Hampton Township School Board Meetings
MONTHLY SUMMARY NOVEMBER 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. Jeff Hadley	**Superintendent**
Dr. Rebecca Cunningham	**Assistant Superintendent**
Dr. Jacquelyn Removcik	**Assistant Superintendent**
Jeffrey Kline	**Director of Administrative Services**

OVERVIEW

Meeting Links:
Nov. 2
Nov. 9

The Board met on November 2 for a Work Session Meeting and on November 9 for a Voting Meeting. The Board engaged in a presentation from Poff Elementary School Principal, Dr. Joshua Cable, on the elementary students' work with Portrait of a Talbot; discussed and approved several policy updates; and discussed and approved the implementation of Phase I for Transfinder, an upgraded routing software for District student transportation.

PRESENTATIONS

Poff Elementary School Portrait of a Talbot Update

Dr. Joshua Cable, Poff Elementary School Principal, presented an update on the school's work with Portrait of a Talbot. His report was given in three stages: awareness, recognition and development, and student application. He gave credit to the Portrait Puppies, which have been successful across all elementary schools and allow students an accessible way to understand each competency and what it represents. Students are identifying the competencies in the characters of their weekly stories, student-led announcements, and classroom morning meetings, all of which share a common language and understanding through the Portrait lens. For recognition and development, he discussed the amazing work of the teachers for their implementation of these skills into their classrooms. He noted that it is not just seen as an "extra" step; instead, it is seamlessly integrated into everyday learning, with a through-line between the curriculum and the Portrait skills that complement it. For example, students working on group projects are understanding how each student brings a unique perspective and how that requires collaboration, and students who struggle to immediately understand recognize their own perseverance. Dr. Cable also noted that special area teachers are intentional about incorporating the competencies and using the common language in their lessons as well. Students are applying what they have learned in tangible ways and growing their own self-awareness of which "puppy" matches their strengths and which ones they need to work on. Teachers are also giving students opportunities to self-reflect on their work through journaling,

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

design challenges, presentations, interviews, curiosity quests, and written portfolios. Students are actively working on designing and painting dog houses for the portrait puppies based on their own interpretation of their traits, which will be displayed at Poff and voted on by students. Dr. Cable then asked the Board to partake in the same activity and lesson elementary students do that connects the Portrait of a Talbot competencies and skills and how they can be applied in learning.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

President's Report

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

Solicitor's Report

Jessica Crown shared that she distributed a memo to the Board regarding updates to the Sunshine Law recently passed at the state level.

Treasurer's Report

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

- October 2026 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling $4,586,241.71
- October 2026 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling $101,888.17
- October 2026 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling $177,908.42
- September 2026 Treasurer's Report
- September 2026 Student Activities Fund Report

Facilities

Joy Midgley presented the following action item, which was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Proposal from Bureau Veritas for a Facility Condition Assessment with Equipment Inventory and AssetCALC6
  - ▷ Mr. Kline explained that this assessment will help plan and prioritize future capital projects, noting that the district has not completed a full study in several years. Dr. Hadley also shared his own positive experience with this specific company, noting that in addition to their report, they also submit a full database, which is a beneficial tool for the district's project planning.

Finance

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

- 2027-2028 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Agreement and Resolution
- Proposal from Asset Control Solutions for districtwide GASB 34 Fixed Asset Inventory
  - ▷ Mr. Kline noted that they will also create a database for the district following their inventory

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

Personnel

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

- Resignation of Jacob Kosky, an HMS Building Substitute Teacher, who is resigning effective October 23, 2026
- Resignation of Mary Massimino, an HHS Paraeducator, who is resigning after three years with the District effective November 25, 2026
- Change in status for Samantha Schnitgen, moving from a Building Substitute Teacher at Central Elementary School to a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Grade 2, at Wyland Elementary School, from approximately November 18, 2026, to the end of the 2026-2027 School Year
- Mentors for the 2026-2027 School Year:
  - Megan Walker
  - Shanan Wilson
- Change in status for Timothy Rieger, moving from a 10 month/5 hour Custodian at Hampton High School to a 10 month/8 hour Custodian at Central Elementary School, effective September 28, 2026
- Rachel Stephany as a Building Substitute Teacher at Central Elementary School, effective November 30, 2026 through approximately December 15, 2026; a Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher at Central Elementary School from approximately December 16, 2026 through approximately April 8, 2027; and a Building Substitute at Central Elementary School, from approximately April 9, 2027 through the end of the 2026-2027 School Year
- Shelly Barr as a 10 month/5 hour custodian at Hampton High School, effective November 3, 2026
- Chaze Maslanka as a 10 month/8 hour custodian at Hampton Middle School, effective November 3, 2026
- Club Sponsors for the Elementary Schools and one additional High School Club Sponsor for the 2026-2027 School Year
  - Central:
    - Growing Together Club, Melissa Maley & Melissa Evans
    - Kids Care Club, Melissa Maley & Shanna Struble
    - Talbot Time (Homework Club), Samantha Schnitgen, Francesa Deiuliis, Brianna Towers
  - Poff:
    - Homework Club, Nicole Babka
    - Poff Kids Care Club, Ereanna Higbee, Lauren Kennelly, Ellen Giarrusso
  - Wyland:
    - Pawsitive Helping Hands, Amy Kinney
    - Garden Club, Diane Snyder
    - Growing Together Club, Patricia Pozza and Wendi Hunter

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

- ▷ Hampton High School:
  - ■ Armed Forces Club, Connor Green
- Winter supplemental contracts

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 #203: *Immunizations and Communicable Diseases*
- Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #903: *Public Comment in Board Meetings*
- First Reading of Policy #102: *Academic Standards*
- First Reading of Policy #105: *Curriculum Development*
- First Reading of Policy #209: *Health Examinations and Screenings*
- First Reading of Policy #246: *School Wellness*

Transportation

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

- Transfinder Proposal Phase I
  - ▷ Mr. Kline shared the Transfinder implementation timeline and noted that they are just proposing the first phase, which is essentially an upgraded student transportation and routing software, before looking to Phase II, which would be a pilot program using the app. He noted that they intend to approach this process intentionally and thoroughly with the hope of implementing Phase II in May of next year.

LIAISON REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Report

Denise Balason reported that Thanksgiving to-go orders are still being taken until they hit 80 total orders, or through next week. Additionally, their next Board meeting will take place next week.

Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence Report

Jenny Kennedy began her report by reminding everyone that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in celebration of the HMS outdoor recreation area will be on November 18th at 11:30am. She also noted that the annual Heart of Hampton Awards will once again occur in March at the Wildwood Country Club. More information will be available soon. She concluded her report by sharing that there are currently three grants under review and they will be discussed at the HAEE Board's upcoming meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hadley began his report by congratulating the fall sports teams on their seasons, many of which made it to championships and had winning seasons. He also recognized Cross Country runners Rebekah Hall, who placed 16th individually at the PIAA Championships, and Josh Wukitch, who placed 10th individually. In the season of thanks, Dr. Hadley expressed his gratitude to the community for a great first quarter, noting he is glad to be part of this district community. He specifically noted his appreciation for his regular interactions with students, staff, and faculty, especially the students who approach and recognize him and extend a kind greeting, both inside and outside of school. He continued his report by acknowledging the arts in our schools, thanking students and teachers for their hard work and dedication throughout the first quarter. He commended the marching band for their extensive work throughout the fall and their successful season. Dr. Hadley also shared that he had the chance to attend and was blown away by the student talent on display during HHS's fall play "Elsewhere." He recognized the hard work of the Drama Club leaders and teachers, as well as the student directors, Lordyn Schomaeker and Rachel Kirsopp. He reminded everyone to also see a showcase of student talent at the middle school's fall musical, "Matilda Jr." Performances are on November 19, 20, and 21 in the middle school auditorium. He concluded his report by recognizing Veterans Day and the veterans in our community and beyond for their service. Dr. Hadley shared he feels honored to be part of the Hampton Heroes celebration that will take place on Tuesday, November 10th, where seven local veterans will be inducted. He commended the work of everyone involved, including the elementary students, and especially Wyland Elementary, for their part in the celebration as hosts. Lastly, Dr. Hadley wished the Board and district community a Happy Thanksgiving.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 pm in the Hampton Middle School Library.

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