

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

**April 9, 2018**

The Committee-of-the Whole meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hamburg Area School District was called to order by President, Brian R. Specht, at 6:33 p.m. in the James A. Gilmartin Community Room of the Hamburg Area High School, Windsor Street, Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

A roll call of directors followed, and the following directors were present:

Bradley R. Faust, Leon J. Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Andrew C. Raugh, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel, Brian R. Specht

Absent – Cory M. Johnson

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Richard J. Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Chris Spohn, High School Principal; Chris Beissel, High School Assistant Principal; Dr. Shawn Gravish, Middle School Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Dean of Students; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Matthew Ammons, Special Education Director; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Mark Meinhart, Facilities Director; Chaslyn Christman, Student Representative; Russell Farbiarz, Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Press – John Kutz, Hamburg Item; Lyle Greiss, Reading Eagle; Visitors: John R.H. Ide, Dave Mengle, Lennia Kauffman, Andrea Heckman, Andrew Hoffman, Kathy DiMera

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Specht asked for public comments.

***Lennia Kauffman, Hamburg*** – Spoke to the board regarding access to the softball field, a porta potty for the softball field, and posts to mark the foul ball line.

**V. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER**

A. Review of 2017-2018 General Fund Budget Balance

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Ms. Zimmerman discussed the current deficit prediction for the 2018-2019 Budget.

- State revenue is uncertain
- 10% medical benefit increases
- Special Education Tuition for out of district placements
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In the budget have allocated for –

1. Pads and Chrome books for 5 elementary classes
2. 4 Baritone Horns for the middle school
3. Athletics – proof of developing the whole child
4. increase band width
5. Special Ed needs
6. Maintain our buildings
7. Surplus
8. Virtual Reality Headsets
9. Two mowers – part of replacement cycle
10. Intercom system at Middle School and Tilden
11. English as a Second Language - Imagine Learning (allowed student to access his own native language)

88% of the budget is non-negotiable

What draws the deficit – pension, retirement and social security?

Ms. Zimmerman distributed the following: (see Exhibit XXVe-13

- 2018-2019 General Fund Budget Summary
- 2018-2019 Revenue Budget – Proposed Final
- 2018-2019 Expenditure Budget – Proposed Final
- 2018-2019 Proposed Final General Fund Budget

The 5-year plan will be discussed in two weeks

Andrew Raugh stated he likes the way the discussion takes each thing back to the vision pillars

- B. Proposal for Fraser Advanced Info Systems to purchase 19 multi-function devices at a cost of \$56,840 (will be on April 23 agenda for approval)

- C. Proposal from Fraser Advanced Info Systems for maintenance on the multi-function devices for five years at a cost of \$.0032 for black and white copies and \$.0396 for color copies (will be on April 23 agenda for approval).
- D. Proposal from Winthrop Resources for a five year fair market value lease for the multi-function devices at annual payment of \$11,365 (will be on April 23 agenda for approval).

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

**A. Acknowledgement of the following separations:**

- i. David Kline, Head Coach High School Wrestling
  - Effective 3/20/2018
- ii. Danielle Oswald, Substitute Aide
  - Effective 3/26/2018
- iii. Tina Henderson, Licensed Professional Substitute
  - Effective 3/27/2018
- iv. Alexandra Casatelli, Licensed Professional Substitute
  - Effective 3/30/2018
- v. Shirley Reichert, Custodian
  - Retirement effective 6/2/2018
- vi. Diane Silansky, Paraprofessional
  - Retirement effective 6/9/2018

**B. Acknowledgement of the following leaves of absence:**

- i. Melissa Farina, High School Science Teacher
  - Anticipated leave dates: 8/21/2018 – 10/12/2018
- ii. Chelsea Arndt, Middle School Science Teacher
  - Anticipated leave dates: 8/21/2018 – 3/24/2019

**C. Recommend Approval of the following Professional Staff: \***

- i. Leon Blatt, Long-term Substitute Teacher
  - Extension of assignment through 4/30/2018
  - \$44,163, prorated for term

**D. Recommend Approval of the following Volunteers: \***

- i. Perry
  - Joshua Fasig
- ii. Tilden
  - Donna Garrison
- iii. High School/Tilden
  - Mark Mohn
- iv. Middle School/Tilden
  - Jennifer Enoch

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner to approve Professional Staff and volunteers presented.

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

Yes - Bradley Faust, Leon Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Laura “Lolly”

Leshner, Andrew C. Raugh, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel,

Brian R. Specht

Motion carried with eight directors voting “yes”.

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**E. Student Trip – Boys Varsity Soccer Team - 8/31 – 9/1/18**

**Wallenpaupack Area High School – Will be on April 23 Agenda for  
approval**

**VII. Information Items**

**A. April Enrollment**

**VIII. Dates to Remember**

April	20-22	- School Musical “Into the Woods”
	23	- School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	24	- School Director Convention – Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center – 5:30 Tour & Reception – 6:30 Dinner
May	2	- Hawk Special Olympics
	3	- Hawk Special Olympics Rain Date
	7	- Building Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. High School
	14	- School Board Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m.
	21	- School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	25	- Snow Make-up Day – Early Dismissal for students
	28	- Memorial Day – School Closed
	30	- All Sports Awards- 6:00 p.m. High School Auditorium

**IX. New Business**

No new Business was discussed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Maggie L. Rhoades, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried

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**MINUTES APPROVED ON**  
**March 26, 2018**

**RECORDED BY**

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Cynthia A. Sunday

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Brian R. Specht, President