



Hampton Township School Board Meetings

MONTHLY SUMMARY OCTOBER 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Jill Hamlin
Matt Jarrell
Denise Balason
Jenny Kennedy
Joy Midgley
Maureen Perkins
Robert Shages
Jason Hobbes
Larry Vasko
Dr. Jeff Hadley
Dr. Rebecca Cunningham
Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik
Mr. Jeffrey Kline

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Personnel/Board Secretary
Transportation
Facilities
Educational Programs
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Technology
Finance
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Assistant Superintendent
Director of Administrative Services

OVERVIEW

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[OCT. 5](#)

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The Board met on October 5 for a Work Session Meeting and on October 13 for a Voting Meeting. The Board adopted three policy revisions and a new policy, recognized Board members for their years of service, and discussed a club pilot at Hampton High School.

PRESENTATIONS

PSBA Board Service Recognition

Antonio Paris, W-3 Sectional Advisor with the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA), recognized Mr. Lawrence Vasko for 25 years of service and Ms. Denise Balason for 15 years of service as School Board Directors. He acknowledged that serving on a School Board is a massive responsibility, and commended their dedication and commitment to Hampton's students, educators, staff, and community.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

President's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

- September 2026 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$17,017,932.77
- September 2026 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$46,873.81
- September 2026 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$135,359.13

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- August 2026 Treasurer's Report
- August 2026 Student Activities Fund Report

Student Affairs

Matt Jarrell presented the following action item, which was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Hampton High School Club Pilot: Machine Learning and Data Science Club.
 - ▷ Dr. Cunningham shared that she was excited to receive this club proposal. She explained that the club will support students' learning about data science, specifically through the lens of rapidly developing AI, and will allow industry professionals to interact with high school club members. She added that a number of students have already expressed interest. If the club pilot is successful this year, they will likely have it as a fully developed club next school year.

Finance

Larry Vasko presented a local tax revenue update, which shows a positive trend, as well as the following action items, which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Budget Transfer totaling \$500 for the Principal dues at Wyland

Additionally, Mr. Jeff Kline provided several finance updates:

- 2026-2027 Allegheny County Millage Rate Comparison
 - ▷ Mr. Kline presented a ten-year history and comparison of county millage across Hampton's peers. He explained that they are the 16th lowest millage rate out of 42 schools, and continue to rank below the average across the county. The district has a favorable millage rate (21.99) in relation to the county average (18.77).
- 2027-2028 Act 1 Adjusted Index & History
 - ▷ Mr. Kline shared that the Act 1 Index was announced in August, and Hampton's base and adjusted index have been the same throughout the last 10 years. 3.6 Act 1 index would hold the district to a maximum millage rate increase of 0.89 mills.
- 2027-2028 Budget Calendar
 - ▷ Mr. Kline shared the budget calendar and highlighted the work sessions for the Board. The goal is to present the preliminary budget at the January 11th meeting, and the Board will vote at the January 18th meeting. In April, at the Special Board Meeting, Mr. Kline will present the proposed budget to be voted on, and the final proposed budget will be voted on in May, with the final budget voted on in June.

Personnel

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

- Paige Childs as a Building Substitute Teacher at Wyland Elementary School, effective September 30, 2026

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- Angelina Stern as a Casual Substitute Teacher, effective September 15, 2026
- Daisy Schurer as a Paraeducator (Class III) at Poff Elementary School, effective October 2, 2026
- Claudine Kabagambe as a Substitute Paraeducator on Long-Term Assignment at Central Elementary School, effective September 24, 2026 through approximately October 31, 2026
- Kenneth Garrison as a 10 month/8 hour custodian at Hampton Middle School, effective October 26, 2026
- Vincent Ambrose as the Certified Pool Operator for the District for the 2026-27 School Year
- Angelina Bowman as a Clerical Paraprofessional (Class II) at Hampton Middle School, effective October 5, 2026
- The following Paraprofessionals - 2 Hour (Class I):
 - ▷ Robyn Fleischmann at Central Elementary School
 - ▷ Tracy Walzer at Wyland Elementary School
 - ▷ Sharon Garvey at Central Elementary School
- Termination of Jamie McCaffrey, Paraprofessional - 2 Hour (Class I) at Central Elementary School, effective October 14, 2026
- Change in status for Mr. Jason Cannon, moving from a 10 month/8 hour Custodian at Central Elementary School to a 12 month/8 hour Custodian at Poff Elementary School, effective September 15, 2026. In addition, Mr. Cannon was awarded the night lead position at Poff Elementary School for the 2026-2027 School Year
- Change in status for Mr. Larry Van Buren, moving from a 10 month/8 hour Custodian at Hampton Middle School to a 12 month/8 hour Custodian at Hampton Middle School, effective September 15, 2026
- Change in status for Ms. Dana Dilley, moving from a 10 month/8 hour Custodian at Hampton Middle School to a 12 month/8 hour Custodian at Wyland Elementary School, effective September 15, 2026
- Vincent Ambrose as the Certified Public Pesticide Applicator for the District for the 2026-27 School Year
- Club Sponsors for the Middle School and the High School for the 2026-2027 school year
- Kenneth Garrison as a 10 month/8 hour custodian at Hampton Middle School, effective October 26, 2026
- Vincent Ambrose as the Certified Pool Operator for the District for the 2026-27 School Year

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 #204.1: *Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks*
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #249: *Bullying/Cyberbullying*
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #803: *School Calendar*
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #822: *AED/CPR*
- First Reading of Policy #203: *Immunizations and Communicable Diseases*
 - ▷ This policy is being updated from 2004 in light of the current measles outbreak moving across the state. In the first reading of the policy, Dr. Cunningham included more explanations and specificities in the policy, with the goal of helping parents understand the district's responsibility for student well-being as well as more clarity for homeschooled students and those who are experiencing homelessness.
- First Reading of Policy #903: *Public Comment in Board Meetings*
 - ▷ The update provides clarifications for processes that the Board follows to ensure public comment sessions run smoothly.

LIAISON REPORTS

Student Council Representative Report

Thi Malesky, newly appointed as a Student Body School Board Liaison, introduced herself to the Board and expressed gratitude for the role. She said the year has been off to a great start, and fall sports have been having successful seasons. She specifically highlighted the boys' soccer team, who currently have a 9-2 record, and the high school marching band's success. Malesky explained that they have been performing a technically difficult show this year, but also their best show. They have the upcoming Bands of America competition in the middle of the month and are looking forward to it. The high school's 2026 fall play, *Elsewhere*, is in rehearsals and one month away. She added that the homecoming celebrations went extremely well, and congratulated Logan Brady on being crowned Homecoming King, and shared gratitude that she was crowned Homecoming Queen. Saturday's Homecoming Dance had 564 students in attendance and went very well. A big announcement for high school Student Council is their decision to shift Talbot Thon from a single-day event to a multi-day celebration, adapting a tournament model. She concluded her report with a reminder that the end of the first nine weeks is approaching and students will be taking the digital PSATs soon.

LIAISON REPORTS (CONT'D)

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason recognized the student leaders from Hampton who attend Beattie. She also reminded everyone that Thanksgiving dinners “to go” are on sale, and Beattie is accepting up to 80 orders. She also noted that Beattie’s overall student enrollment has been lower over the last two years.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy began her report by thanking everyone who attended the HAEE 5K Race. 308 people registered for the event, and despite the very rainy weather, there were still a lot of successes. Next week, HAEE will announce the Alliance Cup. HMS’s Outdoor Recreation project continues to make progress. She concluded her report by noting that they will have a more detailed overview of finance at their next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT



Dr. Hadley began his report by expressing how much he enjoys the beginning of the school year and the fall season as sports ramp up their seasons, the Friday night football games with the band and the cheerleaders, Open Houses, and seeing parents involved with their children. He added that his first Hampton Homecoming weekend was a great experience, and he congratulated the eight new inductees into the Sports Hall of Fame, noting that he enjoyed hearing their personal stories. He shared appreciation for community members who attended and participated in the HAEE 5K, despite the rainy weather. Dr. Hadley commended HHS seniors Vivian Sattler and Connor Sutterlin on their accomplishment

as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. He explained that they were selected from an initial group of 1.2 million students, and now they will move on to the next stage to hopefully be selected as finalists. He also congratulated students at Beattie who have been recognized as exceptional leaders, as well as Hampton’s SkillsUSA officers; Rachel Kirsopp, Mason Nigel, and Dale Gibson. He recognized FCLA student officers for their representation of Hampton. He concluded his report by commending our student athletes and his pride in them all, shouting out the winning records of our football team, girls’ soccer, boys’ soccer, and our girls’ volleyball team.



NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 pm in the Hampton Middle School Library.

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