

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

**September 26, 2022**

The Regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Todd D. Hummel at 6:30 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, Tonya S. Krick, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

Absent: Birgit H. White

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 of Safety and Security; Chris Beissel, High School Principal; Ryan McGinley, Middle School Assistant Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Elaine Ruppert, Facilities Director; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; Jim Mancuso, District Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Visitors –Tamara Green, John R. H. Ide, Dave Mengle, Glenn Miller, Tanya Peter, Steven Kahlon, Sara Parry, Lorrie Wolfinger

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

**IV.** Approval of previous meetings minutes from August 22 and September 12, 2022.

A motion was made by Laura "Lolly" Leshner, seconded by Toni L. McFadden to approve the minutes as written.

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, Tonya S. Krick, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

**V.** Public Comments

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

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**VI. Board Reports**

- A. Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman
- B. Joint Operating Committee – Mr. Faust
- C. Committee on Legislative Action – Mr. Gilbert
- D. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Hummel
- E. Student Council – Miss Gisicki
- F. President – Mr. Hummel

**VII. Report of the Business Manager**

The Business Manager had no report.

**VIII. Report of the Superintendent**

- A. Kids Closet – Dr. Gravish

Dr. Gravish presented Steven Kahlon, President/CEO Manderbach Ford with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Manderbach Ford for their generous donation of \$5,000 to support the Kids' Closet Project

- B. Board Discussion – Girls Wrestling – Mr. Menapace

Mr. Menapace stated this is another good news story. He added that girls wrestling is rapidly growing across the state and would like it to be an approved sport at Hamburg Area. He explains how the PIAA works and it is believed by fall of 2024-25 it will be an official PIAA sport.

At this point he turned the discussion over to Laura Nemes. Laura is the Junior High Wrestling Coach and has two daughters who wrestle. She added to how girls wrestling is advancing in Pennsylvania. Three girls who currently wrestle were present and Coach Nemes had each girl stand up and stated awards they had won.

For the first year the Matt Club would sponsor the girls team. They would sponsor a head coach and assistant coach. The Booster club will also support Girls Wrestling.

In order to vote on this item tonight, it must be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Tonia S. Krick, seconded by Thomas D. DeAngelo to add Girls Wrestling to the agenda.

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick,  
Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

Girls Wrestling was officially added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Toni L. McFadden, seconded by Laura "Lolly" Leshner to take a vote to approve girls wrestling as an official sport at Hamburg Area.

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

Hamburg officially has a girls wrestling team!!

#### C. Board Discussion - Social Worker – Mr. Ammons

Mr. Ammons explained at this time we currently have Kevin McFarland serving in this role at Tilden Elementary. There is a definite need for more help in this area, definitely at the high school.

It was discussed that ESSER funds have been allotted to use for mental health.

Mr. Ammons met with Family Guidance and developed a job description. They had a candidate who was interested. He is a Hamburg graduate and is very interested in working at Hamburg Area. The candidate also met with Dr. Mextorf. Looking to try this for one year and evaluate to see how it works for the district.

It was discussed the candidate could be at the October 10 meeting to put a face with a name.

It was stated that if this is something that is needed why wait for two weeks. Since this was not listed on the agenda it would need to be added to the agenda

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Thomas D. DeAngelo to add the one-year pilot social worker position to the agenda.

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

This was added to the agenda. A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Thomas D. DeAngelo to approve the social worker pilot for one year and evaluate how position is working..

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

- D. Recommend approval of the General Fund Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVIb-46)
- E. Recommend approval of the General Fund invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit VVVIIb-47)
- F. Recommend approval of Food Service Profit and Loss Statement and invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVIb-48)
- G. Recommend approval of the Capital Reserve Treasurer’s Report and invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVIb-49)
- H. Recommend approval of the Debt Service Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit NNVIb-50)
- I. Recommend approval of the High School and Middle School Activity Funds Treasurer’s Reports and invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVIb-51)
- J. Recommend approval of disposal items presented on detailed listing (see Exhibit XXVIb-52)

A motion was made by Bradley R. Fauast, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve the General Fund Treasurer report and invoices in the amount of \$1,470,503.85 (check #'s 0000079840 – 0000079943 and D001002136 – D001002230); Food Service Profit and Loss Statement and invoices in the amount of \$67,276.97 (check #'s 0000008471 – 0000008474 and D000000454 – D000000466); Capital Reserve Treasurer Report and invoices in the amount of \$17,500.01 (check #000001320); Treasurer Report Debt Service; High School Activity Fund Treasurer report, - invoices in the amount of \$4,977.72 (check #'s 0000013365 – 0000013367); Middle School Activity Fund; and the disposal items.

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

- K. Review of the position description for Career Education Specialist (will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting agenda for approval)
- L. Review of the position description for Elementary Science Coordinator (will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting agenda for approval)
- M. Recommend acknowledgement of the following separations:
  - 1. Justin Berger - Head Coach, Middle School Track
    - 1. Effective 09/22/2022
  - 2. Matthew Ammons – Director of Special Education and Student Services
    - 1. Effective 10/28/2022
- N. Recommend approval of the following Support staff:
  - 1. Jennifer Bachert – Food Service Employee
    - 1. Increase from 2.5 to 3 hours per day
  - 2. Jean Mengel – Food Service Employee
    - 1. Increase from 7 to 8 hours per day
  - 3. Kelly Seidel – Food Service Employee
    - 1. Increase from 4.75 to 5 hours per day
  - 4. Sherrie Krick – Food Service Employee
    - 1. Increase from 7 to 8 hours per day
- O. Recommend approval of the following Extra-curricular staff:
  - 1. Ruth Weidman – Athletic Game Help

1. Effective 09/14/2022

Will receive applicable Game Help payment per event

P. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteers:

1. Cruz, Tonya
2. Endres, Robin
3. Foreman, Janice
4. Gaul, Heather
5. Henn, Kristina
6. Kershner, Natasha
7. Lukoss, Chelsea
8. Mills, Daniel
9. Phillips, Lisa
10. Raifsnider, Jeremy
11. Strapinski, Melissa

A motion was made by Ryan J. Gebely, seconded by Toni L. McFadden to approve the Support staff, extra-curricular staff and district volunteers 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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

Q. Recommend approval of the following professional development conference in accordance with District policy:

1. Justin Berger to attend the National Council for the Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference and Exposition, November 30 – December 2, 2022 in Baltimore, MD. Approximate cost to the District is \$1,300.

R. Recommend approval of the following field trips in accordance with District policy:

1. Aerial Boundaries to perform at Radio City Music Hall and remain for Sounds of Christmas, New York, NY on December 21, 2022. Approximate cost to the District is \$1,700.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington, DC, on May 24, 2023. Approximate cost to the District is \$5,035.

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A motion was made by Thomas D. DeAngelo, seconded by Laura "Lolly" Leshner to approve Professional Development

conference for Justin Berger and the field trips Aerial Boundries to Radio City Music Hall and 7<sup>th</sup> grade to Washington, DC in accordance with district policy.

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

- S. Recommend approval of an Articulation Agreement with Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA, to accept student teachers and interns in the Hamburg Area School District. (see Exhibit XXVlb-53)

A motion was made Laura "Lolly" Leshner, seconded by Bradley R. Faust to approve the Articulation Agreement with Lebanon College.

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, Laura (Lolly) Leshner, Tonia S. Krick, Toni L. McFadden, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

IX. Information Items

A. August Board Summary

X. Dates to Remember

October	7	Early Dismissal	
	10	No School/Adult Learning Day	
	10	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	24	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
November	14	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

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XI. New Business

Mr. Gebely stated he wanted to give a shout out to Mrs. Jackson and Aerial Boundaries for coming out in the rain and singing the National Anthem at the Strausstown Car show.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ryan J. Gebely seconded Tonia S. Krick to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED ON**  
**October 24, 2022**

**RECORDED BY**

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**Todd D. Hummel**  
**President**

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Cynthia A. Sunday