

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

May 20, 2024

The meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Ryan Gebely at 6:38 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:

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Shawn Gravish, Director Safety and Security; Chris Beisel, High School Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; Ryan McGinley, Middle School Assistant Principal, Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary rincipalRob Marra, Student Services and Special Education Director; Elaine Ruppert, Facilities Director; Aaron Menapace, Athletic director; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; David Shefter, Food Service Director; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Visitors – Tonya Cruz, Terri McCarthy, Nicolette Hoover, Dave Mengle, Marcy Donatelli

III. Pledge to the Flag

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes - April 22 and May 6, 2024

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve the minutes as written,

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

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

No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Board Reports

- A. Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman
- B. Joint Operating Committee – Mr. DeAngelo
- C. Committee on Legislative Action – Mrs. McFadden
- D. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Gebely
- E. Student Council – Miss Morgan Lutz or Miss Kayla Rogers
- F. President – Mr. Gebely

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Mr. Gebely announced the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and real estate.

VII. **Report of the Business Manager**

A. 2024-2025 Technology Equipment lease

Ms. Zimmerman has not received the final numbers. This item will be on the June 3 agenda for approval.

B. Resolution for Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program application in the amount of \$4,135,687. (see Exhibit XXVIe-41)

C. Resolution for Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program Matching Funds Commitment in the amount of \$1,033,922 (25% of total project cost). (see Exhibit XXVIe-42)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve the Resolution for Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program application in the amount of \$4,135,687 and Resolution for Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program Matching Funds Commitment in the amount of \$1,033,922 (25% of total project cost).

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

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

No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

D. Recommend approval of the Delta Dental contract renewal at single coverage rate of \$26.77 per covered employee per month

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Birgit White to approve the Delta Dental contract renewal at single rate coverage rate of \$26.77 per covered employee per month.

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

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

No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

- E. Recommend approval of the following Board policies:
 - 1. 221 – Dress and Grooming (see Exhibit XXVIe-43)

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A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Daniel Sarna to approve policy 221 – Dress and Grooming.

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

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

No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. Recommend approval of the General Fund Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVIe-44)
- B. Recommend approval of the General Fund invoices submitted for payment and Arbiter Payments (see Exhibit XXVIe-45)
- C. Recommend approval of Food Service Profit and Loss Statement and invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVIe-46)
- D. Recommend approval of the Capital Reserve Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVIe-47)
- E. Recommend approval of the Debt Service Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVIe-48)
- F. Recommend approval of the High School and Middle School Activity Funds Treasurer’s Reports and invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVIe-49)
- G. Request approval to add a dedicated building substitute teacher rate through ESS at \$260 per day effective 7/01/2024

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the Treasurer Report General Fund; General Fund invoices in the amount of \$1,295,774.17 submitted for payment (check nos. 0000081446 – 0000081515 and D001003625 – D001003686) and Arbiter Payments in the amount of \$4,779.00; Food Service Profit and Loss Statement and invoices in the amount of \$93,598.89 (check nos. D00000694 – D00000708 and 000008610 – 000008613) submitted for payment; Capital Reserve Treasurer Report; Debt Service Treasurer Report; High School Activity Fund Report and checks in the amount of \$31,421.23 (check nos. 0000013638 – 0000013702) and Middle School Activity Fund checks in the amount of \$4,208.84 (check nos. 000004120 – 000004123); Treasurer Reports; add a dedicated building substitute teacher rate through ESS at \$260 per day effective 7/01/2024.

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

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

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No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

- H. Acknowledgement of the following separations:
1. Jason Pfautz – Athletic Game Help
 - Declined opportunity; approved 4/22/2024
 2. Stephen Haegele – Assistant Coach, Junior High Wrestling
 - Effective 05/09/2024
 - Will remain a Volunteer Assistant Coach, Wrestling
 3. Natalie Macbeth – Head Coach, Cheerleading
 - Effective 05/14/2024
 4. Cheryl Bucheit – Musical Choreographer
 - Effective 06/30/2024
- I. Acknowledgement of the following Internal Transfers:
1. Katelynn Frey – Special Education Teacher
 - Location: Tilden
 - New position based on student need
 - Effective: 07/01/2024
 2. Jessica Werley – Special Education Teacher
 - Location: Middle School
 - Replacing Katelynn Frey
 - Effective: 07/01/2024
- J. Recommend approval of the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff, effective 07/09/2024 – 07/26/2024:
1. Kristin Missimer, ESY Head Counselor
 - Stipend: \$2000
 2. Amanda McBreen, ESY Head Counselor
 - Stipend: \$2000
 3. Tiffany Gruber, ESY Head Counselor
 - Stipend: \$2000
 4. Michelle Semian, ESY Head Counselor
 - Stipend: \$2000
 5. Kathleen Edwards, ESY Head Counselor
 - Stipend: \$2000
 6. Tina Peters, ESY Counselor
 - Stipend: \$1000

7. Karen Swan, ESY Counselor
 - Stipend: \$1000
8. Leah Salomonsen, ESY Counselor
 - Stipend: \$1000
9. Stacy Scheib-Koury, ESY Counselor
 - Stipend: \$1000

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10. Joy Kramer, ESY Counselor (part-time)
 - Stipend: \$666.67
11. Melanie Brown, ESY Counselor (part-time)
 - Stipend: \$333.33
12. Jessica Werley, ESY Paraeducator (one-on-one)
 - Hourly rate: \$50.00
- K. Recommend approval of the following Temporary Custodial staff (Summer Help), effective 06/03/2024 – 08/16/2024:
 1. Tabatha Sprentall
 - Existing hourly rate / 40 hours per week
 2. Bonita Umberger
 - Existing hourly rate / 40 hours per week
 3. Dennis Welgo
 - Existing hourly rate / 40 hours per week
 4. Gloria Fetkin
 - Existing hourly rate / 25 hours per week
 5. Paula Enzman
 - Existing hourly rate / 18 hours per week
 6. Jami Folk
 - Existing hourly rate / 16 hours per week
 7. Wyatt Conrad
 - Hourly rate: \$13.34 / 40 hours per week
 8. Petra Hertzog, College Student
 - Hourly rate: \$13.34 / 40 hours per week
 9. Christian Brown, High School Student
 - Hourly rate: \$10 / 40 hours per week
 10. Alicia Gilbert, High School Student
 - Hourly rate: \$10 / 40 hours per week
 11. Noah Neuin, High School Student
 - Hourly rate: \$10 / 40 hours per week
 12. Hank Welgo, High School Student
 - Hourly rate: \$10 / 40 hours per week
 13. Trenton Riegel, High School Student
 - \$ Hourly rate: \$10 / 40 hours per week
 14. Jayden Seidel, High School Student

- \$ Hourly rate: \$10 / 40 hours per week
- L. Recommend approval of the following Extra-curricular staff:
1. Kerry Mega – Assistant Coach, Junior High Wrestling
 - Replacing Stephen Haegele
 - Effective 06/07/2024
 - Stipend: \$2082 / Step 1

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A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) staff, Temporary Custodial staff (Summer Help) Extra-curricular Staff presented.

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

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

No - None

No Vote – Steven Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert Abstained because under the VIII. K. his daughter is #10
Alicia Gilbert

Abstention form (see Exhibit XXVIe-50)

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes and one director abstaining.

- M. Recommend approval of the 2024-2025 Reading Area Community College Dual Enrollment Agreement.(see Exhibit XXVIe-51)

A motion was made Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Daniel Sarna to approve the 2024-2025 Reading Area Community College Dual Enrollment Agreement.

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

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

No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

- N. Recommend approval of the following Professional Development Conference

1. Terence Laughlin to attend the GeoEd2024 conference in Louisville, KY from June 11-13, 2024. Approximate cost to the District \$595.

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the Professional Development Conference presented to Terrence Laughlin to attend the GeoEd2024 conference in Louisville, KY at a cost of \$595.

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

Yes - Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, L “Lolly”

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Leshner, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna. Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

No - None

Motion carried with nine directors voting yes.

IX. Information Items

- A. Board Summary – April 30, 2024

X. Dates to Remember

Month	Day	Event	Time
May	23	Early Dismissal – PM Adult Learning	
	24	School Closed	
	27	No School – Memorial Day	
	31	Last Day – Early Dismissal	
	31	Commencement	6:00 p.m.
June	3	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	17	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

XI. New Business

Ryan Gebely stated that the Hall of Fame categories should be restarted next year.

Ryan Gebely also put Aaron Menapace on the spot to talk about the new track coach and the success of the team. Additionally Mr. Menapace talked about the Varsity Girls Softball team being County Champions!!

Dr. Mextorf talked about Hawk Olympics taking place on Hawk Hill for special needs students. Numerous schools were represented. He gave credit to Alyssa Fink and Rob Marra for a job well done.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Laura "Lolly" Leshner to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED ON
June 17, 2024

RECORDED BY

Ryan J. Gebely

Cynthia A. Sunday