



Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY MARCH 2026

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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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OVERVIEW

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[March 2](#)

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The Board met on March 2 for a Work Session Meeting and on March 9 for a Voting Meeting. The Board engaged in a presentation from Poff Elementary School, approved a proposal for architectural/engineering services for the Wyland concrete site repair project, reviewed and approved the HTSD Comprehensive plan, received a presentation on the work of the district's instructional coaches and their work, and presented art students with awards and recognition for earning honors in the 2026 Scholastic Art Awards.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Council Representatives

Student Council Representatives Xavier Ware and Mia Veverka provided an update. They congratulated the HHS Swimming & Diving team on their successes, and the Boys Basketball team, who are in the playoffs for States. The high school had its Polar Plunge for Special Olympics in February, and over 20 students participated. Hues & Harmony will be on the 17th and 18th of March. In April, a blood drive will be hosted on the 15th. Thon is coming up on March 27th. During community hours, there will be tie-dying activities. The Thon fundraising goal for childhood cancer is \$30,000 this year.

Poff Elementary Update

Dr. Joshua Cable, Poff Principal, gave an update on Poff Elementary. He presented "Curiosity Quests," through which students are able to choose a subject they are passionate and curious about, allowing them to lead their own learning. This is the second year of these quests, and some changes incorporated this year include schedule changes to promote flexibility, additional structure, and support for primary grades. Additionally, they introduced "Curiosity Kits," and students from Poff gave Board members a chance to use their own Curiosity Kit in order to record their observations, ask questions, and learn. Poff students presented their own quests, with one group collecting bacterial samples and researching them and their impact on the human body, another researching how monarch butterflies survive, and another researching how Roberto Clemente's life impacted baseball. Additional updates at Poff include a Poff Studio

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refresh; “The Ferry Nook,” a corner in the library that provides a quiet reading space; and “Build Together Night,” a first-ever event where community members, students, and teachers came together at Poff, including HHS student volunteers.

K-12 Instructional Coaches

Dr. Removcik introduced Mrs. Lisa Milsom, Mrs. Shanna Struble, Mr. Andrew Halter, and Mrs. Shannon Roos (HTSD Instructional Coaches) who shared their role and the work they have been doing across all schools in the district. One of this year’s big initiatives has been the incorporation of AI — the coaches have been researching and developing ethical ways to work with AI resources with students K-12. They have created an AI handbook to share with faculty on the best practices with AI in the classroom. They are continuing their emphasis on the Portrait of a Talbot competencies and have had opportunities to share with other schools and educators. This year, they are introducing “learning walks” in which teachers can visit classrooms and observe. Additionally, because each building has its own culture, the coaches have worked to build relationships across buildings, specifically at the elementary level. Mrs. Struble presented various elementary professional development activities, shared social media posts about happenings in other buildings, and explained Portrait of a Talbot instructional resources. At the middle school, they have revamped PBIS incentives and lessons and have worked to engage students across grade levels. At the high school, they have further developed professional development sessions and are working in different classrooms as additional teachers to keep students engaged with new strategies and learning content. Their teacher support includes co-teaching and co-planning lessons, increasing Project-Based Learning (PBL) and other hands-on experiences, hosting drop-in sessions, and helping teachers design learning goals.

Public Comment

Ms. Melina Spyridaki-Dodd addressed the Board:

- Safety and security concerns

Ms. Debi Kravets addressed the Board:

- Safety and security concerns

Ms. Kim Stern addressed the Board:

- Safety and security concerns

Ms. Liz Sasada addressed the Board:

- Safety and security concerns

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:

- PMEA All-State Band Festival Field Trip to Kalahari Convention Center in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, from April 22 to April 25, 2026 at a cost to the District not to exceed \$400.
- The Hampton High School Boys Lacrosse Team is playing WPIAL/PIAA scheduled games against West Chester Area High School and Penn Manor High School on April 10 and 11,

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

2026. 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.

Facilities

Joy Midgley presented the following action items, which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- DRAW Collective Proposal for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Wyland Concrete Site Repair Project
 - ▷ Ms. Cassandra Renninger from DRAW Collective and Mr. Dan Hartles, HTSD Facilities Director, presented a project proposal following the identification of necessary concrete repairs and improvements on Wyland's campus. Some updates will include widening the front driveway, where drop-off and pickup occur; replacing plant pots with safety bollards; repairing and rebuilding the loading dock; and addressing drainage issues at the retaining wall in the courtyard. The timeline for this project will be about two months.
- Proposal from Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC) for a topographical survey and asphalt core sampling for the Wyland Elementary School Concrete Site Repair project for the fees as follows: Topographical Survey - \$7,400, Asphalt Core Sampling - \$4,200

Educational Programs

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

- Hampton Township School District Comprehensive Plan
 - ▷ Dr. Removcik explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Education requires a Comprehensive Plan every three years. This plan includes analyzing assessment data shared in the Future Ready PA Index. She added that the focus of this plan is to ensure equity among students, as current standardized assessment data reflect some imbalances for socioeconomically disadvantaged students and students with IEPs. The goal of this current Comprehensive Plan is to continue monitoring and addressing the achievement levels of these subgroups. Additionally, the district continues to align the Comprehensive Plan to the district's current Strategic Plan.

Finance

Larry Vasko provided a local tax revenue update and presented the following action item, which was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services 2026-2027 Budget, with Hampton Township School District's estimated share of \$54,354.

Personnel

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

- Resignation of Superintendent Dr. Michael Loughead, who is retiring after 10 years in the district, effective June 30, 2026.
- Resignation of Mrs. Lori Palmer, who is retiring after 31 years with the district, effective June 8, 2026.
- Change in status for Ms. Jenna Barzen, moving from a Substitute Paraeducator on Long-Term Assignment to a Paraeducator (Class III) at Wyland Elementary School.
- Change in status for Mr. Kenneth (Ryker) DiDonato, moving from a Substitute Paraeducator on Long-Term Assignment to a .50 Paraeducator (Class III) at Hampton High School.
- Mr. Robert Ayers as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Wyland Elementary School.
- Club Sponsors for the remainder of the school year:
 - ▷ Erika Kelley as a co-sponsor of the Keystone Club
 - ▷ Lexi Reed as the sponsor of the Newspaper Club (replacing Kelsey Ehnle Bassett and Melissa Survinski)
 - ▷ Erika Kelley as a co-sponsor of the Green Team (Recycling) Club

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- ▷ Sheree Lucas, Mary West, Stacie Sespico and Lori Valentine as co-sponsors of the Battle of the Books Club

- Various supplemental contracts

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 #317.2: *Educator Misconduct - Administrative Employees*
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #417.2: *Educator Misconduct - Professional Employees*
- First Reading of Policy #204: *Attendance*
- First Reading of Policy #827: *Conflict of Interest*

Transportation

Jenny Kennedy stated there was no Transportation report this month.

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason reported that the A. W. Beattie Open House was well attended and ran smoothly and successfully. She also highlighted the eight Hampton students who were inducted into the A. W. Beattie's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society:

Brody Barry (Health and Nursing Sciences)	Dale Gibson (Carpentry Building Construction)
Caitlin Biernacki (Advertising Design)	Mia Leybovich (Health and Nursing Sciences)
Palyn Crivella-Enberg (Early Childhood Education)	Alex Paglialonga (Network Engineering/Cyber Security)
Sophia English (Health and Nursing Sciences)	Makenna Stritzinger (Cosmetology)

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy shared a reminder regarding the Heart of Hampton awards celebration happening this weekend on March 14th at the Wildwood Golf Club. She added that the middle school is working on a grant request to HAAE to create and enhance a space for leisure activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Loughead began his report by sharing that the Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Association had 16 teams participate in a regional competition, and they did extremely well, with 10 teams moving forward to the PA state finals. He also encouraged everyone in the community to attend next week's annual Hues & Harmony celebration of the visual and musical arts. Additionally, he expressed pride in the boys'

basketball team's amazing season and the swim team's progress toward state competition. Spring sports have officially begun, and he shared appreciation for how many Hampton students engage in and balance many different extracurricular activities, combining the arts, band, and athletic commitments.



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

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

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