

# The Board Report

*October 8, 2018*



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## ***The Hampton Township Board of School Directors***

**Bryant Wesley II, Esq.**

**Mrs. Mary Alice Hennessey\***

**Ms. Denise Balason**

**Mrs. Jill Hamlin**

**Mrs. Pamela Lamagna**

**Mrs. Gail Litwiler**

**Mr. Robert Shages**

**Mr. Greg Stein**

**Mr. Lawrence Vasko**

**Board President**

**Board Vice President/Student Affairs Chair**

**Board Secretary/Facilities Chair**

**Transportation Chair**

**Personnel Chair**

**Educational Programs Chair**

**Board Treasurer/Policy & Legislative Affairs Chair**

**Technology Chair**

**Finance Chair**

*\*\* Denotes members participating via teleconference call/video.*

*\*Denotes members not in attendance.*

## ***Members of Administration in Attendance***

**Dr. Michael Loughead**

**Dr. Rebecca Cunningham**

**Mrs. Michelle Ambrose**

**Ms. Shari Berg**

**Dr. Colleen Hannagan**

**Mr. Jeff Kline**

**Superintendent of Schools**

**Assistant Superintendent of Schools**

**Administrative Services Secretary**

**Communications Consultant**

**Poff Elementary Principal**

**Director of Administrative Services**

# Special Presentation - Poff Elementary School

Poff's presentation highlighted a student-driven celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated from September 15 through October 15. In the Spring of 2018 one of the students, Sofia L., asked Dr. Hannagan if Poff could celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month; her request was inspired by a recent family visit to Chile. Dr. Hannagan was very excited about the opportunity and encouraged Sofia to begin planning. When Sofia returned to school this fall she recruited other students to work with her and began to plan Poff's celebration. The students spent three weeks planning, researching, and creating displays to present Hispanic Heritage Month to their peers at Poff. The following students presented their work to the Board: Sofia L. – Group Leader, Grace D., Ryleigh D., Lili M., Simone P. and Chloe S. The audience applauded the girl's work, and Dr. Loughead asked the parents to stand and be recognized as well.

## Student Awards

On behalf of Mrs. Hennessey, Mrs. Balason presented the following award: "We are pleased to recognize one of our sixth grade students from Hampton Middle School. Janita M. earned the highest score in the State of Pennsylvania on a Level 4 practical piano performance examination administered by the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. The nationally standardized piano examination requires students to memorize three pieces of solo piano repertoire from different time periods, play technical requirements such as scales and etudes, sight read, and also evaluates the artist's ear training. Janita loves music and also enjoys playing the guitar in her free time. Janita will receive certificates of excellence from the Royal Conservatory for earning the highest score at the Pittsburgh examination site and the highest score in the State of Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Janita." Janita then played a piano selection for the Board and the audience, and Dr. Loughead asked for her parents to also stand and be recognized while the audience applauded.

## Public Comment

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- There was no public comment.

## Meeting Motions

### Board Minutes

The Board approved 7-0-1 the minutes for the August 6 and 13, 2018 meetings. Mrs. Lamagna abstained.

### Treasurer's Report

The Board approved 8-0 the following meeting motions:

- September 2018 General Fund 10 Disbursements, totaling \$20,463,557.45
- September 2018 Capital Fund 39 Disbursements, totaling \$206,937.42
- September 2018 Cafeteria Fund 50 Disbursements, totaling \$29,813.17
- August 2018 Treasurer's Reports
- August 2018 Student Activities Fund Reports

# Administrative Reports

## Board President's Report

Mr. Wesley announced there were three executive sessions since the last meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters. He also reminded everyone the HAEE race is this upcoming Sunday. Online registration for the race is available [here](#).

## Board Secretary's Report

There was no report this evening.

## Solicitor's Report

There was no report this evening.

## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Loughead provided updates in the areas of academics, the arts, and athletics.

**Academics:** Dr. Loughead praised the Poff presentation this evening and said it was a wonderful example of student-centered learning, in which the students take the lead in researching something that they are passionate about, and then share their learning with their peers. He recognized the maturity of the 3rd graders and praised them for solving problems and addressing issues.

**Arts:** Dr. Loughead noted that one of the things the District is working on is to infuse arts into other academic areas. During the professional development day on Monday, the middle school teachers utilized the Warhol print studio to enhance project work and make natural connections to their classroom. He was glad to see the teachers exploring how the opportunities available in that space could be used in their classroom.

**Athletics:** The Talbot Tailgate and the Homecoming weekend was a success. Dr. Loughead noted that there were many activities, and that he was so pleased to see so many families enjoying the tailgate and the game together. He said he was very proud of the students for being kind and welcoming to everyone, and also noted that the Homecoming King wore a bowtie. He highlighted that the cheerleaders led a combined cheer with the cheerleaders from Penn Hills. The girls' soccer team was winning at the time of the board meeting, and girls' and boys' volleyball teams are doing well and are expected to make the playoffs. He closed by commending the students for their sportsmanship. Mr. Stein echoed Dr. Loughead's thoughts by stating that athletics are more than winning and losing with dignity; the lessons you learn through athletics can be helpful to you throughout the rest of your life.

# Committee Reports

## Student Affairs

### Action Items

#### District Academic Competition Fund Request

The Board approved 8-0 a request from the High School Forensics Team for \$2,000 in additional funding from the District Academic Competition Fund to support transportation costs to several local tournaments.

## **New Club Approval**

The Board approved 8-0 a pilot of a new Fashion Club at Hampton High School. Fifteen students have expressed interest in forming and participating in the club.

## **Facilities Report**

### **Action Items**

There is no report this evening.

## **Educational Programs Report**

### **Action Items**

There is no report this evening.

### **Informational:**

- Mrs. Litwiler noted that the 2017-2018 District Achievement Report which was originally planned for this evening is being postponed until next month due to a delay in the release of data from the Pennsylvania State Department of Education.
- Mrs. Litwiler also highlighted several items from the individual Building Reports that the Board receives each month. She commended the students and staff for their hard work and the wonderful activities they are participating in each month. In particular, she highlighted math teacher Kristen Baker's work in over the summer to help several Algebra I students pass the Keystone exams, the sixth grade teachers and administration for all of their transition work to help the new sixth graders feel comfortable at the middle school, and the elementary schools and PTOs which are all working and doing great things for the kids.

## **Finance Report**

### **Action Items**

#### **Budget Transfers**

The Board approved 8-0 a Budgetary Reserve Transfer in the amount of \$79,806 which is requested to include the addition of 1.5 FTE Class Size Reduction Teachers to the 2018-19 budget (Grade 1 at Poff, and Wyland Kindergarten)

## **Personnel Report**

### **Action Items**

#### **TEACHERS:**

1. Approved 8-0 Ms. Ciara Laubscher as an Elementary Building Substitute (Floater) based at Central Elementary School from September 20, 2018 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 School Year. Salary is \$21,000 prorated. (Ms. Laubscher is replacing Ms. Kelsey Newcamp.)
2. Approved 8-0 Mr. Matthew LaPorte as a Building Substitute at Hampton Middle School from October 9, 2018 through the remainder of the 2018-2019 School Year. Salary is \$21,000, pro-rated. This is an annual position.

#### **SECRETARY/PARAPROFESSIONAL:**

3. Approved 8-0 Ms. Kathy Mayhle as a substitute secretary/paraprofessional for the District effective September 14, 2018 to October 1, 2018 and then as a Class 1-D Paraprofessional at Hampton High School effective October 2, 2018. Salary for the Class 1-D position is \$16.21 per hour for the 60-day probationary period and \$16.46 per hour thereafter.

**CUSTODIAL:**

4. Approved 8-0 a change in status for Mr. Bob Evans, moving from a full-time Head HVAC (1) to a .60 Head HVAC (1), effective October 9, 2018. There is no change in hourly rate.
5. Approved 8-0 a change in status for Mr. Joshua Lavery moving from a 10 month/5 hour Custodian at Hampton High School to a 10 month/8 hour Custodian at Hampton Middle School, effective September 24, 2018. There is no change in hourly rate. (Mr. Lavery is replacing Mr. Lucas Rodgers' vacated position.)
6. Approved 8-0 Ms. Jennifer Yanssens as a Substitute Custodian effective September 24, 2018.

**OTHER:**

7. Approved 8-0 the attached lists of the Club Sponsors for the Elementary Schools, Middle School, and the High School, for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Elementary School	Activity/Club	Sponsor
Central	Growing Together	Heather Tammariello and Melissa Maley
Central	Kids Care Club	Heather Tammariello and Melissa Maley
Central	Greenhouse Garden Club	Colleen Frankel
Poff	Kids Care Club	Erin Prosser
Poff	Growing Together	Justine Borst
Wyland	Pawsitive Helping Hands	Shanan Wilson and Diane Snyder
Wyland	Growing Together	Shanan Wilson and Diane Snyder

	<b>Middle School</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Second Teacher Sponsor</b>
Chinese Club	Jun Gee	
French Club	Karen Males-Benson	Jessica Heranic
German Club	Pauline Spring	
Latin Club	Scott Stickney	
Spanish Club	Karen Males-Brown	Brandon Pickett
Helping Hands	Jamie Pillar	Janeen Bentz
Gardening Club	Amy Alexander	
Keystone Club	Gwen Cohen	Diane Fierle
Growing Together Club	Gena Roskey	Will Stiglitz
Fitness Club	Mark Gartner/Megan Brower	Doreen Gray
(Fitness Club)	Hartley Kennedy/Gary Wilson	Jun Gee/Liz Kuniak
Newspaper Club	Dejana Smajic	Kelsey Kowalczyk
Book Club	Sheree Lucas	Kim Jewison
English Festival (Talbot Readers)	Gwen Cohen	Diane Fierle
Creative Writing	Kelsey Kowalczyk	Diane Fierle
Green Team (Recycling)	Pauline Spring	
Drama Club	Greg Shumaker	Melissa Survinski
Stock Market	Gwen Cohen	Lisa Ferrero
Digital Games with Friends	Gwen Cohen	Hartley Kennedy
Talbot Chamber Orchestra	Amy Stepson	
HMS Symphonic Band	Lurrene Parker	
HMS Jazz	Lurrene Parker	
Explorer Club	Michele Hurst	
HMS Colorguard	Lurrene Parker	Christine Nowak
Battle of the Books	Valentine/Lucas/Cohen/Fierle	Kim Jewison
Cooking Club	Liz Kuniak	Angela Lamers
Art Club	Lisa Woods	
6th Grade Cross Country	Mark Weaver	Amy Alexander
Show Choir	Heather Heere	
Yearbook	David Hartman	
Student Council	Lori Palmer	Lori Valentine
Class of 2023	Ken DiDonato	Jay D'Ambrosio
Class of 2024	Jamie Pillar	Greg Shumaker
Class of 2025	Dave Sheets	Mary Bukovac
Student Store (Spec. Ed Coffee Cart Program)	Amy Holtz	Lena Clary

HIGH SCHOOL	
ACTIVITY/CLUB	TEACHER SPONSOR
Class of 2019	Heather Dietz
Class of 2020	Karen Taylor
Class of 2021	Jennifer Lavella
Class of 2022	Devon Byrne
Art Club	Patricia (Kate) Powell
Armed Forces Club	Thomas Gleason
After School Writers Club	Savina Cupps
Best Buddies	Mike Zdinak/Jennifer Lavella
Bocce Ball Club	Mike Zdinak
Chess Club	Kathy Dickensheets
Chinese Language Culture Club	Jun Gee
Winter Color Guard	Christina Nowak
Drama Club	Daniel Franklin
English Festival	
Fitness Club	Emily Onik
Environmental Science	Christine Ruffner/Heather Dietz
Forensics	Alison McBee
French	Jessica Heranic
Future Business Leaders of America	Anthony Howard
Gay-Straight Alliance	Mike Zdinak
German Club	Karen Taylor
The Hamptonian	David Hermenau
Home Town High-Q	Thomas Gleason
Jazz Band	Chad Himmler
Keystone Club	Scott Stickney/Melissa Survinski
Latin Club	Scott Stickney/Melissa Survinski
National Honor Society	Terri Koprivnikar
Ping Pong Club	Jordan Stanopiewicz
Political Science (Model UN)	Alison McBee
Robotics	Nick Helbling
Rotary Interact Club	Melanie Haynes
Spanish Club	Beth Winhold
Student Council	Kevin Green
Talbot Players	Daniel Franklin
TSA	Nick Helbling
Video Club	Possibly Not Active
Yearbook	Devon Byrne



8. Approved 8-0 the following A.W. Beattie Career Center HVAC Students for Cooperative Education Career Experience for the 2018-2019 School Year at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective September 27, 2018: Ryan Koprivnikar and Luke Palermo.

#### **SUPPLEMENTALS:**

9. Approved 8-0 the following Building/Coaching Supplemental positions for the 2018-2019 School Year, at a rate of \$133 per point: Amy Faith (Correction of Points), Special Education Department Head, Hampton High School, 19 points, 15/19 points, \$2,527 total stipend.

#### **ADDENDUM:**

10. Approved 8-0 Mr. Jordan Herbinko as a Substitute Custodian effective October 3, 2018.

11. Approved 8-0 Ms. Brianna Allds as a Substitute Custodian effective October 8, 2018.

## **Policy/Legislative Affairs Report**

### **Action Items**

#### **First Reading of Policy #138 -- Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners**

The Board approved 8-0 the first reading of Policy #138 regarding the language instruction educational program for English Learners. The new version of this policy is more comprehensive than the original from 2004 and is based upon policy guidelines from the PSBA.

#### **Second Reading of Policy #820 -- Memorials**

The Board approved 8-0 the second reading of Policy #820 on Memorials. The first reading of the policy was approved at the September voting meeting, with suggestions from the board on combining a few guidelines into larger paragraphs, referencing Remembrance Garden protocols, and including a board-level approval process with semi-permanent and permanent memorials on school grounds. The new approved policy will be located on the District website [here](#).

#### **ADDENDUM**

The Board approved 8-0 the election of the following 2018 PSBA Officers:

- Eric Wolfgang - President-Elect
- Art Levinowitz - Vice President
- Brian Feick, Lorraine Rocco, Bethanne Zeigler - School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (term ending 12/31/19)
- Peter Bard, Denise LaPera - School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (term ending 12/31/20)
- Christopher Brown, Aline Smith, Randy Williams - Pupil Transportation Forum Steering Committee (term ending 12/31/19)
- Michael Kiehl, Jim Pearson - Pupil Transportation Forum Steering Committee (term ending 12/31/20)

The Board approved 7-1 the election of the following 2018 PSBA Officers:

- Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff, Nathan Mains - PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees\*

\*Mr. Vasko voted in favor of Mr. Frerichs and Mr. LaCoff but voted against the election of Nathan Mains.

#### **Informational:**

The PSBA annual leadership conference is next week. Three Board members from Hampton will be in attendance -- two representing Hampton and one representing A.W.Beattie.

## Transportation Report

### Action Items

There is no report this evening.

## Technology Report

### Action Items

There is no report this evening.

## Beattie Report

Mr. Vasko reported that there would be no October meeting at A.W. Beattie.

## HAEE Report

Mrs. Hamlin said [registration](#) for the race this Sunday is still open. Walk-up registrations are also accepted on the day of the race; however, those who register on race day may not be guaranteed a t-shirt. Mrs. Litwiler asked Administration to inquire if the Middle School Band students are offered an incentive to perform on Sunday, noting she does not support an incentive being offered when the race is being held on a Sunday this year.

## Informational

Mrs. Litwiler commended Mr. Farino for finding a purposeful use for desks that were donated to [Brother's Brother](#). The desks will be sent to Puerto Rico. Mr. Shages said he encourages the Board and the District to continue to work with Brother's Brother, which spends 98 percent of all funds raised toward charitable endeavors and not administrative costs.

# Public Comment

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- There was no public comment.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Wesley announced there would be an executive session for legal and personnel issues. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018 in the Dr. Harold Sarver Memorial Library, HMS.*