



Board Notes

A Monthly Summary of the Hatboro-Horsham School Board Meetings

July 24, 2023

Board Members

David P. Brown, President	Maggie A. Kistner
Jennifer Wilson, Vice President	Denise J. Schultz
Theresa E. Brown, Treasurer	Erin B. Stroup
Tara Conner-Hallston	Erin K. Whalen
Susan E. Hunsinger-Hoff	Scott Eveslage, Superintendent



OVERVIEW

At the July 24 meeting, the Board approved several Finance Committee action items, including the 2023-24 Health and Safety Plan and school meal prices for the upcoming year. Additionally, the Board welcomed several new teachers to the District and passed a new Athletic Coach Compensation Plan for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

View the full Board meeting [here.](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

Facilities Committee

Jennifer Wilson presented the following Facilities Committee action items that were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Amended allowance adjustment for the KVMS Project in the amount of \$88,545.26 to Boro Construction for the removal of unsuitable soils in the building pad. With this adjustment, plus the adjustment approved in June, it brings the total for removal of unsuitable soils to \$153,545.26. This amount is included in the general construction contract and does not increase the project cost.
- Change order for the KVMS project in the amount of \$367,197.59 to Boro Construction for the removal of underground rock present in the building foundation footprint. Combined with the other change orders to date, the KVMS project cost is nearly \$131,000 under the bid award amount.
- Credit change order in the amount of \$1,700 to complete the HHHS H-Wing ramp replacement project.

Finance Committee

Theresa Brown presented the following Finance Committee action items that were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Hatboro-Horsham School District's ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan for the 2023-24 school year. The District must maintain an approved Health and Safety Plan consistently through the end of the 2023-24 school year and must revisit it every six months, a federal requirement for school districts that received pandemic relief funding. There were no substantive changes to the plan from the previous year.
- School meal prices for the 2023-24 school year, which will remain the same as the previous year. Brown said if the state approves its budget before the start of the school year, then breakfast will remain free for all students throughout this school year. However, if the budget is not approved, students will not receive free breakfast.
- Acceptance of a \$1,000 monetary donation to the Food Service Fund from

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

a donor that wished to remain anonymous. The donation, per the donor's wishes, will be used to reduce outstanding student meal debt.

- Contracts with WITF, Inc. for English language professional development services; Ken Trautwein for educational support services for staff Restorative Practices training; and Crown Castle for the first phase of fiber network move for the new Data Center at the new Keith Valley Middle School.

Brown also reported that the school real estate tax bills were mailed on July 1, 2023 by Keystone Collections Group who is now responsible for collecting school tax bills for Horsham Township residents. Additionally, Ms. Brown reported a significant increase in senior citizen rebate applications. Interested residents or senior citizens can obtain more information by contacting the business office or visiting the District's website.

Human Resources Committee

Tara Conner-Hallston presented the following Human Resource Committee action items that were unanimously approved by the Board:

- Revision to the support staff compensation model to be effective July 1, 2023 to adjust the titles for the CC1, CC2, and CC3 position classifications. This recommendation adjusts these

titles associated with those position classifications without any financial impact.

- Athletic Coach Compensation Plan for 2023-24 and 2024-25. HHSD administration reviewed neighboring school district athletic compensation data and developed a recommendation that establishes a two-year rate structure within the budgeted projects while ensuring competitive rates for coaches.

The District is pleased to welcome several new teachers to the District, including Blaise Yaksick (elementary), Christopher Hoffner (special education, Crooked Billet), Chelsey Steele (special education, Blair Mill), Taylor Witchey (elementary, Hallowell), Ann Masters (English, Keith Valley), and Jennifer Schmehl (mathematics, Keith Valley). Dr. Eveslage acknowledged that Dr. Brea D'Angelo will now serve as Director of Special Projects and Systems. Dr. D'Angelo previously served as Supervisor of Curriculum. Also, Christine Jenkins will be serving as a Supervisor of Curriculum on assignment for the 2023-24 school year.

The District also wishes James Verdeur, Keith Valley music teacher, the best of luck in his retirement after 30 years of service to HHSD.

Liaison Reports

Student Board Representatives

David Brown welcomed juniors Caryne Dio Cruz and Aashna Patel as the newest Student Board Representatives.

Eastern Center Arts & Technology

Tara Conner-Hallston reported that Eastern Center held its annual awards night at Upper Moreland High School, with 171 students being recognized and over \$47,000 awarded for academic and technical achievements.

She also reported that ECAT will maintain the same programming for the upcoming school year, and enrollment is already full in several programs.

Federal Programs

Dr. Andre' McLaurin, Director of Educational Programming, reported that HHSD held a successful Summer Academy for K-5 students from June 26 to July 21 at Hallowell Elementary School. In total, 227 students enrolled in the program, with a staff of 25



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Liaison Reports (cont'd)

teachers, seven assistants, three supervisors, and a social worker. Dr. McLaurin mentioned that Food Services offered free breakfast for all students, including an option to purchase a grab-and-go lunch. Several themed days were planned throughout the program, and each day kicked off with a morning meeting to develop classroom community. Academic areas of focus were math and reading, with lessons designed to target grade level standards and address individual student needs. Dr. McLaurin said the program is the culmination of demanding work of the Food Services, Transportation, Technology, and Human Resources departments. He added that the program is a great example of working together to promote Hatter pride among students and community.

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

Jennifer Wilson reported that the MCIU met on June 28 and heard a presentation on

STEM initiatives. Annual election results were announced, and the Board approved MCIU meeting dates for the upcoming school year. Highlights from the meeting can be found on [Board Docs](#).

Pennsylvania School Board Association

Theresa Brown reported that the PSBA School Leadership Conference will be held Oct. 16-17 at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in the Poconos. A pre-conference will take place on Oct. 15 highlighting physical security and supporting mental health needs.

Enrollment

Dr. Eveslage announced that an Enrollment Report will be a recurring agenda item at each Board meeting. The 2022-23 End-of-Year HHSD Enrollment Report (dated June 14, 2023) is available to view on [Board Docs](#).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Eveslage welcomed the two new Student Board Representatives and remarked that they are excellent students who are very involved in the high school. He said Caryne and Aashna applied for the position, obtained letters of recommendation from teachers, and went through an interview process. He also announced that the District is now accepting applications for free and reduced price meals. An email was sent to families about the application, and he encourages residents to apply through the online portal that was included in the email. Additionally, he reminded families that the District continues to serve summer meals daily at Crooked Billet Elementary School. Despite the state budget impasse, the District has been subsidizing this program and will continue to serve free lunches to children ages 0-18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. throughout the summer.

Next Board Meeting

The next Legislative/Action Meeting is Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7 p.m.

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