

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526-0401
February 24, 2025

The meeting of the Board was called to order by Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Beissel, 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, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely- via phone

Absent-Thomas DeAngelo, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Daniel Sarna

There were five directors present in person and one director via phone when roll call was taken.

Due to the absence of both the President and Vice President, Toni McFadden made a motion to nominate Steven Gilbert to serve as President Pro Tempore.

Carson Adams seconded the motion.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried six directors voting yes.

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Beissel, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Ryan McGinley, High School Principal; John Henne, Middle School Assistant Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Rob Marra, Student Services and Special Education Director; Matt Bertschy, Director of Transportation and Child Accounting; Carlie Cole, Director of Human Resources; Elaine Ruppert, Director of Facilities; Andrew Diehl, Director of Information Technology; Molly Fox, Student Council Representative; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Nicolette Hoover, Board Secretary; Visitors – Marcy Donatelli, Lisa Eisenhower, Terri McCarthy

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

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes- January 27 and February 10, 2025.

A motion was made by Tonia Krick, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the minutes as written.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

V. Public Comments

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

VI. Board Reports

- A. Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman- nothing to add at this time.
- B. Joint Operating Committee –Mr. DeAngelo- not present
- C. Committee on Legislative Action – Mrs. McFadden shared
 - Discussed Governor Shaprios 25- 26 Education Budget Proposal
- D. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Gebely shared
 - Nothing to share at this time, there is a meeting coming up.
- E. Student Council – Miss Molly Fox shared the following:
 - The faculty charity basketball game went well there were approximately 537 people in attendance.
 - 458 canned goods collected.
 - \$3,482 raised and \$1,877 will be donated to the charity.
 - Student council will begin to plan May Day.
- F. President – Mr. Gebely
 - nothing to share at this time

VII. Report of the Business Manager

- A. Recommend approval of 2025-2026 BCIU Mandated Services Budget in the amount of \$2,191,504 and the HASD portion of \$46,622.46 (See Exhibit XXVIf-85)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Toni Mcfadden to approve the 2025-2026 BCIU Mandated Services Budget in the amount of \$2,191,504 and the HASD portion of \$46,622.46.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

- B. Recommend approval of Gorman & Associates, P.C. three year financial audit proposal

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Birgit White to approve the Gorman & Associates, P.C. three year financial audit proposal (See Exhibit XXVIf-86)

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. HS Building Project Discussion Update

- Building committee to meet in a formal capacity end of spring beginning of summer

- Next steps internally is to meet with administration and high school faculty informally and initiate conversation focusing on needs, wants and nice to have or if we can
 - Would like to start as a team and then bring it to a formal board committee meeting with those of you that are serving
- B. Chillers Project Proposal and Update
- Moving right along on schedule
 - Thank you for your support
- C. Recommend approval of the 2025-2026 School District Calendar (See Exhibit XXVIf-87)

A motion was made by Tonia Krick, seconded by Birgit White to approve the 2025-2026 School District Calendar

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

- D. Recommend approval of the General Fund Treasurer's Report (See Exhibit XXVIf-88)
- E. Recommend approval of the General Fund invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIf-89)
- F. Recommend approval of Food Service Profit and Loss Statement and invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIf-90)
- G. Recommend approval of the Capital Reserve Treasurer's Report and invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIf-91)
- H. Recommend approval of the Debt Service Treasurer's Report (See Exhibit XXVIf-92)
- I. Recommend approval of the High School and Middle School Activity Funds Treasurer's Reports and invoices submitted for payment (See Exhibit XXVIf-93)
- J. Recommend approval of disposal items presented on detailed listing (See Exhibit XXVIf-94)

A motion was made by Toni McFadden seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the General Fund Treasurer's Report; and Invoices in the amount of \$1,417,410.24 (check nos 0000082189-0000082258 and D001004271-D001004336); Food Service Profit and Loss Report and invoices \$97,405.72(0000008698 - 0000008704 and D000000797-D000000811); Capital Reserve Treasurer Report ; Debt Service Treasurer Report; High School Activity Fund Treasurer Report and checks in the amount of \$20,193.79(check nos. 0000013797-0000013818); Middle School Activity Fund Treasurer Report and checks in the amount of \$1,199.16 (check nos. 0000004138-0000004139), and disposal items presented

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

- K. First reading of the following Board Policy Attachment:
1. 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

- L. Recommend approval of the following Board Policy:
1. 805.2 School Security Personnel (See Exhibit XXVIf-95)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Carson Adams to approve Board Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

- M. Recommend approval of the following position descriptions (See Exhibit XXVIf-96):

1. Director, High School Musical
2. Producer, High School Musical
3. Choreographer, High School Musical
4. Drama Club Advisor

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the position descriptions as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

- N. Acknowledgement of the following separations:

1. Angela Dowd – Music Director, Chamber Strings
 - Effective 06/30/2024

- O. Acknowledgement of the following leaves of absence:

1. Employee # 1657 – Sick Leave
 - Anticipated leave period: 01/24/2025 – 03/20/2025
2. Employee # 1725 – Sick Leave
 - Anticipated leave period: 01/28/2025 – 02/25/2025

- P. Recommend approval of the following Professional staff:

1. Jason Dusko – Long-term Substitute Teacher
 - Replacing Karen Brantlecht
 - Effective 01/21/2025 – 06/06/2025
 - Salary: \$81,020 (Master / Step 13) prorated for term of employment
2. Patrick Hand – Long-term Substitute Teacher
 - Replacing Benjamin Hetrich
 - Effective 01/21/2025 – 06/06/2025
 - Salary: \$54,883 (Master / Step 3) prorated for term of employment

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the following Professional staff as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

Q. Recommend approval of the following Extra-curricular staff:

1. Jessica Godek – Music Director, Chamber Strings
 - Replacing Angela Dowd
 - Effective 09/01/2024
 - Stipend: \$1500
2. Christopher Zalasky – Assistant Coach, High School Track
 - Replacing Brianna Denniston
 - Effective 2/25/2025
 - Stipend: \$3,354.00 / Step 3
3. Brett Gaul - Volunteer Assistant Coach, High School Football
 - Effective 02/25/2025
4. Erik Bubeck – Volunteer Assistant Coach, High School Football
 - Effective upon receipt of all required employment documents
5. Jacob Phillips - Volunteer Assistant Coach, High School Football
 - Effective upon receipt of all required employment documents
6. Aiden Homan – Volunteer Assistant Coach, Wrestling
 - Effective upon receipt of all required employment documents

A motion was made by Tonia Krick, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the following Extra-curricular staff as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

R. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteer:

1. Randi Commons

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Toni McFadden to approve the following District Volunteers as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Ryan Gebely, Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

- S. Recommend approval of the following mentors for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year with a prorated stipend of \$250:

New Staff

Patrick Hand

Jason Dusko

Mentor

Teresa Keck

Jaime Clemas

A motion was made by Toni McFadden, seconded by Birgit White to approve the mentors as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebely, Steven Gilbert

No- None

Motion carried with six directors voting yes.

IX. Information Items

A. February Enrollment (See Exhibit XXVIf-97)

B. Board Summary Report (See Exhibit XXVIf-98)

X. Dates to Remember

Month	Day	Event	Time
March	1	HAEF Fundraiser Event At The Warehouse of Hamburg	5:30pm-10:00pm
March	10	Committee Meeting	6:30pm
March	24	Board Meeting	6:30pm
April	14	Committee Meeting	6:30pm
April	15	Full Day for Students	
April	16	Early Dismissal for Students Adult Learning PM	
April	17, 18, 21	Spring Holiday Recess	

XI. New Business- None at this time.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Birgit White to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm
Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED
March 24, 2025

RECORDED BY

Ryan J. Gebely

Nicolette A. Hoover