

HAMBURG AREA SHOOOL DISTRICT
Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526-0401
October 14, 2024

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Ryan Gebely at 6:30 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, Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner ,
Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White

Absent- Tonia Krick

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Beissel, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Ryan McGinley, High School Principal; Alyssa Fink, High School Assistant Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; John Henne, Middle School Assistant Principal; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Elaine Ruppert, Facilities Director; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; David Shefter, Food Service Director; Andrew Diehl, Director of Information Technology; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Visitors – Dave Mingle, Marcy Donatelli, Terri McCarthy, Brynell Stevens, Swantje Rowold, Luise Wiedermann, Morgan Riegel, Anna Heubner, Kaylum Riegel, Sesemi Kaiser, Brandy Riegel, Brandon Riegel

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 – Ms. Zimmerman reviewed the following:

- A. Review 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Calendar (See ExhibitXXVIf-36)
- B. As of June 30, 2024, move \$4,966.94 from Committed Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance, resulting in a \$59,996.39 balance in Committed Fund Balance.
- C. As of June 30, 2024, move \$145,897.76 from Non-spendable Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance.

- D. As of June 30, 2024, move \$3,214,434 from Unassigned Fund Balance to Assigned Fund Balance for the 2024-2025 General Fund budget shortfall.
- E. As of June 30, 2024, move \$2,333,846 from Assigned Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance for the 2023-2024 General Fund budget shortfall.
- F. As of June 30, 2024, move \$ TBD from Unassigned Fund Balance to Assigned Fund Balance for future capital projects.

No questions or comments

VI. Report of the Superintendent

- A. GAPP recognition – Mr. Ryan McGinley, presented two articles written by our students and published in the Berks Mont newspapers, thanked the host families for opening their homes and all they do for the GAPP program, as well as Terri McCarthy Wright and Brynell Stevens for leading the program. HASD student, Morgan Riegel, explained the program. Kaylum Riegel, another HASD student, who hosted a student, spoke as well. Two German exchange students, Anna Heubner and Sesemi Kaiser were present and recognized. The two German teachers, Swantje Rowold were presented with certificates. (See ExhibitXXVIf-37)
- B. High School chiller update given by Mrs. Elaine Ruppert. Mrs. Ruppert explained that chiller #1 is done and chiller #2 is operating at 50% at best.
- C. Presentation by AEM and Consolidated Engineers
 - Feasibility Study – AEM
 - Ryan Gebely asked the scope of the project (HS only vs. all district buildings)
 - Laura “Lolly” Leshner asked how long it would take
 - Phil answered they could expect a draft study around March time frame.
 - Ryan also asked the price of a feasibility study
 - Pete Meckley stated between \$10,000-\$15,000
 - Chiller options – Consolidated Engineers
 - Ryan Gebely wants the range of the best chiller to the lesser chiller options and what the options presented are
 - Answer was that the options presented are a one-one for replacement and the chillers we have are what are put in most schools
 - Tom DeAngelo asked about humidity control
 - Phil and Chris Van Campen answered that the humidity would be addressed in the feasibility study and not by the chillers
 - Chris Van Campen mentioned the high voltage and they need to study it more to ensure that it wouldn’t affect new chillers
 - Dr. Adams asked if there is a risk with proceeding with #3
 - Adam responded that the current ones are slightly oversized and so he’s not concerned

- Dr. Adams asked how much less option #1 would be
 - Adam responded that there is no formula to determining that
 - Phil stated about 5-10%
- Dr. Beissel stated that he recommends options #2 or #3 and that we should move forward by the end of the month
- Adam stated that the benefit of option #3 is that we have the chiller
- Dr. Adams asked if there are any issues with a rental chiller
 - Adam answered that rental chillers aren't as effective so our energy bills would go up; Chris Van Campen stated there are about as 1/3 as efficient
- Board asked what additional info Adam would have by Oct. 28
 - Jim Mancuso stated we need a public meeting and the Contract to Purchase
- Straw poll was taken to move forward with option #3 and come back with the details on Oct. 28
- D. Public School Facility Improvement grant update
 - Michele reported that we should hear about the grant on Oct. 22 so some funds could be available
 - If not, we have capital reserve funds and assigned FB available to pay for the chillers
- E. Dr. Beissel acknowledged the donation to the District from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. on behalf of their employee, Joshua Kisha.
- F. The First reading of the following Board policy, 216.1- Supplemental Student Discipline Records; which will be on the November 18, 2024 agenda, for approval.
- G. Recommended approval of Albright College Affiliation Agreement (See ExhibitXXVIf-38)

A motion was made by Danial Sarna, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve the Albright College Affiliation Agreement.

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

Yes- Caron Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

- H. Acknowledgement of following separations:
 - 1. Ralph Saunders- Paraeducator
 - Effective 11/15/2024
- I. Request approval of the following leave of absence:
 - 1. Employee # 1395- Classroom Teacher
 - Medical sabbatical for restoration of health
 - Anticipated leave period 10/14/2024- 01/07/2025

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Birgit White to approve the leave of absence as listed.

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

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

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

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

1. Hannah Gravish – Assistant Coach, High School Girls’ Soccer •
 - Replacing Jasmin Piltz
 - Effective: 10/15/2024
 - Stipend: \$2247 / Step 2
2. Elizabeth Borkey – Costume Designer, High School Musical •
 - Replacing Kathy Mextorf
 - Effective 10/15/2024
 - Stipend: \$1000 K.

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Thomas DeAngelo to approve the Extra-curricular staff as listed.

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

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

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

K. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteers:

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| 1. Suzanne Churgai | 6. Savannah Litschi |
| 2. Amanda Gallagher | 7. Erica Mietelski |
| 3. Courtney Glass | 8. Ashley Roberts |
| 4. Ann Marie Henne | 9. Ann Steffel |
| 5. Erica Krise | 10. Sharon Strausser |

A motion was made by Daniel Sarna, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve the Extra-curricular staff as listed.

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

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

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

L. Recommend approval of High School Music Department trip on March 12, 2025, to New York, NY to see a Broadway show:*

- Approximate cost to the District is \$618.00

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the High School Music Department trip as listed.

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

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

No- None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

Dr. Beissel acknowledged all the work at the football game and thanked Brad Valentino for his efforts

VII. Information Items

A. October Enrollment (See Exhibit XXVIf-39)

VIII. Dates to Remember

Month	Day	Event	Time
October	28	Board Meeting	6:30p.m.
November	5	Perry Elementary Virtual Learning Day (Tilden, MS, HS in person learning as normally scheduled)	
November	18	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
November	25, 26	Early Dismissal; Parent Conferences	
November	27,28,29	Thanksgiving Recess- No School	
December	2	Thanksgiving Recess- No School	
December	4	School Board Reorganization (rescheduled from original date of Dec 2 nd , due to winter break)	6:30 p.m.
December	23-31	Winter Holiday Recess- No School	

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January	1-3, 2025	Holiday Recess- No School	
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IX. New Business

None at this time.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

RECORDED BY

October 28, 2024

Ryan J. Gebely

Nicolette A. Hoover