

# The Board Report

*Monday, May 5, 2025*



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## ***The Hampton Township Board of School Directors***

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

*This Hampton Township School Board Meeting was held in the Hampton Middle School Library. 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***

<b><i>Dr. Michael Loughead</i></b>	<b><i>Superintendent of Schools</i></b>
<b><i>Dr. Rebecca Cunningham</i></b>	<b><i>Assistant Superintendent</i></b>
<b><i>Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik</i></b>	<b><i>Assistant Superintendent</i></b>
<b><i>Ms. Tammi Kinzel</i></b>	<b><i>Assistant Director of Administrative Services</i></b>
<b><i>Dr. Ed McKaveney</i></b>	<b><i>Director of Technology</i></b>

*\* absent*

*\*\* participated remotely*

**May 5, 2025**

Work Session / Voting Meeting

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

### **Odyssey of the Mind Presentation**

Before the Work Session began, the Board received a presentation from Hampton's Odyssey of the Mind program and had the opportunity to engage with participating students to learn more about their work.

### **Public Comment**

- Mr. Jarrell opened the meeting to public comment, but there were none.

### **Student Affairs**

Mr. Jarrell introduced Teagan Turcsanyi, who presented the Student Council Representatives Report. She highlighted that Hampton High School's Talbot Thon fundraiser on April 26th was a huge success, raising over \$31,000 for pediatric cancer treatment and research. Despite being held on a Saturday, attendance was strong, with many students and community members participating. Prom was also a success, even during the power outages. She extended thanks to Allison Park Church for providing a space for prom preparation and Wi-Fi access for testing.

### **Facilities**

There was no report this evening.

### **Educational Programs**

There was no report this evening.

### **Finance**

Mr. Vasko presented the following action items to be considered for Board approval at the May 12th Voting Meeting:

- 2025-2026 Consumable Supply Bids at a total amount of \$160,420.58.

Ms. Kinzel noted that this amount is significantly lower than last year's total of \$231,353.23. The primary reason for the reduction is a substantial decrease in the bid amount for janitorial and pool supplies. She noted that this change reflects a shift in product selection under the new facilities director.

- 2025-2026 A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget with the District’s share as follows:

Capital Budget	\$0
Operating Budget	\$692,607
Operating Credit	(\$83,831)
Debt Service	\$119,619
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$728,395</b>

Mr. Vasko explained that the total increase to member districts is 0.54% or \$36,757, due to the use of over \$760,000 from A.W. Beattie’s fund balance. An additional \$669,893 from a prior overpayment is also being applied, helping to offset costs, with Hampton receiving \$83,831 of that amount.

### Local Tax Revenue Update

Ms. Kinzel presented the local tax revenue update as of April 30, 2025, reporting that local revenues are on target, with the overall year-to-year budget comparison showing a 4.5% increase from last year. The only notable item is the lack of interim tax collections, which were also absent last year. She plans to follow up with Jordan Tax Service to look into the possibility that interim taxes are being misclassified under real estate.

### Senior Citizen Property Tax Rebate Resolution

The Board reviewed the history and proposed updates to the District’s Senior Citizens Property Tax Rebate Program. For qualifying residents, the District is proposing to raise the program’s budget cap from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and to expand income thresholds to better align with the state’s limits as follows:

Income Level Guidelines (From Line 13 of the PA-1000 form)			HTSD Rebate Amount
<b>\$0</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>\$8,001</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>\$15,001</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>\$18,001</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$225</b>

Additionally, the proposal would increase individual rebate amounts by 4%, consistent with the District’s tax increase. The number of applicants has declined from 40 in 2017-18 to 27 last year, likely due to inflation pushing some out of eligibility. The proposed changes aim to preserve access for qualifying residents while keeping the program aligned with state standards and sustainable within the District’s budget.

## Personnel

Ms. Balason presented the following action items to be considered for Board approval at the May 12th meeting:

## Teachers

- Ms. Brianna Towers as a Building Substitute Teacher at Poff Elementary School effective May 5, 2025, through the end of the 2024-2025 School Year. Salary is \$28,500, prorated based on actual days worked. Ms. Towers is replacing Ms. Emily McWilliams.
- The following Extended School Year Teachers at the current rate per hour as per the HTEA CBA: Melissa Cambest, Kelly Koble, Kylee McCracken, Derek Nichols, Olivia Scheller, Christy Shane, Madison Sperl, Taylor Trasatti, and Jessie Wehler.

## Paraprofessionals, Paraeducators, and Administrative Assistants

- The following Extended School Year Paraeducators at their current rate per hour as per the HESPA CBA: Ashley Arlotti, Madeleine Crawford, Kathy Elliott, Dawn Huckestein, Krista Metnick, Kristen Ninehouser, Shelby Padden, Lisa Panza, and Mary Steiner.
- Kaitlyn Stoltz as a Summer/Extended School Year Paraeducator at entry level hourly rate for Paraeducators per the HESPA CBA.

## Other

- Heather Paxton as Extended School Year Health Office Nurse at her current rate per hour as per the Health Office Nurse Agreement.

## Technology

There was no report this evening.

## Policy and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Shages presented the following items to be considered for Board approval at the May 12th meeting:

- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #909: Municipal Government Relations.

Dr. Cunningham explained that the revisions included a paragraph clarifying that, in addition to sharing facilities, the District may collaborate with Hampton Township on the joint purchase of resources, materials, and equipment to reduce costs.

- First Reading of Policy #351: Controlled Substance Abuse.

Dr. Cunningham noted that this policy has been updated using PSBA template language to include more detailed definitions and outline procedures for handling incidents involving controlled substances.

- First Reading of Policy #904: Public Attendance at School Events.

Dr. Cunningham noted that the proposed changes to Policy #904 includes relocating “Gold Card” information here, adding language prohibiting tobacco products, and allowing service animals on school grounds for individuals with disabilities.

## **Transportation**

There was no report this evening.

## **Public Comment**

There were no comments at the end of the meeting.

## **Voting Meeting**

Mr. Jarrell moved to adjourn the Work Session and open the Voting Meeting. Roll call was taken; six Board members were present, with Mrs. Hamlin, Mr. Shages, and Mr. Stein participating remotely.

The Board voted 9-0 to approve the District's 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget, with revenues of \$66,505,488, expenditures of \$66,505,488. Under this proposal, the real estate tax rate will increase from 23.00 mills to 23.92 mills, an increase of 0.92 mills or 4.0%.

Mr. Jarrell noted that the Board had discussed the budget in detail during the April 28 Special Budget Meeting. Ms. Kinzel added that no changes were made since that meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Jarrell moved to adjourn the Voting Meeting.