

The Board Report

March 5, 2018



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The Hampton Township Board of School Directors

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| Bryant Wesley II, Esq. | Board President |
| Mrs. Mary Alice Hennessey** | Board Vice President/Student Affairs Chair |
| Mr. Robert Shages** | Board Treasurer/Policy & Legislative Affairs Chair |
| Ms. Denise Balason | Board Secretary/Facilities Chair |
| Mrs. Pamela Lamagna | Personnel Chair |
| Mrs. Gail Litwiler | Educational Programs Chair |
| Mr. Lawrence Vasko | Finance Chair |
| Mr. Greg Stein | Technology Chair |
| Mrs. Jill Hamlin | Transportation Chair |

** Denotes members participating via teleconference call/video.

*Denotes members not in attendance.

Members of Administration in Attendance

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| Dr. Michael Loughead | Superintendent of Schools |
| Dr. Rebecca Cunningham | Assistant Superintendent of Schools |
| Mrs. Michelle Ambrose | Administrative Services Secretary |
| Ms. Shari Berg | Public Relations Consultant |
| Mr. Jeff Kline | Director of Administrative Services |
| Dr. Ed McKaveney | Technology Director |

Special Announcement

Mr. Wesley announced that next week, the District will be conducting a school safety presentation in conjunction with the regular board meeting. He indicated that this evening the Board will be taking action on several items which will give us additional time for the school safety presentation at the Board meeting on March 12.

Work Session Meeting

Education

There was no report this evening.

Facilities

There was no report this evening.

Policy and Legislative Affairs

Informational

Since the legislative meeting at the AIU was cancelled last month, Bob Shages is working with AIU representatives to generate a set of questions which will be sent to county legislators instead.

Technology

There was no report this evening.

Transportation

There was no report this evening.

Public Comment

The Board provides the opportunity for members of the public to address the Board about issues appearing on the agenda, as well as issues affecting the District. In accordance with Policy No. 903, individuals wishing to address the Board will be asked to state their name, address and group affiliation, if applicable. Mr. Wesley announced there would be a second public comment period following the meeting.

- There was no public comment.

Voting Meeting

Approval of Minutes/Treasurer's Report

Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the February 12, 2018 Board Voting meeting as presented.

Fund Disbursements/Treasurer's Report

The Board unanimously approved the following:

- February 2018 General Fund 10 Disbursements totaling \$3,526,940.87
- February 2018 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements totaling \$12,631.07
- February 2018 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements totaling \$106,034.10
- The January 2018 Treasurer's Report
- The January 2018 Student Activities Fund Report

Personnel Report

Action Items

RESIGNATIONS:

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Monique Mawhinney, who is resigning after 23 years with the District, effective April 2, 2018. (Dr. Mawhinney is the Director of Pupil Services for the District.)

Discussion: Mrs. Lamagna thanked Dr. Mawhinney for her many years of dedication and service to the Hampton Township School District and wished her the best of luck in her new position as Assistant Superintendent at the Highlands School District. The Board unanimously seconded Mrs. Lamagna's comments. Dr. Loughead said on behalf of the District Leadership team, that he wished her well and thanked her for her service. Mr. Shages asked if the District had moved to replace the position, and Dr. Loughead said the position would be filled swiftly since it is an important position within the District.

2. The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Holly Chrostowski, who is resigning after 9 years with the District, effective April 19, 2018. (Mrs. Chrostowski is a Speech Language Teacher at Wyland and Poff Elementary Schools.)

3. The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Schneider, who is retiring after 39 years with the District, effective June 30, 2018. (Mrs. Schneider is a Grade 3 Teacher at Central Elementary School.)

Discussion: Mrs. Lamagna thanked Mrs. Schneider for her many years of service. Mr. Stein noted that she is a wonderful teacher.

TEACHERS:

4. The Board approved Ms. Chloe Stanczak, as a Long-Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher at Central Elementary School, from February 28, 2018 through the remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year. Salary is \$30,500, pro-rated. (Ms. Stanczak is replacing Mrs. Dena Finnegan (Mrs. Julia Walls.)

5. The Board approved Mrs. Stacie Ball to continue as a Long-Term Substitute Physics Teacher at the High School, from March 7, 2018 through the remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year. Salary is \$30,500, pro-rated. (Mrs. Ball is continuing as a substitute for Ms. Kristen Grenda.)

OTHER:

6. The Board approved Ms. Shelby Sayer, as a School Psychologist Intern from Millersville University, for the 2018-2019 School Year, with a stipend not to exceed \$12,500, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 School Year.

SUPPLEMENTALS:

7. The Board approved the following Building/Coach Supplemental positions for the 2017-2018 School Year, at a rate of \$130 per point:

| Name | Position | Building | Points | Range | Total Stipend |
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| Jessica Schrom | Assistant MS Volleyball Coach | MS | 14 | 10/14 | \$1,820.00 |
| Ryan Galley | Volunteer - 7th & 8th Grade Baseball Coach | MS | | | |

Student Affairs Report

Action Items

1. The Board approved the HHS Forensics Team to attend the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Tournament, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg, PA, March 15-17, 2018 at a cost to the District not to exceed \$800.
2. The Board approved the HHS Boys' Varsity Tennis Team to attend the East/West Challenge: Clash In The City Tennis Tournament, Philadelphia, PA March 16-17, 2018. The students would be missing one day of school.

Student Representatives' Report

Student Representatives Anna Shumaker and Jessie McGinley informed the Board that the Student Council has been working on Mini-THON, which will be held from 3:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday, April 6. They were excited to report that this year food trucks will be participating for the first time. The food trucks are available for the entire community, and have agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds from the evening back to the Mini-THON. A Community Hour will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for families to come in and learn about the event. Special guest speakers will be featured during the community hour, including cancer survivors and those actively battling cancer. Jessie said there will be a lot of activities this year to keep the students who are participating in Mini-THON engaged for the entire time. Pasquale's is donating pizza for all of the students, and Buffalo Wild Wings is hosting a wing-eating contest. The students will be raffling off prize baskets as well. This is the fourth year for the Mini-THON. The students raised \$38,228.00 last year and are hoping to reach \$40,000 this year.

Finance Report

Action Items

1. The Board approved the District initiated appeals for 2018 real estate tax assessments based on property transactions in 2017 where the difference between the purchase price and the 2018 assessment reflects a lost revenue to the District in the amount of \$1,000 or more at the current 2017-2018 millage rate of 18.77 mills. Using this criteria, 92 of the 295 transactions will be appealed. Mr. Kline noted this is the same criteria the District has used for at least nine years in determining appeals.
2. The Board approved the 2018-2019 Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Services Agreement.

Local Tax Revenue Update

The revenues are updated through February 28 and Mr. Kline noted that local revenues are up 1.99% on a year-to-year basis. He noted that real estate collections and earned income taxes are exceeding the budgetary expectations. Delinquent real estate taxes continue to lag last year's collections; however, the gap is narrowing and he is hopeful that the budget amount can be met.

2008 Bond Refinancing Timeline

Mr. Kline referenced the 2008 bond refunding timeline and noted that the next major step is for Piper Jaffray to attend the April 2nd work session to present updated savings projections and for the District to set the refinancing parameters (minimum savings amount). Mr. Kline noted that he completed the Standard & Poors (S&P) rating conference call last week and that the S&P report should be issued in a week or two.

Informational

Beattie received a \$20,000 matching grant from the state for equipment purchases.

Closing Public Comment Period

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- Mark Farabaugh inquired about the format for next week's meeting. Mr. Wesley said the meeting will be held at the normal time of 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Middle School. If items occur that need to be addressed by the Board, that will occur at the start of the meeting. Otherwise, the meeting will center around the safety and security presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Wesley announced the Board would hold an executive session following the meeting for legal and personnel matters. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12 in the Dr. Harold Sarver Memorial Library, HMS.