



# BOARD ~ NOTES

## A Summary of the Hampton Township School Board Meeting

Hampton Township School District

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### School Board Adopts Preliminary Budget

The Hampton Township School Board adopted a \$42.9 million preliminary budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 at its February 14 meeting, which is a very lean budget, but one that continues to provide a quality education to District students.

The Board started the budget process earlier than usual this year, due to its need to request an exception under Act 1. School Districts that adopt preliminary budgets with real estate tax increases that exceed their adjusted index levels are able to request exceptions. PSERS retirement contributions are on the list of reasons that allow school districts to apply for the exception, which is the reason Hampton Township School District is applying for an exception.

The preliminary budget projects revenue to be \$41.9 million, with expenditures at \$42.9 million. Mr. Jeff Kline, Director of Administrative Services, indicated that the \$994,854 shortfall will be covered by using \$152,229 from the fund balance; \$67,725 from its PSERS designated fund balance; and a proposed tax increase of 0.63 mills.

If the millage is increased by 0.63 mills, it will raise the District's millage rate to 21.51 mills from its current 20.88.

Mr. Kline stressed that the District still does not have figures for state funding, which aren't expected until March. Once the District has those figures, it will better know whether the 0.63 millage increase is necessary.

Mr. David Gurwin, Board president, reminded those in attendance at the meeting that the District has worked hard to avoid tax increases over the years. "I would like everyone to keep in mind this is a very preliminary budget," he said. "It's the earliest preliminary budget we've ever done." Mr. Gurwin also explained that the Board worked very diligently on the budget in order to balance student needs with taxpayer needs.

The preliminary budget is available for review on the District website at [ht-sd.org/District/AdministrativeOffices/AdministrationOffice](http://ht-sd.org/District/AdministrativeOffices/AdministrationOffice).



### Teacher Recognition . . .

High School Enrichment Facilitator, Mary Lou Ellena-Wygonik, was recognized by the Board for her extra effort with students.

"Ms. Ellena-Wygonik works tirelessly on behalf of our students and has developed numerous creative projects that provide our students with amazing opportunities that are not typically available to high school students," said Board member, Mrs. Gail Litwiler.



### 2011-2012 School Calendar Approved

School Board members unanimously approved the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar, which includes the addition of one instructional day for students. Board members chose between two options for the calendar. The Board also opted to change December 23 from a half day to a full day of instruction for students. Students will begin school on Aug. 25 and the last day for students will be June 7. The weeklong Spring Break will continue in the 2011-2012 School Year.

### Policy/Legislative Affairs

The Board approved the first reading for three policies, including revisions to existing policies No. 250 - Student Recruitment and No. 907 - School Visitors, and new policy No. 200 - Enrollment of Students. Board members also approved a resolution voicing their opposition to a proposed school voucher program. Senate Bill 1 – known as the Opportunity Scholarship and Educational Improvement Tax Credit Act – would allow children of low-income families to use public school funds to opt to attend private schools. Mr. Robert Shages, Policy Chairman, said many school districts are passing similar resolutions. Superintendent Dr. John Hoover urged parents to write to or call their state representatives to voice their opposition to this proposed plan.



### Transportation

Board members approved a contract with W. L. Roenigk to transport one student from Eden Christian Academy to Central Elementary School, effective January 25, 2011, at a cost of \$41.65 per day. The route will be run one or two days each week.

All agenda items, unless otherwise indicated in **Board Notes**, were approved as listed on the agenda. Full agendas can be found on the District website at [htsd.org/District/School Board/Meeting Agendas](http://htsd.org/District/School Board/Meeting Agendas).

### Facilities Report

School Board members approved four items under the Facilities Agenda, including the authorization for Gateway Engineers to advertise for bids for the High School Field Renovation Project.

Board members discussed the need for the renovations at the February 7 Work Session. Safety issues with the field have been cause for concern for Administration and the Board, and the renovations will remedy those issues.

Board members approved Option B for the field, which includes fencing around the baseball field, as well as proper grading and drainage.

Other facilities-related items include:

- Approval for Gateway Engineers to advertise for bids for the High School Field Renovation Project – Option B – and an alternate bid for the Totem Pole Field , subject to concurrence by the solicitor and Administration;
- Approval for the Gateway Engineers Proposal for engineering services for the High School Field Project, subject to review by the solicitor and Administration; and
- Approval for a change order in the amount of \$2,121.26 to Lugaila Mechanical for work on the Central Elementary School HVAC project.

## Personnel

### Under the personnel report, Board members took the following action:

- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Abigale May, who resigned effective January 27, 2011. Ms. May was a Long-Term Substitute Academic Support Teacher at Hampton High School;
- Approved Ms. Kelly Krahe, moving from a Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher at Hampton Middle School, to a Building Substitute at Hampton Middle School, effective January 17, 2011. Salary is \$19,500, pro-rated;
- Approved a correction in starting date for Ms. Megan Heilman, from January 19, 2011 to January 17, 2011. (Ms. Heilman is the long-term substitute Grade 5 Teacher at Poff Elementary School replacing Mr. Joe Brasile's position);
- Approved a correction in starting date for Ms. Alisha Coulter, from January 19, 2011 to January 20, 2011. (Ms. Coulter is a Building Substitute at Hampton High School);
- Approved Ms. Bethany Thiel, moving from a Class 1-D Paraprofessional, to a Long-Term Substitute for Mrs. Pegi Neumont-Ament, effective February 7, 2011 through the remainder of the 2010-2011 School Year. Salary is \$25,500 (Bachelor's), pro-rated. Mrs. Neumont-Ament is a Special Education Teacher at Hampton Middle School;
- Approved a change in salary for Mrs. Lisa DeKort, as a 1-B Paraprofessional at Hampton High School, effective January 17, 2011, from Step-1 Salary to Step-2- \$12.79 per-hour for the 60-day probationary period and \$13.04 per-hour thereafter;
- Approved a transfer for Mrs. Maureen Weinheimer to a Class IV – Guidance Office Secretary at Hampton Middle School, effective February 10, 2011;
- Approved Ms. Renee Perez, as a Class V, Secretary to the Middle School Principal, effective February 8, 2011. Salary is \$17.37 (Step 2) for the 60-day probationary period, and \$17.62 per-hour thereafter;
- Approved the following as Substitute Secretaries/Paraprofessionals for the District: Lindsay Poveromo – effective January 10, 2011; Kathryn Ackerman – effective January 11, 2011;
- Approved Mr. John Booher, as a Long-Term Substitute Assistant Principal at Hampton Middle School, from February 7, 2011 through the remainder of the 2010-2011 School Year. Salary is \$400 per day, with no benefits; and
- Approved the following supplemental coaching positions for 2011:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>TOTAL STIPEND</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
Matt Torrence	Head Baseball Coach	43	\$4,859	35/47
Mike Dukovich	Assistant Baseball Coach	38	\$4,294	30/38
Jeff Yukevich	JV Baseball Coach	38	\$4,294	30/38
Kellen Wheeler	JV Assistant Baseball Coach	32	\$3,616	24/32
Jack Sabina	Freshman Baseball Coach	32	\$3,616	24/32
Mike Reinert	Volunteer Baseball Coach			
Steve Swierczynski	Volunteer Baseball Coach			
Jason Roos	Volunteer Baseball Coach			
Greg Edleman	Head Boys' Lacrosse Coach	31	\$3,503	23/31
Dan Perestock	Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Coach	18	\$2,034	16/20
Sam Happel	Volunteer Boys' Lacrosse Coach			
Randy Burns	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach			
Jeff Montgomery	Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach			
Kenneth Kemmer	Assist. Girls' Lacrosse Coach	20	\$2,260	16/30
Christina Scolieri	Volunteer Girls' Lacrosse Coach			
Ron Fedell	Head Softball Coach	47	\$5,311	35/47
Lynn Zdinak	Assistant Softball Coach	38	\$4,294	30/38
Amy Baumann	Jr. Varsity Softball Coach	38	\$4,294	30/38

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Gabrielle Berkopec	Jr. Varsity Assistant Softball Coach	32	\$3,616	24/32
Pete Scanga	Middle School Softball Coach	28	\$3,164	20/28
Maggie Burns	Volunteer Softball Coach			
Chelsea Hammond	Volunteer Softball Coach			
Derek Brinkley	Head Track Coach	53	\$5,989	41/53
Nick Panza	First Assistant Track Coach	33	\$3,729	29/37
Ron Gilson	Assistant "A" Track Coach	29	\$3,277	21/29
Chrystal Paris	Assistant "B" Track Coach	29	\$3,277	21/29
Steve Sciullo	Assistant "C" Track Coach	22	\$2,486	18/22
Abigale May	Assistant "D" Track Coach	20	\$2,260	16/20
Mary Bukovac	Middle School Head Track Coach	34	\$3,842	26/34
Dave Sheets	Middle School Assistant "A" Track Coach	19	\$2,147	15/19
Ryan Scott	Middle School Assistant "B" Track Coach	19	\$2,147	15/19
Chris Pollard	Middle School Assistant "C" Track Coach	19	\$2,147	15/19
Steve Ventura	Middle School Assistant "D" Track Coach	19	\$2,147	15/19
Grant McKinney	Head Boys' Tennis Coach	33	\$3,729	26/33

# Calendar of Events

**February 21: Presidents' Day Holiday - No School**

**February 28: Board Special Meeting - As Needed**

**March 7: Board Work Session Meeting, 7 p.m., MS  
Library**

**March 14: Board Voting Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MS Library**

**March 28: Key Communicators' Meeting, 1 p.m., Admin.  
Center**

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## Student and Staff Awards



The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee met on October 4, 2010 to review submitted applications for the 2009-2010 PIAA Sportsmanship Award. The application, submitted by Athletics Director Bill Cardone (pictured left) clearly demonstrates HTSD's effort to maintain good sportsmanship in every respect. HTSD was selected as one of five Western Pennsylvania schools to receive the 2009-2010 Sportsmanship Award. It is the second year in a row HTSD has won the award. Mr. Cardone was on hand at the February 14 meeting to receive recognition for the award.

A number of students also were recognized for their accomplishments during the February 14 Board meeting. Sarah Stadler, pictured right, was honored for becoming a published author. Miss Stadler wrote an essay about love, which appears in the book *This I Believe On Love*.

Students who contributed to the publication of the HHS After School Writers' Club latest book – Hampton Veterans

Remember – also were recognized. Students who contributed to the book were Madeline Adamczyk, Lauren Bujaky, Kelly Cavanaugh, Valentina Ceccarelli, Gretchen Dausch, Hanna Dausch, Garrett English, Alaina Flanagan, Laura Kelly, Nancy Kepner, Michael Koehler, Phillip Powell, Ally Rosenberger, Skylar Ruprecht, Aimee Tatr, Mary Pat Taylor and Luke Visnic.



Thirty-six Hampton Middle School students also were recognized by the Board for their selection to participate in the PMEA Junior District Band, Allegheny Valley Honors Band, and/or the Northern Area Honors Band. A complete listing of these students, along with the program in which they participated, will be available on the District website.

Three staff members also received tenure with Hampton Township School District, which was announced by Dr. Hoover during the Superintendent's Report. Those receiving tenure are: Lynn Stewing, special education teacher at Hampton High School; Shanan Wilson, Wyland Elementary School, grade 3 teacher; and Jay Thornton, school psychologist.

*Congratulations to our students and staff on a job well done!*

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