



Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY MAY 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Jill Hamlin

Matt Jarrell

Denise Balason

Jenny Kennedy

Joy Midgley

Maureen Perkins

Robert Shages

Jason Hobbes

Larry Vasko

Dr. Michael Loughhead

Dr. Rebecca Cunningham

Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik

President

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Assistant Superintendent

OVERVIEW

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The Board met on May 4 for a Work Session Meeting and on May 11 for a Voting Meeting. The Board engaged in a presentation from Hampton Odyssey of the Mind students, passed the Proposed Final Budget for the 2026-2027 school year, and approved a multi-year student transportation contract with Monark Student Transportation.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Council Representatives

Student Council Representatives Teagan Turcsanyi & Lily Mucsinski provided an update. Seniors are wrapping up their last few days of high school and completing finals. About 75% of this year's senior class will attend a 4-year college. AP and Keystone testing will take place throughout the month. FBLA and the Band trips went well. They also gave an update on spring sports and their successful seasons thus far. Prom also went very well, and seniors are looking forward to their end-of-year celebrations.

Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind parents gave a presentation on their club's work this year and their successes. Students from all grade levels are able to participate and work together over a series of weeks to solve six different problems. There were 16 teams from Hampton in the Western PA Tournament, competing with over 100 teams in the region. Hampton's team had the third-highest participation in the state tournament. Ten of their 16 teams placed in the tournament. The teams are divided into their respective age groups, and are faced with various problems and challenges, including creating a several-minute skit, an epic poem, or solving a technical problem. Both Wyland and Central OOTM teams placed 1st in their age group, and HHS student Teagan Turcsanyi was gifted a scholarship. Board members had the opportunity to see the students' props and creations interactively.

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

Elementary Instructional Coach Update

Dr. Removcik and Dr. Cable presented an update based on survey results from the instructional coaches and faculty. Teachers widely reported that the instructional coaches enhance their lesson planning, instructional practices, and student engagement, as well as amplify the Portrait of a Talbot competencies. Dr. Cable provided anecdotal evidence that teachers appreciate the instructional coaches and their role.

Public Comment

District parents expressed thoughts on the importance of student safety and awareness. An HMS seventh-grade student shared her desire for the school to implement more streamlined and accessible recycling bins and programs.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

President's Report

Jill Hamlin reported that the Board has held two executive sessions to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Treasurer's Report

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

- April 2026 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$4,294,068.61
- April 2026 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$26,654.93
- April 2026 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$161,180.67
- March 2026 Treasurer's Report
- March 2026 Student Activities Fund Report

Student Affairs

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

- Girls' Wrestling and Girls' Flag Football Team as District-sponsored sports recognized by WPIAL/PIAA beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
 - ▷ Mr. Gavlik, Athletic Director, presented to the Board for consideration these teams being formally adopted as school-sponsored sports for the 2026-2027 school year and included in the budget.
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Field Trip to the 2026 National FBLA Conference in San Antonio, Texas, June 29 - July 3, 2026, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$800 from the Academic Competition Fund.
- Speech and Debate Team Field Trip to the 2026 National Speech and Debate Tournament in Richmond, Virginia, June 14 to June 19, 2026, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$800 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:

- Revision of the 2026-2027 District Calendar to move the Friday, April 16, 2027, Professional Development Day to Monday, March 29, 2027.
 - ▷ Dr. Loughhead explained that the change is in response to many discussions with faculty and staff, and a professional development day on March 29 would better serve them.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

Finance

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

- 2026-2027 Consumable Supply Bids totaling \$177,111.66
- Approve the 2026-2027 A. W. Beattie Career Center Budget with the District's share as follows:
 - ▷ Capital Budget \$0
 - ▷ Operating Budget \$680,283
 - ▷ Debt Service \$119,529
 - ▷ Total \$799,812
- Proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood for auditing services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026-2030
- Senior Citizens Property Tax Rebate Resolution for 2026-2027
- Budget Transfer in the amount of \$1,600 as follows:
 - ▷ HHS; National Competition Student Travel \$1,600

The Board also approved in a 7-2 vote the 2026-2027 Proposed Final Budget, with revenues of \$68,815,385 and expenditures of \$68,815,385. Under this proposal, the real estate tax rate will increase from 23.92 mills to 24.75 mills; an increase of 0.83 mills or 3.47%.

Personnel

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

- Resignation of Ms. Kelley Schnur, who is resigning after one year with the District, effective May 1, 2026
- Resignation of Mx. Chandler White, who is resigning after four years with the District, effective May 1, 2026
- Ms. Maria Cima as a TPE Grade 7 Reading Teacher at Hampton Middle School, effective August 17, 2026
- Ms. Lara Sponsler as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Poff Elementary School, effective April 20, 2026
- Mrs. Christine Raimondi, who is retiring after 12 years with the District, effective August 4, 2026
- Mrs. Julie Haller, who is retiring after 24 years with the District, effective June 30, 2026
- Change in status for Mrs. Jamie Gynn, moving from a Paraprofessional Class I at Wyland Elementary School to a Paraprofessional Class II at Wyland Elementary School, effective August 17, 2026
- Extended School Year Teachers – Emmalene Hodil and Amanda Filutze
- Extended School Year Paraeducator – Brooke Feldkircher
- Ms. Heather Paxton as the Extended School Year Health Office Nurse
- Substitute Paraeducators and Paraprofessionals
 - ▷ Claudine Kabagambe, effective May 6, 2026
 - ▷ Cristin Pryblo, effective May 6, 2026
 - ▷ Brooke Feldkircher, effective May 11, 2026
 - ▷ Alana Steuernagel, effective May 11, 2026
- Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hampton Township School District and the Hampton Custodial Employees Association, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

Technology

Jason Hobbes stated there was no Technology report this month. However, Dr. Ed McKaveney, Director of Technology, provided an update on the potential adoption of using MacBook Neos for students in grades 6-9, replacing the current Chromebooks.

Policy/Legislative Affairs

Robert Shages presented the following Policy/Legislative Affairs action items that was unanimously approved by the Board:

- ▷ Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #619: *District Audit*

Transportation

Jenny Kennedy presented the following Transportation action item, which was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Monark Student Transportation for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2033

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason reported about three upcoming end-of-year events, including Senior Breakfast & Lunch, Beattie's Annual Picnic on May 21, and the Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 27 at the North Hills Stadium.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy shared that HAEE approved the HMS grant for an outdoor project that will be available for teachers and students to enjoy and use; the project will be installed over the summer. She also reminded everyone that October 11, 2026 will be the date of the HAEE 5K Run/Walk, and the t-shirt design contest is currently underway.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Loughead began his report by expressing gratitude for the community's support during last week's Portrait of a Talbot: Exhibition of Learning event as part of Remake Learning Days. He added that the community also sends support to Hampton's FBLA and Speech & Debate students competing in national competitions. Dr. Loughead also congratulated the musical theater students on their receiving two Gene Kelly nominations for

Outstanding Costume Design and Nathan Connelly for Outstanding Supporting Actor. He added how much effort goes into these productions, and the students are dedicated and extremely involved. Dr. Loughead provided an update on athletic successes and playoff appearances, emphasizing that Hampton students are well-rounded and often involved in multiple extracurricular areas.



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7pm in the Hampton Middle School Library.

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