Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY APRIL 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Jill Hamlin	**President**
Matt Jarrell	**Vice President/Student Affairs**
Denise Balason	**Personnel/Board Secretary**
Jenny Kennedy	**Transportation**
Joy Midgley	**Facilities**
Maureen Perkins	**Educational Programs**
Robert Shages	**Policy and Legislative Affairs/Treasurer**
Jason Hobbes	**Technology**
Larry Vasko	**Finance**
Dr. Michael Loughead	**Superintendent**
Dr. Rebecca Cunningham	**Assistant Superintendent**
Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik	**Assistant Superintendent**

OVERVIEW

Meeting Links:
April 7
April 13

The Board met on April 7 for a Work Session Meeting and on April 13 for a Voting Meeting. The Board approved two grant resolutions for concrete and HMS HVAC upgrades, reviewed secondary scheduling reports, approved the second reading and adoption of Policy #204 on Attendance and Policy #827 on Conflict Resolution, reviewed the 2026-2027 Curricular Resource Proposed Budget, received an update from the Subcommittee on Safety, and approved lunch price changes for the 2026-2027 school year.

PRESENTATIONS

Wyland Elementary Design Team

Wyland Principal Dr. Michael Silbaugh, along with elementary teachers Mrs. Shanna Struble, Mrs. Lynn Zdinak, Mrs. Stephanie Moser, and Mrs. Brittnee Stepanik, discussed their work expanding Portrait of a Talbot competencies in their instruction. Mrs. Struble presented the 2nd-graders' work using a technology platform called Book Creator to reflect on the identified competencies. Mrs. Zdinak showcased the 3rd-grade classrooms, where the students are creating portfolio "pizza boxes" to collect work that they are proud of. Mrs. Moser shared that her 5th-grade math students document the strategies and skills they use to solve math problems through written work, allowing them to see their work improve over time. Mrs. Stepanik talked about kindergarten students partnering with fourth graders, where the fourth graders stepped into the role of mentors, reading a picture book aloud and guiding their younger peers in identifying the Portrait of a Talbot competencies within the story. Fourth-grade students also visited the middle school, where they partnered with eighth-grade students to write a text-dependent analysis based on a shared passage, allowing them to collaborate and deepen their understanding of the competencies.

Student Council Representative Report

The Student Council Representatives expressed pride with the PIAA Girls 2A Swimming Championship winner, Lainey Sheets, and for the students who have broken school records. Ice hockey made it to the playoffs, and spring sports have successfully begun. Talbot Thon was

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

a huge success, as students broke their fundraising goal by raising over $35,000. The third academic term has ended, and students have been scheduled for their 2026-2027 classes. Keystone testing and AP testing is about to begin, and students are already preparing. Students who visited France have returned and had an enriching time. The band's trip to Disney was a huge success, and the FBLA trip is next week.

Public Comment

Several district parents and community members expressed thoughts on the district's ongoing safety committee actions and the safety plans moving forward.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Treasurer's Report

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

- March 2026 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling $6,613,982.44
- March 2026 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling $6,500.00
- March 2026 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling $132,539.82
- Student Activities Fund Report

Student Affairs

Mr. Jarrell provided an update on the Student Affairs Subcommittee on Safety. He shared that the subcommittee continues to meet weekly, they have reviewed the existing security plan with district leaders and the district SRO, and they have conducted reviews of available reports and statistics. They have also travelled to meet with various personnel at neighboring schools to assess their plans and programs, and their thought process for implementation. Additionally, they have sought out and met with security consultants and the Hampton Police, to include their perspective and discuss current and future safety plans. In the coming weeks, the committee will be sharing recommendations with the Board for consideration. While not all recommendations will be made public, their top priority is safety, and they will continue to communicate and share important information and updates.

Facilities

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

- Resolution for the Public School Facility Improvement Grant for HMS HVAC Improvements
- Public School Facility Improvement Grant Resolution - Wyland Safety Concrete
- Facilities Budget Report
  - ▷ Mr. Dan Hartle presented the various projects and their costs included in the facilities budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Educational Programs

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

- 2026-2027 Curricular Resource Proposed Budget
  - ▷ Dr. Removcik presented the proposed curricular resource budget, including notable allocations for new textbook purchases for new high school courses.

Additionally, High School Principal Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina and Middle School Principal Dr. Marlynn Lux shared with the Board their secondary scheduling projections. Dr. Lux shared that she, Mr. Rice, and school counselors met with current 5th graders to discuss and share their class options as they

advance to middle school. Dr. Lux also shared that overall enrollment will increase by 25 students, and class sizes will range from 19 to 24 students, with an average of 21. Many upcoming students will be pursuing music classes as beginners next year. She also reviewed enrollment for core math and reading classes and the different options, as well as the world language choices. Dr. Imbarlina shared that the projected average class size is as follows: English - 22 students; Science - 20 students; Social Studies - 24 students; Math - 20 students; World Language - 9-29 students, depending on the language selected.

Finance

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

- The following changes to lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year:

	Current Price	2026-2027 Price	Amount of Increase
Full Price – Elementary Paid Lunch	$2.60	**$2.70**	**$0.10**
Full Price – Secondary Paid Lunch	$2.90	**$3.00**	**$0.10**
Full Price - Adult Paid Lunch	$4.00	4.25	$0.25

- Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Metz Culinary Management for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- Day-to-Day substitute teacher services from Substitute Teacher Service, Inc (STS)
  - ▷ Dr. Loughead recommended moving to a substitute teacher service program instead of the longtime partnership with regional school districts, which has decreased in participation over the years. Dr. Loughead shared that the pool of substitute teachers has struggled to grow in a post-COVID world. Several neighboring districts have successfully worked with STS. He expressed confidence in their support for increasing day-to-day substitute teachers in the district.
- 2026-2027 Medical and Dental Rate through ASCHIC
- Budget Transfers totaling $2,238.84 for the following:
  - ▷ Wyl; General Supplies $1,143.84
  - ▷ HHS Band; Dues & Fees $1,095.00

Personnel

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

- Resignations of the following personnel:
  - ▷ Mrs. Patricia Boretsky, Mrs. Beth Esposito, Mrs. Barbara Landry, Mr. David Sheets, Mrs.

Catherine Spencer, Ms. Paige Taylor, Mrs. Donna Barthel, Mrs. Catherine Gmuer, Mrs. Beth Sciullo, and Mrs. Breanna Stover.

- Ms. Michelle Simmons as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Wyland Elementary School.
- Ms. Inna Hohosha as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Hampton Middle School.
- Mr. Matthew McAwley as the Custodial/Athletic Groundskeeper.
- Extended School Year Teachers:
  - Ryleigh Barrett, Melissa Cambest, Jay D'Ambrosio, Josh Dreyer, Ereanna Higbee, Kelly Koble, Kate Mason, Kylee McCracken, Lexi Reed, Heidi Sasson, Christy Shane, Madison Sperl, Kaitlyn Stoltz
- Extended School Year Paraeducators:
  - Ashley Arlotti, Madeleine Crawford, Kathy Elliott, Amanda Filutze, Dawn Huckestein, Jaime Jones, Eve Krysa, Diane Logan, Krista Metnick, Shelby Padden, Lisa Panza, Quellan Portis, Olivia Scheller, Mary Steiner
- Extended School Year Paraeducators at the entry-level hourly rate:
  - Dan Garbark, Abigail Hall
- Guest Substitute Teachers:
  - Matthew Deavers, Claudine Kabagambe, Morgan O'Grady, Jason Figueroa, Natalie Karastury, Robert Rusiewicz, Bethany Harbaugh, Jill Millett, Mylene Zupan
- Substitute Paraeducators/Paraprofessionals
  - Abigail Hall, Bethany Harbaugh, Jill Millett, Morgan O'Grady, Mylene Zupan
- Club sponsors for the 2025-2026 school year:
  - Olivia Scheller as HMS Voices Co-Sponsor
  - Madison Sperl as HHS Garden Club Sponsor
  - Jeremy Bassett as HMS German Club Co-Sponsor
  - Marisa Panzer as Multicultural Student Association Sponsor (replacing Chandler White)
- Various supplemental contracts

Technology

Jason Hobbes presented the following Technology action item that was unanimously approved by the Board:

- 2026-2027 Technology Proposed Budget
  - Dr. Edward McKaveney and Mr. Joshua Kellogg presented the Technology Proposed Budget, with notable allocations for the continued lease of equipment (such as laptops and computers), tech ed labs, software updates and improvements, professional development, and technology support personnel.

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 #204: *Attendance*
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #827: *Conflict of Interest*
- First Reading of Policy #619: *District Audit*

Transportation

Jenny Kennedy stated there was no Transportation report this month.

President's Report

Jill Hamlin shared that the Board had held one executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason highlighted Hampton senior Preston Cochran, who is an EMT volunteering at the local Hampton/Shaler EMS and will be joining the military following graduation. Ms. Balason also reported that NOCTI testing will take place during the last week of April. Additionally, several Beattie students attended the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy reported that October 11, 2026 will be the annual HAEE 5k Run/Walk. Additionally, the HAEE Board will be discussing the grant for the HMS Outdoor Recreation project, and further information will be shared following the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Loughead highlighted student accomplishments in athletics, the arts, and academics, noting several great achievements both individually and as a team. He also expressed great pride in HHS students and the success of Talbot Thon, emphasizing that it is student-led and student-run, and that they exceeded their $30,000 fundraising goal to donate to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Dr. Loughead said the most important thing is that students go out into the world and make a difference, and the impact this event had, and its success, speak to how wonderful and committed our students are.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7pm in the Hampton Middle School Library.

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