

# The Board Report

*Monday, May 12, 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>

*\* absent*

*\*\* participated remotely*

**May 12, 2025**

Voting Meeting

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

## **Student Awards**

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Jarrell presented the Student Awards, offering congratulations and recognition to the following students:

- Anna Cowan, who won first place in the Essay Category of the Waldman Arts and Writing Competition. Anna wrote a beautiful tribute to the Holocaust survivors in Pittsburgh and about the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.
- The following Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students excelled at the State Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania:
  - Shreyas Chalikonda, Dominic Jordan, and Jake Killian, who placed first in Marketing.
  - Timothy Ha, who placed first in Intro to Programming.
  - The team of Braden Cox and Cayden Frank, who placed eighth in Sports and Entertainment Management.
- The Hampton Speech and Debate Team recently competed in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Tournament in Bloomsburg. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:
  - Sophomores Thi Malesky and Vivian Sattler, who were semi-finalists in News Broadcasting.
  - William Zhang, who was a state finalist for the second year in a row in House Congressional Debate.
- Recently, students from Hampton Middle School and Hampton High School participated in the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair. This rigorous competition resulted in several Hampton students placing first in their respective categories and receiving Sponsor Awards:
  - Albert Bowen, who placed first in the Junior Chemistry category and received both the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Sponsor Awards.
  - Benjamin Lin, who placed first in the Intermediate Computer Science and Math category and received the University of Pittsburgh Sponsor Award.
  - Evan Hartman and Gabriel Sand, who placed first in the Intermediate Consumer Science category.
  - Blake Fiscus, who placed first in the Senior Earth and Environment category.
  - And Joy Dakin, who received both the American Society of Civil Engineers-Pittsburgh Section and the Pittsburgh Geological Society Sponsor Awards.
- The following A.W. Beattie Career Center students were recognized for their achievements at the recent SkillsUSA State Competition and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of

America (FCCLA) State Competition:

- Samantha Sondej for winning a Gold Medal at the SkillsUSA State Competition in the Career Pathways Showcase for Arts and Communications.
- Kendall Hoolahan for winning a Bronze Medal at the FCCLA State Championships for Early Childhood Education.
- Dylan Biddle for winning a Bronze Medal at the FCCLA State Championships for Culinary Arts.

## **Call to Order**

Mrs. Hamlin called the meeting to order, and a roll call was taken. Eight Board Members were present; Mr. Shages participated remotely. Mrs. Hamlin opened the meeting to public comment, but there were no comments at this time.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the April 14, 2025 Board of School Directors Voting Meeting.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Board unanimously approved the following items:

- March 2025 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$6,340,102.27.
- March 2025 High School Construction Fund 35 Disbursements totaling \$402,142.05.
- March 2025 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$3,765.00.
- March 2025 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$136,105.59.
- March 2025 Treasurer's Report.
- March 2025 Student Activities Fund Report.

## **President's Report**

Mrs. Hamlin noted that the Board had held one executive session since the last meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

## **Superintendent's Report**

In his report, Dr. Loughead noted that the student awards presented at this evening's meeting were among the most impressive in recent memory, with a range of student achievements in academics, arts, and athletics. He commended students and families for their resilience after the extended power outage, highlighting their seamless return to school. He also confirmed that the last day of school remains June 6th, with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) confirming that no extension is needed. In the arts, the high school musical production of *Hadestown: Teen Edition* received nine Gene Kelly Award nominations. In athletics, several teams — softball, boys and girls lacrosse, and

track and field — are competing in the playoffs.

## Student Affairs

Mr. Jarrell presented the following action items that were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Field Trip to the National FBLA Conference in Anaheim, California, June 29 - July 2, 2025, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$850.
- Hampton High School Girls' Basketball Field Trip to the Carolina Invitational Girls' Basketball Tournament in Charleston, South Carolina, on December 26-30, 2025, at no cost to the District.

## Facilities

Mrs. Midgley presented an addendum action item that was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Change order to the Hampton Middle School Resurfacing Project from Gateway Engineers for the labor, equipment and materials to complete the milling and resurfacing of the circle at Wyland Elementary School at a cost of \$17,092.00.

Dr. Loughead explained that since Youngblood Paving, the contractor for the Township's paving project, is already working near Wyland, completing this work at the same time will avoid significantly higher costs compared to doing it as a separate project.

## Educational Programs

There were no action items this evening. However, Dr. Removcik and Mrs. Shanna Struble presented an update on the Portrait of a Talbot Instructional Coach initiative. Since beginning her role in February as a Teacher on Special Assignment, Mrs. Struble has visited over 50 classrooms across all three elementary schools, supporting collaboration and the integration of Portrait of a Talbot competencies. Her key accomplishments include providing professional development, offering in-classroom support, creating a teacher resource website, and launching the popular "Portrait Puppies" and weekly "Talbot Talk" videos, which help make the competencies accessible and engaging for younger students.

These efforts have strengthened teacher collaboration, increased student engagement, and reinforced vertical alignment from Kindergarten through high school, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from staff and students. Following the presentation, Board members expressed strong support for the work. Dr. Removcik shared that the District is actively pursuing grant funding to sustain and expand the K-12 instructional coach model.

## Finance

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

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

- 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
 Total	 \$728,395

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.

## Personnel

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

### 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.

### Addendum

- Resignation of Mrs. Sandra Koch, who is retiring after 24 years of service to the District, effective June 6, 2025.
- Change in status for Mr. Benjamin Blank, moving from Head Custodian at Wyland Elementary School to a 12 month/8 hour Custodian at Hampton High School, effective June 1, 2025. Hourly rate is \$27.18. Mr. Blank is replacing Mr. Lucas Rodgers.

- Mr. John Hollihan as a Casual Day to Day Substitute Teacher, effective May 12, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 School Year. The teacher substitute rate is \$120 per day. Mr. Hollihan is a substitute for Mrs. Savina Cupps.

## Technology

There were no action items 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.
- First Reading of Policy #351: Controlled Substance Abuse.
- 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 were no action items this evening.

## A.W. Beattie Career Center Report

In his report, Mr. Stein stated that A.W. Beattie Career Center in June will interview four strong candidates for the administrative position. He added that AWBCC students, including Hampton’s, have done very well competing in state competitions.

## Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence (HAEE) Report

Mrs. Kennedy highlighted that two students were awarded HAEE scholarships at the May 8 senior awards night: the Ana Kuhn Memorial Scholarship to Andrew Girard and the Hampton All-Around Effort and Excellence Scholarship to Sienna Lasik. Additionally, HAEE approved a grant for the middle school’s Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) project. Eighth-grade students in Mr. Geary’s class presented the project at a recent HAEE meeting and built a model of a reward space featuring air hockey table space, couches, a crafting area, and a microwave.

## **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.