



Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY JANUARY 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Jill Hamlin

Matt Jarrell

Denise Balason

Jenny Kennedy

Joy Midgley

Maureen Perkins

Robert Shages

Jason Hobbes

Larry Vasko

Dr. Michael Loughead

Dr. Rebecca Cunningham

Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik

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Assistant Superintendent

OVERVIEW

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The Board met on January 12 for a Work Session Meeting and January 20 for a Voting Meeting. The Board approved the hiring and resignations of various personnel, discussed and approved the 2026-2027 school calendar, approved policies, and reviewed student achievement and financial reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Portrait Puppies at Central Elementary

Mrs. Shana Struble presented "Portrait Puppies" which reflect the Portrait of a Talbot competencies. Central Elementary students introduced each puppy, their breed, and which competency they represent and why. Mrs. Struble shared that this learning model has been beneficial for students to remember the competencies and understand how to apply them in their lives.

Dr. Amy Kern shared that what started as a classroom activity has grown and requires great collaboration. The Portrait Puppies initiative has allowed students to connect with the content, and is shared among other elementary schools in the district.

Student Council Representatives

Student Council Representative Sonia Troiana stated that Student Council has ramped up their Thon preparations by holding two fundraising events, including raffling off Steelers playoff game tickets. Thon will be on March 23rd this year. Also, Bocce has an upcoming home game which all winter sports teams will be supporting. Winter sports are underway and are doing well. Speech & Debate has a big tournament coming up in mid-January and they are optimistic about their events. The High School musical is beginning practices and will open on April 17th.

HTSD Student Achievement Report

Dr. Removcik presented the annual Student Achievement Report for the 2024-2025 school year and highlighted the students' consistent high-level performance in PSSA and Keystone testing. Hampton was moved to #4 in Pittsburgh Business Times Ranking.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Robert Shages presented and the Board unanimously approved the following:

- November & December 2025 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$12,922,004.88
- November & December 2025 High School Construction Fund 35 Disbursements totaling \$1,869.95
- November & December 2025 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$387,925.11
- November & December 2025 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$230,397.25
- October & November 2025 Treasurer's Reports
- October & November 2025 Student Activities Fund Reports

Public Comment

A parent of a student on the boys soccer team shared a desire for Fridley Field to have more open availability for public use.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Student Affairs

Matt Jarrell presented the following action items, all of which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- AIU Memorandum of Understanding between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Head Start and Pre-K Counts Programs and the Hampton Township School District.
- Hampton Indoor Percussion Ensemble Field Trip, traveling to WGI White Lakes, Michigan, for the Percussion Regional Competition, March 6, 2026 through March 8, 2026, at no cost to the District.
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Field Trip for the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, from April 12 to April 15, 2026, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,600. 16 students will be competing.
- Hampton High School Competitive Cheerleading Field Trip to the National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida, from January 29 to February 2, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Facilities

Joy Midgley stated there was no Facilities report this month.

Educational Programs

Maureen Perkins presented the following action items, all of which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Proposed HHS Program of Studies for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - ▷ Dr. Imbarlina presented the changes in the Program of Studies, including that scheduling will be taking place later in the year, and will be finalized in mid-March. Additionally, the course planning sheet has been updated to be more accessible and easier to understand. Pass/fail procedures have been updated, recommending that only seniors can choose pass/fail options. AP Business and Personal Finance will now be offered, and Film Studies will now be CHS Introduction to Film offered through the University of Pittsburgh

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- ▷ The minimum GPA requirement for Summa Cum Laude has been raised from 4.4 to 4.5. Senior scholars will now be chosen based on all four years rather than the last three years and three quarters. NHS information will be widely available on the website to provide clarity and become more accessible. Keystone-tested courses will now be labeled in course descriptions.
- There were two different options for the 2026-2027 proposed District Calendar. Option 2 was approved.

Finance

Larry Vasko presented the following action items, all of which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- 2026-2027 Act 1 “Not to Exceed” Budget Resolution
- Approve the Budget Transfers totaling \$233,232.68 for the following:
 - ▷ Budgetary Reserve \$225,000.00
 - ▷ Athletics, Baseball Gen. Supplies \$6,800.00
 - ▷ HMS, Gen. Supplies \$1,432.68
- Reappointment of GRB Law as the District’s Solicitor
- 2025-2026 Final State Budget
- Local Tax Revenue Update as of December 31, 2025.
- June 30, 2025 Comprehensive Financial Report Presentation
- 2026-2027 Proposed Budget & Planning Document

Personnel

Denise Balason presented the following recommendations, all of which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Resignations of Mrs. Carolyn McQuaide, Mr. Joseph Bayer, Ms. Karen Dietrich, Mr. Hudson McGeorge, Ms. Marissa Garraux, Ms. Theresa Pefferman, and Mr. William (Doug) Watson
- Approval of the following:
 - ▷ Job descriptions of the Director of Administrative Services and Assistant Director of Administrative Services
 - ▷ Contract for Mr. Jeffrey Kline as Director of Administrative Services
 - ▷ Contract for Ms. Tammi Kinzel as Assistant Director of Administrative Services
 - ▷ Ms. Melinda Kondisko as a HHS Building Substitute Teacher
 - ▷ Ms. Bianca Mazur as a Casual Substitute Teacher
 - ▷ Mr. Brady Palmer moving from a Building Substitute Teacher at HMS to Long-Term Substitute Grade 6 Math Teacher at HMS
 - ▷ Ms. Alexandra Reed as a Building Substitute Teacher at HMS
 - ▷ Mr. Kurt Neumaier as the HMS Library Assistant
 - ▷ Ms. Amy McCartney as a HMS Paraeducator
 - ▷ Mrs. Christina Carlin as a Poff Clerical Paraprofessional and Substitute Paraeducator on long-term assignment at Poff
 - ▷ Ms. Samantha Schnitgen moving from a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Poff to the Building Substitute Teacher at Central
 - ▷ Ms. Renee Neal as Substitute Administrative Assistant on long-term assignment at Poff
 - ▷ Ms. Mylene Zupan as Substitute Paraeducator on long-term assignment at Central
 - ▷ Mr. Jason Cannon as day-to-day custodial substitute at Central
 - ▷ Ms. Mary Bukovac as a 2025-2026 mentor teacher

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- ▷ Revised supplement contract stipends
- ▷ Ms. Beth Huffman as a co-sponsor for the Gardening Club at Hampton Middle School for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- ▷ Mrs. Amy Holtz as a co-sponsor for the Best Buddies Club at Hampton Middle School for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Technology

Jason Hobbes stated there was no Technology report this month.

Policy/Legislative Affairs

- Robert Shages presented the following Policy/Legislative Affairs action items that were unanimously approved by the Board:
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #317: Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures - Administrative Employees
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #417: Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures - Professional Employees
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #517: Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures - Classified Employees
- First Reading of Policy #217.1: Graduation of Students Receiving Special Education Services

Transportation

Jenny Kennedy stated there was no Transportation report this month.

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Larry Vasko reported that the next A. W. Beattie Board meeting will be on November 24th.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy shared that the middle school's PBIS lounge presentation really impressed HAEE and they were happy to see the grant in action. She also reported that HAEE is tabulating the amount of funds which was raised at the recent 5K race.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Loughead shared that January is School Board Recognition Month, and in appreciation for the Board's hard work and dedication, the leadership team shared a celebratory dinner

to gather together and express appreciation for their volunteerism, time, and the care they give to our students and District.



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7pm at the A.W. Beattie Career and Technical Center.

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