



Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY JUNE 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

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Superintendent

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Assistant Superintendent

OVERVIEW

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The Board met on June 1 for a Work Session Meeting and on June 8 and 22 for Voting Meetings. The Board provided a safety committee update, approved HHS and HMS student handbooks, approved resignations, changes, and tenure status for various staff and faculty members, approved the adoption of a Centegix wearable staff emergency alert system, and approved the 2026-2027 Final Budget. The special meeting held on June 22 was for various facilities, finance, and personnel updates including the hiring of an Elementary Safety Coordinator.

PRESENTATIONS

School Board Safety Committee Update

At the June 8 work session, Mr. Matt Jarrell shared a summary of the full report on safety and security that the committee has completed. He reiterated the Board and school's top commitment to student safety and their ongoing work to research, study, interview, and improve safety and security measures consistently. Highlights of that report include details about the work they have conducted over the past months: meeting with legal personnel, meeting with township leaders, attaining and reviewing safety reports, meeting with regional school districts, researching and discussing their security measures, consulting with safety and security providers and organizations, and meeting frequently to discuss their research and recommendations. Reports and recommendations from the safety review are in the full report. This report covers all aspects of student safety, including mental health and physical security. The full report, which details their research, recommendations, and proposed changes, is published and available [here](#).

Wearable Staff Emergency Alert System

Dr. Loughhead and a Centegix Representative, John Vetter, presented the proposed wearable staff emergency alert system to enhance student safety. The wearable devices allow school personnel to press a button and communicate immediately with school staff about potential emergencies or other urgent alerts (medical, etc.). Many districts in PA have successfully adopted the system. The devices utilize a private network rather than school wifi and greatly

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

improve communication throughout the school building in the event of an emergency. Designated responders and administrators utilize a secure application to see who is responding to the communicated emergency. The devices also send an alert to school staff when a school or district-wide lockdown is initiated and then immediately notify 911, our SRO, Township Police and first responders. Mr. Vetter was also able to answer questions from community members, School Board members, and administrators about cost, accessibility, and reliability.

Public Comment

Several HTSD parents and community members shared their thoughts on the district's safety plans and updates, including a parent stressing their concerns about making budget adjustments that could potentially impact art and extracurricular funding. Another district parent shared their support and recommendation for Chris Arther, a candidate for the HHS Swim coaching position. HHS football parents and students shared their desire for improved Fridley Field House and athletic facilities conditions.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

President's Report

Jill Hamlin reported that the Board has held one executive session to discuss legal, safety, and personnel matters.

Treasurer's Report

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

- April 2026 Student Activities Fund Report
- May 2026 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$4,999,742.88
- May 2026 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$37,969.29
- May 2026 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$18,636.06
- April 2026 Treasurer's Report

Student Affairs

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

- Approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbooks for Hampton High School and Hampton Middle School
 - ▷ Dr. Cunningham thanked the HHS and HMS principals and assistant principals for their work in making improvements and policy and language adjustments to the handbooks to ensure they are most up to date and accurate.
- Hampton High School FBLA Job Shadow Field Trip to San Francisco, California, April 6, 2027, to April 11, 2027, at no cost to the District
 - ▷ Dr. Cunningham explained that students will be missing three days of school for the event and will complete job shadowing and touring Stanford University.
- Hampton High School Marching Band Field Trip to the Bands of America (BOA) Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition, at the University of Delaware, in Newark, Delaware, October 17 and 18, 2026, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,500
 - ▷ Dr. Cunningham said the funding is a transfer of funds and not an additional cost to the district.

Facilities

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

- Award the Wyland Elementary Site Improvement project to Meyer Excavating Inc for the base bid amount of \$285,927

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- Adoption of Centegix Wearable Staff Emergency Alert System
- Contract between HTSD and Kennedy Homes, Custom Contractors for work at Fridley Field House

Educational Programs

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

- 2026-2027 Textbook Adoption
 - ▷ Dr. Removcik explained that after review, they will formally adopt two of the three previously proposed textbook purchasing:
 - AP Business with Personal Finance - Business with Personal Finance for the AP Course (BFW Publishers, 2026)
 - AP Human Geography - Human Geography, A Spatial Perspective, AP Edition (Cengage Learning, 2026)

Finance

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

- Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage with UPMC through the Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$111,084, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027
 - ▷ Jeffrey Kline added that the estimated premium for 2025-2026 was \$112,350. The District operates an annually certified Safety Committee. By having this certified committee, the District receives a 5% discount on the annual WC premium. The annual savings are over \$5,000 per year.
- 2026-2027 District insurance coverage through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027
- 2026-2027 Student Accident Insurance coverage, with Zurich through the Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., for \$11,076, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027
 - ▷ There is no increase from the current policy.
- 2026-2027 Non-Resident Tuition Rates
- Payment of June and July 2026 invoices, which will be ratified at the August 10, 2026 Voting Meeting
- 2026-2027 Final Budget
 - ▷ Revenues of \$68,872,292, expenditures of \$68,872,292. 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%.
- 2026-2027 Homestead/Farmstead Resolution for the distribution of state gaming funds
- Nomination and Election of Mr. Robert Shages as Treasurer for the 2026-2027
- Resolution urging the Allegheny County Council to mandate and implement a system of regular, periodic property tax reassessment

Personnel

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

- Resignation of Mrs. Lauren Clark, who is resigning after three years with the District, effective June 9, 2026
- Resignation of Mr. Kurt Neumaier, effective June 9, 2026
- Resignation of Ms. Eve Krysa, who is resigning after four years with the District, effective June 8, 2026

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- Resignation of Mrs. Samantha Larkin, who is retiring after 10 years with the District, effective June 8, 2026
- Resignation of Ms. Angela Scullo, who is resigning after five years with the District, effective June 9, 2026
- Mr. Connor Green as a Professional Social Studies Teacher at Hampton High School, effective August 17, 2026
- Mr. Joshua Jenness as a TPE Grade 8 English Language Arts Teacher at Hampton Middle School, effective August 17, 2026
- Mr. Brady Palmer as a TPE Grade 6 Science Teacher at Hampton Middle School, effective August 17, 2026
- Ms. Lisa Sturgill as a TPE .60 Math Teacher and a .40 Math Academic Support Teacher at Hampton High School, effective August 17, 2026
- Mrs. Ana Perez De Hughes as a .50 World Language (Spanish) Teacher at Hampton High School, effective August 17, 2026
- Ms. Francesca Deiullis as an Elementary Teacher at an elementary building TBD, effective August 17, 2026
- Mr. James Miller as the Elementary Safety Coordinator, based at Wyland Elementary School, effective August 11, 2026
 - ▷ Dr. Loughead clarified that while his office will be at Wyland, Mr. Miller will be working throughout all three elementary schools
- Mrs. Renee Neal as the Administrative Assistant to the Principal at Poff Elementary School effective July 1, 2026
- Mrs. Melissa Deah as a Paraprofessional at Wyland Elementary School, effective August 17, 2026
- Ms. Ereanna Highbee as an Elementary Teacher as an Elementary Teacher at an elementary building TBD, effective August 17, 2026
- Mr. James Bernick as a .80 TPE Health and Physical Education Teacher and .20 Building Substitute Teacher at Wyland Elementary School, effective August 17, 2026
- Mr. Cooper Sluka as a Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher at Hampton Middle School, effective August 17, 2026 through approximately December 22, 2026
- Ms. Lisa Glaser as a Paraprofessional (Class I) at Central Elementary School, effective May 19, 2026
- Ms. Patricia Kathryn Owens' request for a Professional Development Sabbatical for the 2027-2028 School Year, returning to the District for the start of the 2028-2029 school year.
- The following professional employees who have attained tenure status effective June 8, 2026:
 - ▷ Kaitlyn Bucaro, Elementary School Teacher
 - ▷ Lauren Clark, Middle School Teacher
 - ▷ Ellen Giarrusso, Elementary School Counselor
 - ▷ Emmalene Hodil, Special Education Teacher
 - ▷ Elena Liberto, Special Education Teacher
 - ▷ Jenna Rosenfeld, Middle School Teacher
 - ▷ Katie Spence, Elementary School Teacher
- Various supplemental contracts
- A 3.5% salary increase for the Technology Technicians for the 2026-2027 school year
- A 3.5% salary increase for the Health Office Nurses for the 2026-2027 school year
- A 3.5% salary increase for the Safety & Security Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year
- A 3.5% salary increase for the Executive Assistants for the 2026-2027 school year

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- Compensation Agreements with HTSD Technology Staff and Executive Assistants
- Approval of the Elementary Safety Coordinator job description
- Mrs. Hannah Krasnow as the Club Sponsor for the Hometown High-Q Club and Mrs. Elizabeth Morris as a Co-Sponsor for the Creative Writing Club 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:

- First Reading of Policy #423: *Tobacco and Vaping Products*
- First Reading of Policy #523: *Tobacco and Vaping Products*
- First Reading of Policy #716: *Integrated Pest Management*

Transportation

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

- 2026 Summer Transportation schools and carriers
- Proposal from HopSkipDrive, Inc. for alternative student transportation services effective June 22, 2026, through June 22, 2027

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason reported that A.W. Beattie concluded a successful year and the graduation ceremony went very well, with several Hampton students receiving awards. Larry Vasko added that they will be conducting interviews to find a replacement for their School Resource Officer.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy reminded everyone that October 11, 2026 is the annual 5K race. She added that an additional grant request has been submitted, and HAEE is working with Dr. Cunningham to review that request.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Loughhead began his report by congratulating the Class of 2026 and expressing pride for the student speakers at the graduation ceremony, where they notably spoke about the Portrait of a Talbot and used it to highlight our students' success. He also recognized the Boys Lacrosse team, who

made it to the state championship playoffs and played very well, giving the boys and their coaches kudos. Dr. Loughhead also recognized the success of all our spring sports and their fantastic seasons.



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7pm in the Hampton Middle School Library.

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