

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

February 12, 2024

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Ryan Gebely at 6:35p.m. This meeting was held in the James A. Gilmartin Community Room of Hamburg Area High School..

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

Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert, Todd Hummel , Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White

Absent: Laura “Lolly” Leshner

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager, Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Shawn Gravish, Director Safety & Security; Chris Beissel, High School Principal; Alyssa Fink, High School Assistant Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; Ryan McGinley, Middle School Assistant Principal Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Kim Byassee, Transportation and Child Accounting Director; Elaine Ruppert, Facilities Director; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; David Shefter Food Service Director; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Visitors – Teresa McCarthy, . Tonya Crus, Dave Mengle, Marcy Donatelli, Dawn Lutz, Brett Gaul

III. Pledge to the Flag

IV. Public Comments

Mr. Gebely asked for public comments.

Brett Gaul, Student Council Advisor and Morgan Lutz, student Council Representative provided a handout to the board and discussed the upcoming charity basketball game on February 23, 2024. Mr. Gaul also invited the board to his financial Reality fair on March 13, 2024.

V. Report of the Business Manager

A. Financial and budget review

Ms. Zimmerman reviewed and explained the following financial reports to the Board: General Fund Treasurer Report, Food Service Profit and Loss Report, Board Summary. She also explained the 2023-2024 Final Expenditure Budget and the value of a mill Tax Calculation and the Assessed Value and Actual Collection from 2006-2007 through 2023-2024. (see exhibitXXVIId-71)

B. First reading of following Board policies:

1. 200 – Enrollment of Students
2. 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
3. 310 – Employee Use of Electronic Devices

4. 816 – District Social Media

The Board received these policies and they will be on at the March 25 meeting with the previous technology policies presented in January.

VI. Report of the Superintendent

A. Recommend approval of the 2024-2025 School District Calendar*

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the 2024-2025 School District Calendar presented.(see Exhibit XXVIId-72)

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

Yes - Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Todd Hummel, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

No - None

Motion Carried with eight directors voting “yes”.

B. Acknowledgement of the following separations:

1. Clint Stubblebine – Paraeducator
 1. Declined opportunity extended 01/08/2024
2. Shirley Chanitz – Dedicated Building Substitute, Perry
 1. Effective 02/07/2024
3. Charles Kutz – School Counselor
 1. Effective 06/03/2024
 2. Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
4. Kimberly Byassee – Director, Transportation and Child Accounting
 1. Effective 06/30/2024
 2. Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
5. Dr. Richard Mextorf – Superintendent of Schools
 1. Effective 06/30/2024
 2. Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement

C. Acknowledgement of the following leaves of absence:

1. Employee #598 – FMLA Qualifying Leave
 1. Anticipated leave period: 03/04/2024 – 04/12/2024
2. Employee #1488 – FMLA Qualifying Leave
 1. Anticipated leave period: 03/06/2024 – 04/3/2024

D. Acknowledgement of the following internal transfers:

1. Megan Adams – Paraeducator, Tilden
 1. Replacing: Clint Stubblebine
 2. Effective: 01/29/2024
 3. Will receive current hourly rate / 7 hours per day
2. Christian Losito – Building Clerk, Middle School
 1. Replacing Kathleen Murphy

2. Effective 01/31/2024
 3. Will receive current hourly rate / 8 hours per day
- E. Recommend approval of the following Act 93 staff: *
1. Matthew Bertschy – Director, Transportation and Child Accounting
 1. Replacing Kimberly Byassee
 2. Effective 7/1/24
 3. Salary: \$74,000
- F. Recommend approval of the following Support staff: *
1. Chance Brewer – Paraeducator, Perry
 1. New position based on student need
 2. Effective 02/13/2024
 3. Hourly rate: \$13.34 / 7 hours per day
 4. Qualification: Associate degree
- G. Recommend approval of the following Extra-curricular staff: *
1. Jason Jozefick – Assistant Coach, Middle School Softball
 1. New Position
 2. Effective 08/13/2024
 3. Stipend: \$1500 / Step 3
 2. Brayden Kamp – Assistant Coach, Middle School Baseball
 1. New position
 2. Effective 02/13/2024
 3. Stipend: \$1500 / Step 3
- H. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteers: *
1. Lamm, Cynthia
 2. Melcher, Tiffany
 3. Palmer, Akira
 4. Reading, Justine
- I. Recommend approval of the following student trips: *
1. Overnight trip for Ian Fink to attend the 2024 Region 5 Band Festival from February 22-24, 2024 at Eastern York High School. Cost to the District \$211.
 2. Overnight trip for Ian Fink and Noah Kramer to attend the Region Chorus Festival from March 8-9, 2024 at Dover Area High School. Cost to the District \$208.

A motion was made by Thomas DeAngelo, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the Act 93 Staff, Support Staff, Extra-Curricular Staff, District Volunteers and Student over-night trips presented.

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

Yes - Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Todd Hummel
Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

No - None

Motion Carried with eight directors voting “yes”.

VII. Information Items

There were no information items.

VIII. Dates to Remember

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| February | 16 | No School – Adult Learning Day | |
| | 19 | Adult Learning Day | |
| | 26 | Board Meeting | |
| March | 7 | Elementary Parent Conferences | |
| | 11 | School Board Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| | 25 | School Board Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| | 26 | Early Dismissal PM Adult Learning | |
| | 27-29 | Spring Holiday Recess – No School | |
| April | 1 | Spring Holiday Recess – No School | |

IX. New Business

Mr. Gebely stated that it is going to be hard to replace Kim Byassee, Dr. Mextorf and Cindy Sunday.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.