

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526-0401
April 28, 2025

The meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Ryan Gebely, at 6:33 p.m. This meeting was held in the James A. Gilmartin Community Room of Hamburg Area School District

A roll call of directors followed, and following directors were present:

Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

Absent: Daniel Sarna, Tonia Krick

There were seven directors present at the meeting when roll call was taken.

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Beissel, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Ryan McGinley, High School Principal; John Henne, Assistant Middle School Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Robert Marra, Student Services and Special Education Director; Matt Bertschy, Director of Transportation and Child Accounting; Elaine Ruppert, Director of Facilities; Andrew Diehl, Director of Information Technology; Molly Fox, Student Council Representative; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Visitors – Jamie Folk, Kristina Bryan, Cindy Bryan, Tami Sepke, Janise Parker, Jessica Nowakowhi, Madison McGlinchey, Stephanie Keishner, Amanda McBreen, Lisa Eisenhower, Marcy Donatelli, Brittany Brenner

Mr. Gebely opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

VI. Approval of previous meeting minutes- March 24th and April 14th, 2025

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the minutes as written.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

V. Public Comments

Mr. Gebely asked for Public Comments.

No Public Comments at this time.

VI. Board Reports

- A. Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman- nothing to report at this time, meeting will be this Thursday.
- B. Joint Operating Committee –Mr. DeAngelo – The “Buzz” will be coming out
- C. Committee on Legislative Action – Mrs. McFadden updated the Board on several House Bills
- D. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Gebely- meeting was last week; nothing new to report
- E. Student Council – Miss Molly Fox shared the following:
 - May day is May 22nd- The theme is Hawaiian
 - The Hawk Hoedown that was scheduled for over Spring Break has been canceled
- F. President – Mr. Gebely- nothing to report

VII. Report of the Business Manager

- A. 2025- 2026 General Fund Proposed Final Budget Discussion
- B. Recommend approval of Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2025-2026 Computer Service Rates (See Exhibit XXVIg-14)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Thomas DeAngelo to approve the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2025-2026 Computer Service Rates

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

- C. Effective July 1, 2025, recommend approval to purchase dental insurance from Capital Blue Cross at the cost of \$17.08/month per eligible employee

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Birgit White to approve the purchase of dental insurance from Capital Blue Cross at the cost of \$17.08/month per eligible employee

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson

Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. From Capital Reserve Fund, recommend ratification for Replacing Lugs in the amount of \$1,013.10 (See Exhibit XXVIg-15)

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Thomas DeAngelo to approve the ratification of replacing lugs in the amount of \$1,013.10 from the Capital Reserve Fund.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

- B. From the Food Service fund, recommend approval to prepare a bid for the following equipment:
1. Two double-door pass-through warmers for the High School kitchen at an estimated cost of \$33,000
 2. Double stack of two combination ovens at Tilden Elementary at an estimated cost of \$60,000

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve to prepare to bid for the following equipment as presented

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes-Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

- C. Recommend approval of the RACC Dual Enrollment Agreement (See Exhibit XXVIg-16)

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the RACC Dual Enrollment Agreement

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni McFadden, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

D. Recommend approval of the Kutztown University Student Teacher and Internship Agreement (See Exhibit XXVIg-17)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Laura "Lolly" Leshner to approve the Kutztown University Student Teacher and Internship Agreement

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes

E. Albright College Student Teacher Agreement- First Reading

F. Recommend approval of the 2025-2028 Special Education Plan (See Exhibit XXVIg-18)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the 2025-2028 Special Education Plan

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes

G. Recommend approval of the General Fund Treasurer's Report (See Exhibit XXVIg-19)

- H. Recommend approval of the General Fund invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIg-20)
- I. Recommend approval of Food Service Profit and Loss Statements and invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIg-21)
- J. Recommend approval of the Capital Reserve Treasurer's Reports and invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIg-22)
- K. Recommend approval of the Debt Service Treasurer's Report (See Exhibit XXVIg-23)
- L. Recommend approval of the High School and Middle School Activity Funds Treasurer's Reports and invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIg-24)
- M. Recommend approval of disposal items presented on the detailed listing (See Exhibit XXVIg-25)

A motion was made by Laura "Lolly" Leshner, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the General Fund Treasurer's Report; and Invoices in the amount of \$2,289,377.56 (check nos 00000082331-0000082410 and D001004392-D001004470); Arbiter payments in the amount of \$4,677.50; Food Service Profit and Loss Report and invoices \$105,228.90 (check no 00000008710- 0000008712 and D000000825-D000000839); Capital Reserve Treasurer Report and invoices in the amount of \$99,603.89 (check no 0000001339) ; Debt Service Treasurer Report; High School Activity Fund Treasurer Report and checks in the amount of \$10,906.65 (check no 0000013832-0000013851); Middle School Activity Fund Treasurer Report and checks in the amount of \$2,626.98 (check nos. 0000004142-0000004147) and disposal items as presented

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Steven Gilbert, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

- N. First review of the following position description:
 - 1. Co-Curricular: Stage Manager
- O. Recommend approval of the following personnel actions (All personnel actions are contingent upon receipt and acceptance of all required pre-employment documents):

Resignations:

- 1. Timothy Markowski – Technology Support Specialist, effective 05/06/2025.
- 2. Stephen Haegele – Sophomore Class Advisor, effective 06/06/2025.

Leave Request:

- 1. Employee # 1951 – Tilden Elementary Teacher, FMLA-qualifying leave. Anticipated paid leave: 05/14/2025 – 06/06/2025, 08/18/2025 – 08/22/2025. Anticipated unpaid leave: 08/25/2025 – 11/26/2025.
- 2. Employee # 263 – FMLA-qualifying leave. Anticipated paid leave: 05/20/2025 – 06/05/2025.

Assignments:

Transfers:

1. Amanda McBreen – from Tilden Elementary Special Education Learning Support Teacher to Tilden Elementary Special Education Life Skills/Autistic Support Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.
2. Stephanie Kershner – from ESL Teacher to Grade 5 Tilden Elementary Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.
3. Leslie Weaver – from Perry Elementary Music Teacher to Perry Elementary Music, Chorus, and Band Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.
4. Megan Kline – from High School Instrumental Music Teacher to Tilden Elementary Music and Chorus Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.
5. Jessica Godek – from Strings and Technology Teacher to Tilden, Perry, and Middle School Orchestra Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.
6. Carey Freeman – from Middle School, Perry, and Tilden Band Teacher to Middle School and Tilden Band Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.
7. Angela Dowd – from Orchestra Teacher to High School Orchestra and Band Teacher, effective 08/18/2025.

Temporary Professional Employees:

1. Kristina Bryan – Perry Elementary Art Teacher, effective 08/18/2025. Starting annual salary: \$51,823 (Bachelor level / Step 1).
2. Allen Keller – Tilden Elementary Special Education Learning Support Teacher, effective 08/18/2025. Starting annual salary: \$51,823 (Bachelor level / Step 1).
3. Madison McGlinchey – Grade 3 Tilden Elementary Teacher, effective 08/18/2025. Starting annual salary: \$51,823 (Bachelor level / Step 1).
4. Jessica Nowakowski – Grade 4 Perry Elementary Teacher, effective 08/18/2025. Starting annual salary: \$57,723 (Master level + 15 credits / Step 3).
5. Maggie Williams – Perry Elementary Special Education Learning Support Teacher, effective 08/18/2025. Starting annual salary: \$54,223 (Master level / Step 1)

Co-Curricular staff:

1. Ali Perzel-Peters – High School Musical Choreographer, effective 07/01/2025. Annual stipend: \$1000.
2. Jacob Wenzel – Athletics Game Help effective 04/29/2025 at the Board-approved stipend rate per event.

Volunteers

Building:

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Abigail Babiarz | 3. Corinne Simmons |
| 2. Johnee Border | 4. Kristin Vogel |

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Thomas DeAngelo to approve the following personnel actions as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert,
Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

IX. Information Items

A. Board Summary Report (See Exhibits XXVIg-26)

X. Dates to Remember

Month	Day	Event	Time
April	29	Tilden Elementary Kindergarten Kickstart	5:30pm-7:00pm
May	1	Perry Elementary Kindergarten Kickstart	5:30pm-7:00pm
May	5	Hawk Olympics *Opening ceremony will begin at 10:00am* (Rain Date May 6 th)	10:00am- 1:30pm
May	12	Board Meeting	6:30pm
May	22	Early Dismissal for Students Adult Learning PM	
May	23	No School	
May	26	No School/Memorial Day	
June	5	Last Day of School for Students/ Early Dismissal for Students Adult Learning PM	
June	6	Adult Learning Day	
June	6	Commencement	6:00pm
June	9	Board Meeting	6:30pm

XI. New Business

- Ryan Gebely said we will move the May 12th meeting back to 6:30pm.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Toni McFadden seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED
May 12, 2025

RECORDED BY

Ryan J. Gebely

Nicolette A. Hoover