

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526-0401
April 14, 2025

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Ryan Gebely, at 6:33 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, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Ryan Gebely

Absent- Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Birgit White

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Beissel, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Ryan McGinley, High School Principal; Alyssa Fink, Assistant High School Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; John Henne, Assistant Middle School Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Robert Marra, Student Services and Special Education Director; Matt Bertschy, Director of Transportation and Child Accounting; Carlie Cole, Director of Human Services; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; Elaine Ruppert, Director of Facilities; Andrew Diehl, Director of Information Technology; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Nicolette Hoover, Board Secretary; Visitors – Marcy Donatelli,

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

- A. 2025-2026 General Fund Proposed Final Budget Discussion- Ms. Zimmerman reviewed the 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget in detail. Printouts were distributed (See Exhibits XXVIg-12)
- B. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2025-2026 Computer Service Rates - this will be on the April 28th agenda for approval.
- C. Effective July 1, 2025, purchase dental insurance from Capital Blue Cross at the cost of \$/month per eligible employee (three-tier proposal)- the dollar symbol is not an error, the actual amount will be on the next agenda, we are waiting on a final quote. This will also be on the April 28th agenda for approval.

VI. Report of the Superintendent

- A. Special Education Plan- Mr. Marra- Presentation. Mr. Marra gave a very detailed presentation with a Q & A opportunity at the end. This will be on the April 28th agenda for approval, if you have any questions please reach out to Mr. Marra.

B. Recommend approval of the 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook * (See Exhibit XXVIg-13)

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Daniel Sarna to approve the 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

C. Kutztown University Student Teacher and Intern Agreement- will be on the next agenda for approval

D. Recommend approval of the following personnel actions:

Correction:

1. 03/24/2025 Board Meeting agenda: Item VIII Report of the Superintendent / Section N, Support Staff / Point 1: Kiersten Duke replaces former employee Kayla Rehrer.

Retirement:

1. Sherry Miller –First-shift Middle School Custodian. Last workday -05/30/2025. Retirement date - 08/29/2025.

Resignations:

1. Tavian Parry - Assistant Coach, Middle School Boys Soccer, effective 03/28/2025.
2. Richard Reinhart, Sr. – Assistant Coach, Middle School Girls Basketball, effective 04/02/2025.
3. Vanessa Blair - Tilden Elementary Paraeducator, effective 04/01/2025.
4. Samantha Feliciano – Tilden Elementary Paraeducator, effective 04/16/2025.

Termination:

1. Steven Yeager – Second-shift High School Custodian, effective 04/07/2025.

Leave Request:

1. Employee # 957 – Tilden Food Service Employee, non-FMLA medical leave. Anticipated paid leave: 04/22/2025 – 04/30/2025. Anticipated unpaid leave: 05/01/2025 – 06/05/2025.

Assignments

Co-Curricular staff:

1. Julia Kutz – Head Coach, Middle School Girls Basketball & Game Help, effective 04/15/2025. Seasonal coaching stipend of \$3332 (step 3). Game help stipends paid at the Board-approved stipend rate per event.
2. Cheryl Pishock – Assistant Coach, Middle School Girls Basketball & Game Help, effective 04/15/2025. Seasonal coaching stipend of \$2688 (step 3). Game help stipends paid at the Board-approved stipend rate per event.
3. Kirstin Fitzpatrick – Athletics Game Help effective 03/24/2025 at the Board-approved stipend rate per event.
4. Beth Jackowski – Athletics Game Help effective 03/24/2025 at the Board-approved stipend rate per event.

Volunteers

Athletics:

1. Middle School Girls Basketball: Richard Reinhart, Sr.

Building:

1. Melissa Atkinson
2. Jessica Bell
3. Daniel Bostwick
4. Petra Chanis
5. Nicholas Clark
6. Shayne Eppley
7. Malorie Ezolt
8. Mary Himmelberger
9. Gabrielle Krick
10. Allyson Lash
11. Derek Leibensperber
12. Christina Riggeal
13. Nikki Snyder
14. Kendall Yoder

A motion was made by Thomas DeAngelo, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the following personnel actions as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes-Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Daniel Sarna, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo Ryan Gebely

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

VII. Information Items

A. April Enrollment

VIII. Dates to Remember

Month	Day	Event	Time
April	15	Full Day for Students	
April	16	Early Dismissal for Students Adult Learning PM	
April	17,18,21	Spring Holiday Recess	
April	28	Board Meeting	6:30pm
May	12	Board Meeting	6:30pm

IX. New Business

- Ryan Gebely received support from the entire Board to bump the May 12th meeting back to 7:00pm.
- Thomas DeAngelo: BCTC has offered to host the November 10th Board meeting. The Board again gave their full support. Mrs. Hoover and Mr. DeAngelo will work out the details closer to the time.
- Mrs. Hoover will work on public notification of both changes.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Daniel Sarna to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

April 28, 2025

RECORDED BY

Ryan J. Gebely

Nicolette A. Hoover