

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

April 9, 2018

The Committee-of-the Whole meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hamburg Area School District was called to order by President, Brian R. Specht, at 6:33 p.m. in the James A. Gilmartin Community Room of the Hamburg Area High School, Windsor Street, Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

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

Bradley R. Faust, Leon J. Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Andrew C. Raugh, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel, Brian R. Specht

Absent – Cory M. Johnson

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard J. Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Chris Spohn, High School Principal; Chris Beissel, High School Assistant Principal; Dr. Shawn Gravish, Middle School Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Dean of Students; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Matthew Ammons, Special Education Director; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Mark Meinhart, Facilities Director; Chaslyn Christman, Student Representative; Russell Farbiarz, Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Press – John Kutz, Hamburg Item; Lyle Greiss, Reading Eagle; Visitors: John R.H. Ide, Dave Mengle, Lennia Kauffman, Andrea Heckman, Andrew Hoffman, Kathy DiMera

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Specht asked for public comments.

Lennia Kauffman, Hamburg – Spoke to the board regarding access to the softball field, a porta potty for the softball field, and posts to mark the foul ball line.

V. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

A. Review of 2017-2018 General Fund Budget Balance

Ms. Zimmerman discussed the current deficit prediction for the 2018-2019 Budget.

- State revenue is uncertain
- 10% medical benefit increases
- Special Education Tuition for out of district placements
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In the budget have allocated for –

1. Pads and Chrome books for 5 elementary classes
2. 4 Baritone Horns for the middle school
3. Athletics – proof of developing the whole child
- 4, increase band width
5. Special Ed needs
6. Maintain our buildings
7. Surplus
8. Virtual Reality Headsets
9. Two mowers – part of replacement cycle
10. Intercom system at Middle School and Tilden
11. English as a Second Language - Imagine Learning (allowed student to access his own native language)

88% of the budget is non-negotiable

What draws the deficit – pension, retirement and social security?

Ms. Zimmerman distributed the following: (see Exhibit XXVe-13

- 2018-2019 General Fund Budget Summary
- 2018-2019 Revenue Budget – Proposed Final
- 2018-2019 Expenditure Budget – Proposed Final
- 2018-2019 Proposed Final General Fund Budget

The 5-year plan will be discussed in two weeks

Andrew Raugh stated he likes the way the discussion takes each thing back to the vision pillars

- B. Proposal for Fraser Advanced Info Systems to purchase 19 multi-function devices at a cost of \$56,840 (will be on April 23 agenda for approval)

- C. Proposal from Fraser Advanced Info Systems for maintenance on the multi-function devices for five years at a cost of \$.0032 for black and white copies and \$.0396 for color copies (will be on April 23 agenda for approval).
- D. Proposal from Winthrop Resources for a five year fair market value lease for the multi-function devices at annual payment of \$11,365 (will be on April 23 agenda for approval).

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Acknowledgement of the following separations:

- i. David Kline, Head Coach High School Wrestling
 - Effective 3/20/2018
- ii. Danielle Oswald, Substitute Aide
 - Effective 3/26/2018
- iii. Tina Henderson, Licensed Professional Substitute
 - Effective 3/27/2018
- iv. Alexandra Casatelli, Licensed Professional Substitute
 - Effective 3/30/2018
- v. Shirley Reichert, Custodian
 - Retirement effective 6/2/2018
- vi. Diane Silansky, Paraprofessional
 - Retirement effective 6/9/2018

B. Acknowledgement of the following leaves of absence:

- i. Melissa Farina, High School Science Teacher
 - Anticipated leave dates: 8/21/2018 – 10/12/2018
- ii. Chelsea Arndt, Middle School Science Teacher
 - Anticipated leave dates: 8/21/2018 – 3/24/2019

C. Recommend Approval of the following Professional Staff: *

- i. Leon Blatt, Long-term Substitute Teacher
 - Extension of assignment through 4/30/2018
 - \$44,163, prorated for term

D. Recommend Approval of the following Volunteers: *

- i. Perry
 - Joshua Fasig
- ii. Tilden
 - Donna Garrison
- iii. High School/Tilden
 - Mark Mohn
- iv. Middle School/Tilden
 - Jennifer Enoch

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve Professional Staff and volunteers presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken on the motion as follows:

Yes - Bradley Faust, Leon Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Laura “Lolly”

Leshner, Andrew C. Raugh, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel,

Brian R. Specht

Motion carried with eight directors voting “yes”.

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E. Student Trip – Boys Varsity Soccer Team - 8/31 – 9/1/18

Wallenpaupack Area High School – Will be on April 23 Agenda for approval

VII. Information Items

A. April Enrollment

VIII. Dates to Remember

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| April | 20-22 | - School Musical “Into the Woods” |
| | 23 | - School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| | 24 | - School Director Convention – Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center – 5:30 Tour & Reception – 6:30 Dinner |
| May | 2 | - Hawk Special Olympics |
| | 3 | - Hawk Special Olympics Rain Date |
| | 7 | - Building Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. High School |
| | 14 | - School Board Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m. |
| | 21 | - School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| | 25 | - Snow Make-up Day – Early Dismissal for students |
| | 28 | - Memorial Day – School Closed |
| | 30 | - All Sports Awards- 6:00 p.m. High School Auditorium |

IX. New Business

No new Business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Maggie L. Rhoades, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried

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**MINUTES APPROVED ON
March 26, 2018**

RECORDED BY

Cynthia A. Sunday

Brian R. Specht, President