

**HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526-0401**  
**February 10, 2025**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board was called to order by President Ryan Gebely at 6:31 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, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

Absent- Thomas DeAngelo, Laura "Lolly" Leshner

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

Laura "Lolly" Leshner arrived at the meeting at 6:32pm

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Beissel, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Ryan McGinley, High School Principal; Alyssa Fink, Elementary Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; John Henne, Middle School Assistant Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Rob Marra, Student Services and Special Education Director; Matt Bertschy, Director of Transportation and Child Accounting; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; Elaine Ruppert, Director of Facilities; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Nicolette Hoover, Board Secretary; Visitors – Marcy Donatelli, Heather Mohn, Aimee Forte, Chris Forte

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

IV. Public Comments

Mr. Gebely asked for Public Comments. There were no public comments.

V. Report of the Business Manager

- A. Gorman & Associates, P.C. three- year financial audit proposal- this will be on the February 24th agenda for your approval.
- B. Recommend Approval of the Tax Collector Compensation Resolution 2026-2030.  
(ExhibitXXVIf-83)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the Tax Collector Compensation Resolution 2026-2030.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

VI. Report of the Superintendent

A. High School Career Experiences- Mrs. Freiwald, Mrs. DelConte

- Mrs. Freiwald and Mrs. DelConte spoke about job shadowing, PFE, and BCTC opportunities.
- Mrs. DelConte introduced three students who have all taken part in different career exploration opportunities.
- Hannah Balthaser, Isabella Forte, and Riley Mohn were the three students who addressed the board and shared their experiences.
- Hannah Balthaser is a Senior here at Hamburg High School, her PFE is on her family farm, Northkill Creek Farm. Hannah explained that this experience was extremely helpful in determining what she would like to focus on in the future, which is genetics. She thanked the board for this opportunity.
- Lolly Leshner mentioned that Hannah's farm has been selected for a global convention. Hannah explained that it takes place at a different location every year and this year her family farm was selected to be one of the tour spots.
- Isabella Forte is also a senior here at Hamburg High School, she is a part of the Healthcare Senior Only Internship Program. Being able to see and work with Elderly patients, stabbings, falls, shootings, and being in on a gallbladder surgery has helped her determine that she is able to stomach the hard and what others think is the "gross" stuff. Izzy plans on going into the military as an army combat medic and attend med school or even Tower Health's program school of health science.
- Toni McFadden asked Izzy what the hardest thing she's had to see, Izzy explained it was hard to see the young patients, but it has taught her that she can come out of the situation and has learned to separate work from homelife.
- Riley Mohn is a Junior here at Hamburg High School and she was a part of the PFEW where 52,000 young adults live on campus for a week, they eat in the dining halls, get to study in the study areas, meet other students, and see the marketing side of things. She described a few different events, her favorite being junk night. You are split into groups and from a pile of junk you need to pick items and then create a jingle, and advertisement, and you learn in that stressful situations, who can manage the group, you is good at the art portion, and who is good at strategizing. Riley liked that she was able to see how art plays into business. PFEW helped her narrow down what she wants to do in the future and helped her figure out where her strengths and weaknesses were.

B. 2025-2026 School District Calendar- this will be on the February 24th agenda for your approval.

C. Recommend approval of German exchange student Jolie Frühauf's enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve German exchange student, Jolie Frühauf's enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

- D. From Capital Reserve Fund, recommend ratification of COR#1 R2- RFI #3 Cracked Feeder Wires to Chillers in the amount of \$18, 206.78 (ExhibitXXVIf-84)

A motion was made by Danial Sarna, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, to approve the ratification of COR#1 R2- RFI #3 Cracked Feeder Wires to Chillers in the amount of \$18, 206.78

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Tonia Krick, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

- E. First review of the following position descriptions: This will be on the February 24th agenda for your approval.

1. Director, High School Musical
2. Producer, High School Musical
3. Choreographer, High School Musical
4. Drama Club Advisor

- F. First reading of the following board policy:

1. 808- Food Services

- G. Acknowledgement of the following separations:

1. Hannah Gravish – Head Coach, JV Girls Soccer
  - Effective 01/28/2025

- H. Recommend approval of the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff: \*

1. Kristin Newpher –ESY Coordinator
  - Effective 02/11/2025 – 07/25/2025
  - Stipend: \$4000
2. Tabatha Vega - ESY Coordinator
  - Effective 02/11/2025 – 07/25/2025
  - Stipend: \$4000
3. Jessica Werley – Autistic Support, Camp Lilly
  - Effective 06/30/2025 – 08/08/2025
  - \$50 per hour / 7 hours per day
4. Joseph Dunlap – Substitute Autistic Support, Camp Lilly
  - Effective 06/30/2025 – 08/08/2025
  - \$50 per hour / 7 hours per day on a per-diem basis

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff as listed.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Ryan Gebley

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

I. Recommend approval of the following Extra-curricular staff: \*

1. Guy Miller – Head Coach, High School Girls Soccer & Athletics Game Help
  - Replacing Katelyn Frey
  - Effective 02/11/2025
  - Stipend: \$6891 / Step 3 & applicable game help stipend/per event
2. Skylar Miller – Assistant Coach, High School Girls Soccer & Athletics Game Help
  - Replacing Hannah Gravish
  - Effective 02/11/2025
  - Stipend: \$1240 / Step 1 & applicable game help stipend/per event
3. Stacy Olexy – Athletics Game Help
  - Effective 02/11/2025
  - Will receive applicable game help stipend per event
4. Jeff Chillot - Volunteer Assistant Coach, High School Football
  - Effective upon receipt of required documents through 06/30/2025
5. Spencer Miller – Volunteer Assistant Coach, High School Girls Soccer
  - Effective 02/11/2025

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Daniel Sarna to approve the following Extra-curricular staff as listed.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

J. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteers:

1. Amy Harrison
2. Jillian Hyde

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Lesher to approve the following Volunteers as listed.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Laura “Lolly” Lesher, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

VII. Information Items

VIII. Dates to Remember

Month	Day	Event	Time
February	14	No School Act 80 Day/Adult Learning Day	
February	17	No School for Students/Adult Learning Day	
February	21	Annual Faculty Charity Basketball Game	6:00 p.m.
February	24	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March	1	HAEF Fundraiser Event	6:00pm

IX. New Business

- None at this time.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Lesher, seconded by Toni McFadden to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**  
**February 24, 2025**

**RECORDED BY**

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**Ryan J. Gebely**

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**Nicolette A. Hoover**