning from the District effective March 11, 2025. Ms. Hutchings is a Paraeducator (Class III) at Hampton Middle School.

Teachers

- Mrs. Leah Wilson as a Mentor for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Paraprofessionals, Paraeducators, and Administrative Assistants

- Mrs. Traci Berkopec as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Wyland Elementary School, effective March 6, 2025. Hourly rate is \$19.09 for the 60-day probationary period and \$19.34 per hour thereafter. Mrs. Berkopec is replacing Ms. Jessica Shaffer.
- Mrs. Ashley Szramowski as a Substitute Paraeducator/Paraprofessional, effective January 23, 2025. Hourly rate is \$15.00 per hour for days 1-20 and \$15.50 per hour thereafter.

Supplemental Contracts

- 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.

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Name	Position	Building	Points	Total Stipend
Chris Garaffa	Girls' Soccer Head Coach	HS	42	\$6,510

Technology

There were no action items on the agenda. Mr. Stein noted that eight Hampton High School students will be inducted into the A.W. Beattie Career Center's chapter of the National Technical Honors Society on March 4th. Additionally, A.W. Beattie is hosting an Open House on March 6th for interested prospective students.

Policy and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Shages presented the following item to be considered for Board approval at the March 10th meeting:

- First Reading of Policy #806: Mandated Reporting of Child/Student Abuse.

Dr. Cunningham noted that Policy #806 was last revised in 2017. The changes, which come from the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA), include additional definitions, along with a few new guidelines and updated legal citations.

2025-2026 AIU Program of Services

Mr. Shages and Dr. Loughead presented on the 2025-2026 AIU Program of Services. The AIU Program of Studies booklet is customized for Hampton, outlining the services the District receives such as ESL, special education, teacher training, and itinerant services.

In other news, Mr. Shages discussed the AIU's upcoming legislative session on March 27th. He also informed the Board that he will be serving on the Township of Hampton's steering committee for reviewing zoning and development ordinances.

Transportation

There were no action items on the agenda.

Public Comment & Adjournment

There were no comments at the end of the meeting; Mrs. Hamlin motioned to adjourn. The Board held a brief executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.