

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

**January 9, 2023**

The Committee-of-the Whole meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hamburg Area School District was called to order by President, Todd D. Hummel at 6:32 p.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:

Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely, Steven C. Gilbert, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

Absent – Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Birgit H. White

There were seven 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, Safety and Security Director; Chris Beissel, High School Principal; Alyssa Fink, High School Assistant Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Rob Marra, Special Education and Student Services Director; Kim Byassee, Transportation and Child Accounting Director; Carlie Cole, Human Resource Director; Elaine Ruppert, Facilities Director; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; David Shefter, Food Service Director; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; James Mancuso, Solicitor; Visitors: John R. H. Ide, Tanya Peter, Dave Mengle, Teri McCarthy-Wright, Sherry Fuhrmann

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**IV.** Mr. Hummel asked for public comments.

There were no public comments.

**V. Report of the Business Manager**

- A. 2021-2022 Audited Financial Report
  - 1. Was a clean audit
  - 2. Results - \$2 million 294 for capital projects.
- B. 2023-2024 General Fund Preliminary Opt-Out Resolution. This just states that if the district would need to increase taxes it would not be above the 5% index.

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The district does not feel it will be necessary to increase taxes. Will be on next agenda for vote.

- C. Acknowledge request from Hamburg Public Library for \$5,000 donation--

## VI. Report of the Superintendent

Sherry Fuhrman was present to request assistance from the board to cover the cost of the macadam at the Tilden Pavilion. She has a quote from Arlan Wessner, Inc. in the amount of \$9,350.00 for the work. The board did in the past assist with the Perry Pavilion project with monies between \$9,000-10,000. This will be on the January 23 agenda for approval.

### A. Walking Tour – 1960 High School Building

The tour was conducted by Dr. Mextorf and Mrs. Ruppert.

Dr. Mextorf explained during a renovation the concentration would be in the science labs. Science labs need more area for chemical storage. The middle part of the building would be upgraded to engage kids in learning. This area would be redesigned and would be codesigned with the teachers. After the science wing the board was taken into some classrooms that have been upgraded with new furniture, etc., to engage kids. Renovation to the science labs would concentrate on the science focus and hands on learning.

### B. BCTC Articles of Agreement Resolution

Dr. Mextorf explained the Joint Operating Committee has decided to no longer provide transportation for school districts to the BCTC. This will be on the January 23 Agenda for approval.

### C. Resolution calling for Charter School Funding Review

### D. Recommend approval of the Substitute Support Staff rate increase from \$10 to \$13.34 effective January 3, 2023

A motion was made by Bradley R. Faust, seconded by Thomas DeAngelo to approve increasing the Substitute Support Staff rate from \$10 to \$13.34

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

Yes - Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely,  
Steven C. Gilbert, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D.  
Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

E. Acknowledgement of the following separations:

1. Eileen Moore – Assistant Coach, Middle School Field Hockey
  - Effective 08/01/2022
2. Megan Zieckler – Food Service Substitute
  - Effective 12/05/2022 (Declined opportunity)
3. Alicia Epps-Thompson – Dedicated Building Substitute
  - Effective 12/05/2022 (Declined opportunity)
4. Andrew Geisinger – Second Shift Custodian, High School
  - Effective 12/16/2022
5. Kenneth Fernandez – Head Coach, Middle School Baseball
  - Effective 12/19/2022
6. Katherine King – Assistant Coach, Middle School Track
  - Effective 12/21/2022
7. John Henne – Assistant Coach, Varsity Track
  - Effective 01/03/2023
8. Michael Adams – Assistant Coach, Bowling
  - Effective 01/04/2023
9. Kathleen Maberry – Paraeducator
  - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
  - Effective 02/28/2023
10. Debbie Heckman – Food Service Employee
  - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
  - Effective 06/02/2023
11. Eileen Leiby – Paraeducator
  - Resignation Submitted for the purpose of retirement
  - Effective 06/02/2023
12. Monica Resh – Paraeducator
  - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
  - Effective 06/02/2023

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13. Shirley Zweizig – Paraeducator
    - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
    - Effective 06/02/2023
  14. Reba Blakeney – Classroom Teacher, Elementary
    - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
    - Effective 06/05/2023
  15. Doreen Ottaviani – Classroom Teacher, Science
    - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
    - Effective 06/05/2023
  16. Rhonda Kilner – Head Custodian, High School
    - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
    - Effective 06/30/2023
- F. Acknowledgement of the following leaves of absence:
1. Mary Burkert – Paraeducator
    - Anticipated leave of absence: 01/17/2023 – 02/01/2023
- G. Recommend approval of the following Support staff: \*
1. Julie Horrell – Paraeducator, Tilden
    - Replacing June Weiskircher
    - Effective 12/22/2022
    - Hourly Rate: \$16.00 / 7 hours per day
    - Certification: Elementary Education
  2. Yarah Wright – Temporary Paraeducator, Tilden
    - Effective 12/21/2022 – 06/02/2023 / last student day
    - Based on student-need
    - \$13.34 per hour / 7 hours per day
- H. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteers: \*
1. Dawson, Erica
  2. Doskus, Payne
  3. Gardner, Lauren
  4. Hinkle, Karen
  5. Martin, Marlin
  6. Wagner, Daniel
  7. Wagner, Jessica

A motion was made by Toni L. McFadden, seconded by Tonia S. Krick to approve the support staff and volunteers presented.

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

Yes - Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely,  
Steven C. Gilbert, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D.  
Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

- I. Recommend approval of Undergraduate Internship Affiliation Agreement with PSU Berks to accept interns in the Hamburg Area School District. \*(see Exhibit XXVIc-5)
- J. Recommend approval of the following mentors for new teachers - \$500 stipend pro-rated for 2022-23: \*

New Staff

Aimee Forte  
Tyler Hartranft  
Jai Young

Mentor

Heather Biehl  
Jamie Clemas  
Tabatha Vega

A motion was made by Thomas D. DeAngelo, seconded by Ryan J. Gebely to approve the Affiliation Agreement with Penn State Berks and the mentors for new teachers presented.

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

Yes - Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely,  
Steven C. Gilbert, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D.  
Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

- VII. Information Items
  - a. January Enrollment

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VIII. Dates to Remember

January	13	Early Dismissal – PM Adult Learning	
	16	No School – Adult Learning Day	
	23	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
February	13	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	27	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

IX. New Business

Dr. Mextorf stated that he went on the trip with Aerial Boundaries to New York City where they were the opening performance for the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. Two charter buses went on the trip. It was a perfect day. The students were well behaved and the performance was outstanding.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ryan J. Gebely, seconded by Tonia S. Krick to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED ON**  
**February 27, 2023**

**RECORDED BY**

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Cynthia A. Sunday

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Todd D. Humel, President