



Board Notes

A Monthly Summary of the Hatboro-Horsham School Board Meetings

September 18, 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

On September 18, the Board adopted a PIAA Girls' Wrestling program at HHHS, an exciting opportunity to include more students in athletics.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Eveslage expressed his appreciation for the successful start of the school year, acknowledging the valuable contributions of students, families, and staff. Each building has hosted exciting events and celebrations, and students have adapted seamlessly to the school routine. Families have also been actively involved in back-to-school events like open houses and back-to-school nights.

Dr. Eveslage highlighted the fact that the Board has now implemented a Girls' Wrestling program at Hatboro-Horsham High School. Girls' wrestling was recently sanctioned as an official sport by the PIAA and is rapidly growing in the state, offering more opportunities for students who are interested in wrestling. He recognized that girls have a strong history of excelling in wrestling at HHHS, and with the implementation of a formal program, both girl and boy wrestlers are afforded the maximum number of opportunities to compete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

Facilities Committee

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

- An allowance adjustment of \$73,382.10 has been made for rock removal in the KVMS project.
- Increase of \$7,680 to the Blair Mill flooring capital project

D'Huy Engineering will present a KVMS project update during the Board's October 2 Work Session.

Finance Committee

Theresa Brown presented the following Finance Committee action items that were

unanimously approved by the Board:

- The 2023-24 bus routes.
- Tax assessment stipulations between HHSD and five property owners in Horsham Township.
- Acceptance of a \$1,000 PA Harvest of the Month Grant from Penn State for the Food Service Fund to provide local produce in the cafeterias.
- Contract approvals, including a three-year, \$45,000 contract with BitSight for cybersecurity services.

Bill Stone noted that one of the tax assessment stipulations was a District appeal for an under-assessed property,

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D)

which will yield future revenue for the District.

Human Resources Committee

The District is pleased to welcome Kimberly Sulahian, KVMS instrumental music teacher, to the District. The Board also approved several support staff hires and certified staff assignment changes.

Special Services

The Girls' Wrestling program was unanimously approved by the Board and will be effective starting with the 2023-24 winter sports season. This sanctioned PIAA sport will offer new opportunities to female wrestlers.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Caryne Dio Cruz, Class of 2025, discussed how students are encouraged to get involved in high school clubs and activities, offering a variety of options for everyone. The recent club fair allowed students to explore and join different clubs, which helps build relationships and foster community understanding.

Aashna Patel, Class of 2025, reported that bathrooms during Lunch and Learn were limited for safety reasons starting last year. Student feedback indicates that while this limit reduces overcrowding and improves bathroom behavior, it is inconvenient for some.

Ariana Bertrand, Class of 2024, noted that the first week of the school year included welcoming events such as freshman orientation, featuring fun activities that Link Crew members planned. The second annual senior sunrise event was also a success, and the first home football game had a great turnout, boosting school spirit with a 27-0 win.

Liaison Reports

Eastern Center Arts & Technology

Tara Conner-Hallston reported that Eastern Center's enrollment stands at 90%. Also, routine maintenance at ECAT was recently carried out with the help of summer interns, including some from HHSD.

Pennsylvania School Board Association

Theresa Brown reported that PSBA encourages participation in Advocacy Week

from October 2-6, with in-person attendees meeting with legislators or their staff. Leadership candidates are listed on the PSBA website, and voting is open until October 27. Discussion and voting on candidates will take place at the upcoming voting meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next Legislative/Action Meeting is Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7 p.m.

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