

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

February 8, 2021

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 6:34 p.m. This meeting was held in the library of Hamburg Area high school.

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

Brad Faust, Leon J. Grim, Cory M. Johnson, Laura “Lolly” Leshner,
Andrew C. Raugh, Brian N. Riegel, Brian R. Specht

Absent –Todd D. Hummel, Maggie L. Rhoades

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Christopher Beissel, High School Principal; Damian Buggy, High School Dean of Students; Timothy Easter, Middle School Principal; Ryan McGinley, Middle School Dean of Students; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Matt Ammons, Special Education Director; Kim Byassee, Transportation and Child Accounting Director; Shawn Gravish, Director of Safety and Security; Carlie Cole, Human Resources; Christopher Spohn, Director of Operations and Project Development; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; David Shefter, Food Service Director; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Russell Farbiarz, School District Solicitor (via Zoom); Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Visitors: John R.H. Ide, Dave Mengle

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Specht asked for public comments.

There were no public comments.

V. COVID Update – Mr. Spohn

Mr. Spohn gave an update of the Covid Numbers and reviewed the graphs he displayed for the board.

VI. Report of the Business Manager

- A. Discussion – bond financing details (see Exhibit XXVj-77)
 - 1. Amount of bond
 - 2. Structure and term of bond
- B. Technology lease ending June 30, 2025 with Vantage Financial with an annual payment not to exceed \$ (will be on Feb. 22 agenda for approval)
- C. Service Agreement with Windstream Enterprise for the HASD building-to-building WAN connectivity, effective July 1, 2021 for a five year period at a monthly rate of \$3,550 (will be on Feb. 22 agenda for approval)
- D. First reading of Board policy: (will be on March 22 agenda for approval)
 - 1. 309.1 – Work-from-Home Program

VII. Report of the Superintendent - Michelle Zimmerman covered the Report of the Superintendent in the absence of Dr. Mextorf.

- A. MS Renovation Project bids (will be on Feb. 22 agenda for approval)
- B. Recommend approval of the revised position description for Grounds Maintenance Technician. *

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly:”Leshar seconded by Brian N. Riegel to approve the revised position description for Grounds Maintenance Technician.

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

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

“No” None

Motion carried with eight directors voting “Yes”.

C. Acknowledgement of the following separations:

1. Nora Harrison, Head Coach, Middle School Softball
 - Effective: 01/28/2021
2. Nancy Vardjan, Middle Level English Teacher
 - Resignation submitted for the purpose of retirement
 - Effective: 06/07/2021

VIII. Information Items

There were no information items.

IX. Dates to Remember

February 8 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

II. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kaura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Brian N. Riegel to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

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**MINUTES APPROVED ON
February 22, 2021**

RECORDED BY

Cynthia A. Sunday

Brian R. Specht, President