



Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2026

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Denise Balason

Jenny Kennedy

Joy Midgley

Maureen Perkins

Robert Shages

Jason Hobbes

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Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik

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OVERVIEW

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The Board met on February 2 for a Work Session Meeting and February 9 for a Voting Meeting. The Board approved the HMS 2026-2027 Program of Studies, discussed and approved various personnel updates, and approved moving forward with BR2 Educational Consultants for the superintendent search.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Council Representatives

Student Council Representatives Thi Malesky and Sonia Troiana provided an update. Thi said that the week of remote learning due to adverse winter weather went well, and reminded everyone that Thon is at the end of March and preparations are fully underway — food truck sign-ups, activities, etc. The high school students are coordinating candy grams this week for Valentine's Day. Sonia provided an update on various events happening at HHS, including a table tennis event and a Penguin ticket auction. Additionally, the varsity swim team has two meets left; multiple students have qualified for individual WPIALs, and the team is hoping they qualify for team WPIALs as well. Varsity wrestling is gearing up for individual and team WPIALs. The varsity basketball team is doing well, with high-performing seniors hoping to sign with universities to continue their basketball careers. Track, lacrosse, baseball, tennis, softball, and soccer are preparing for their spring seasons as winter sports come to a close. Thi expressed excitement for the upcoming band trip to Disney. The FBLA competition is also upcoming in May. She added that Hues & Harmony is slated for March 17-18th. Scheduling for the 2026-2027 school year begins February 19th and will be completed February 26th. The High School Activities Fair will take place on Thursday, February 12th, to showcase all the extracurricular activities offered.

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

HHS Independent Study Program

Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina and Dr. Melissa Survinski presented on the High School's Independent Study program, which gives students the opportunity to design their own learning plan for a particular topic. She explained that each student chooses a topic, and then focuses on subtopics and units. Each unit had to include an artifact documenting their learning, such as notes they took. Students were provided with ten different work skills, of which they had to choose seven to apply to their studied subject area. The following students presented their work:

- Tyler Regotti studied Metal Fabrication, specifically the creation of a retractable pickleball net. His primary competency was perseverance, as he had to push through different blueprint improvements and problem-solving to find a solution that worked.
- Leo Walton studied the completion of pilot license course modules as he hopes to become a pilot in the future. His primary competency was critical thinking as he had to work through learning each module and studying the FAA Handbook.
- Addison Pozza studied elementary education through an internship at Wyland Elementary School. She worked in different elementary classrooms and various subjects. Her primary competencies were empathy, communication, and collaboration as she worked with each student and supported their learning needs.
- In addition, two other students were unable to attend the Board meeting, so Dr. Imbarlina presented their work:
- Jack Barley studied Wood Fabrication, specifically the creation of a personally-designed picnic table. His primary competency was critical thinking, as he had to think through the multiple parts and steps to putting his table together.
- Caroline Berner studied Marine Life Conservation, specifically environmental concerns impacting marine life. The primary competency that she focused upon was communication, as she spent a lot of time communicating with professors and marine life professionals.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Treasurer's Report

Robert Shages presented the following items, all of which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- January 2026 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$3,808,421.85
- January 2026 High School Construction Fund 35 Disbursements totaling \$555.36
- January 2026 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$244,823.16
- December 2025 Treasurer's Report
- December 2025 Student Activities Fund

Student Affairs

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

- Dr. Cunningham explained that Mr. Howard's students expressed interest in this club pilot as they are looking to maintain the school greenhouse and gardens, teach students about gardening, and learn more about sustainable practices. She added that they reached out to the Penn State Master Gardeners to collaborate. If the pilot is successful, they will look to adopt it as an official club next year.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- Hampton High School Forensics Field Trip to the PA High School Speech League State Tournament at Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA, March 19-21, 2026 at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,500 from the Academic Competition Fund.

Facilities

Joy Midgley stated there was no Facilities report this month.

Educational Programs

Maureen Perkins presented the following action item, which was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Proposed HMS Program of Studies for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - ▷ Dr. Removick and Dr. Lux presented the proposed HMS Program of Studies. Dr. Lux explained that the program of studies is a collaborative effort between school and administrative leaders and teachers. She added that there were a few minor wording changes in some descriptions. English 6 has been redesigned this year to ensure the English curriculum is more robust, with students more engaged in writing and vocabulary, which they have been successfully adapting. These changes are very engaging and allow for expansive creativity, including a pen pal unit, which students really enjoyed. Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, and Algebra 1 Essentials have some changes regarding the graphing calculator requirements. Dr. Lux explained that having a calculator is very helpful, especially in higher-level math classes at the high school, but it is not required, and class sets are available for students to borrow. The Computer Animation and Game Design course, an elective for 8th graders, was revisited to rethink its structure. Resources used in the course in the past were phased out in June 2025 and replaced with different online resources, such as Code.org, which offers more coding opportunities. Dr. Removick said parents will find the appendix at the end of program of studies helpful to review when considering math courses for students, as this delineates different math courses and pathways, in planning for both the middle school and the high school. Dr. Lux also provided an update on the Algebra 1 class. The students are engaged in hands-on learning, and the class is a nice balance of Algebra 1 Essentials and Algebra 1 Honors, providing some challenges at a comfortable learning pace. Dr. Lux said she is pleased with how students are responding to this new opportunity.

Finance

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

- Proposal for GASB 75 Valuation Services with The Pennsylvania Trust and Conrad Siegel for the years ending June 30, 2026 and 2027 per their proposal in the projected amount of \$5,125.
- Proposal from BR2 Educational Consultants for the superintendent search for a fixed fee of \$12,500.

Personnel

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

- Ms. Leia Ross as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2026-2027 school year
- Tenure status for Kristen DeMichiei, Grade 6 Math Teacher; and Kristin Baker, HHS Math Teacher
- Job description for Custodian - Athletics/Groundskeeper
- Spring Supplemental Contracts
- Ms. Grace Johnson as a Substitute Paraprofessional on Long-Term Assignment at Poff Elementary School
- Mr. Jason Cannon as a 10-month/8-hour custodian with an initial assignment at Central Elementary School

Technology

Jason Hobbes stated there was no Technology report this month.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

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 #217.1: Graduation of Students Receiving Special Education Services
- First Reading of Policy #317.2: Educator Misconduct - Administrative Employees
- First Reading of Policy #417.2: Educator Misconduct - Professional Employees

Transportation

Jenny Kennedy stated there was no Transportation report this month.

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason reported that the Auto Collision program won first place in a competition for the eighth year in a row. Two students from Hampton are Students of the Month. The Beattie Board has received a draft budget which they will discuss at their next meeting. The next A. W. Beattie Board meeting is March 5th at 5:30pm.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy shared that people can still buy tickets for the Heart of Hampton Awards scheduled for March 14, 2026 from 6-9pm at Wildwood Golf Club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jill Hamlin shared in her report that the Board had two executive sessions to discuss legal and personnel matters.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Loughhead highlighted the upcoming Valentine's Day parties, thanking the PTOs and parent volunteers who are instrumental to these parties and the many different events students enjoy throughout the district — dances, parties, and events, all of which would not be possible without their hard work and dedication. He complimented the High School Independent

Study program, which helps show the success of the 3, 2, Flex model at HHS. Despite the winter weather, athletics have gone on successfully, including our basketball, wrestling, and swimming teams. He also expressed his pride in the PMEA music events this month and the fantastic work of our student musicians.



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7pm in the Hampton Middle School Library.

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