

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

January 22, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hamburg Area School District was called to order by President, Brian R. Specht, at 6:35 p.m. in the James A. Gilmartin Community Room of Hamburg Area High School, Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard J. Mextorf, Superintendent; Ms. Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Chris Spohn, High School Principal; Shawn Gravish, Middle School Principal, Timothy Easter, Middle School Dean of Students, Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Kimberly Byassee, Transportation Director, Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Russell Farbiarz, Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Secretary (NM); Press – Arch Kutz, Hamburg Item, Visitors: John R.H. Ide, David Mengle, Andrea Heckman, Teresa McCarthy, Andrew Hoffman

Mr. Specht opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Specht announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2017 had been given to all members prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Todd D. Hummel, to approve the minutes as written.

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

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

“NO” - None

Motion was carried with nine directors voting “yes”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BOARD REPORTS

The following Board reports were given --

Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman
Joint Operating Committee – Mr. Raugh
Committee on Legislative Action – Mr. Johnson
Intermediate Unit – Mr. Specht
Building Committee – Mr. Riegel – info about Tilden Playground at next meeting.
President – Mr. Specht

BOARD DISCUSSION – Customizing Literacy

Mrs. Freiwald and Dr. Mextorf began the discussion with Imagine Learning. Explaining with Imagine Learning students enter a world of dynamic language and literacy instruction that's research based, first language supported, data driven, and incredibly fun to use. Say goodbye to one-size-fits-all instruction and hello to a strategic, research based curriculum that meets students at their own level. There are ongoing assessments. The curriculum they need – with the data teachers need.

Second Grader, Rowyn Elliott was present and demonstrated to the board how they use imagine learning in her classroom. Rowyn stated that she along with her classmates really like Imaging Learning.

Mrs. Cucciuffo explained how Imagine Learning can provide support in 15 languages. She explained how a kindergarten student who was a refugee came with his father to live with relatives and could not speak or understand English. He cried every day. Imagine Learning was available in the dialect. Mrs. Cucciuffo said you should have seen the smile on the child's face when he was able to understand.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

- A. Recommend acknowledgement of 2016-2017 Single Audit Report

A copy of the report was given to each school director. The report contained no findings.

- B, Recommend approval of 2018-2019 Budget Opt-Out Resolution (see Exhibit XXVd-53)

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Brian N. Riegl, to approve the 2018-2019 Opt-Out Resolution.

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

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

“NO” - None

Motion was carried with nine directors voting “yes”.

- C. Recommend approval of contract with Douglas A. Haring, Keystone Appraisal Review, in the amount of \$7,500.

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, to approve the contract with Douglas A. Haring, Keystone Appraisal Review in the amount of \$7,500.

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

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

“NO” - Leon J. Grim

Motion was carried with eight directors voting “yes” and one director voting “no”.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The following was reported -

- A. Treasurers Report/General Fund (see Exhibit XXVd-54)
- B. General Fund Invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVd-55)
- C. Treasurer’s Report Cafeteria Fund and Cafeteria Fund Invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVd-56)
- D. Treasurer’s Report Capital Reserve and Capital Projects Fund (see Exhibit XXVd-57)

- E. Treasurers Report Debt Service Fund (see Exhibit XXVd-58)
- F. Treasurer's Report/Activity Fund (High School and Middle School – (see Exhibit XXVd-59)
- G. Disposal items presented on Detailed Listing (see Exhibit XXVd-60)

A motion was made by Bradley R. Faust, seconded Laura "Lolly" Leshner, to approve the Treasurer's Report/General Fund; to approve - payment of the general fund invoices in the amount of \$960,848.34 (check nos. 00074773 - 00074902 and *D0000448 – *D0000547) to approve the Treasurer's Report/Cafeteria Fund; to approve/ratify cafeteria fund invoices in the amount of \$76,508.22 (check 00007625 – 00007667 and *D0000052 - *D0000066) and invoices in the amount of \$74,725.65 (check 00007668 – 00007683 and *D0000067 - *D0000082) and to approve the Treasurer's Report/Capital Reserve and Projects Fund; to approve the Treasurer's Report Debt Service Fund; to approve the Middle and High School Activity Fund; to approve the disposal items presented on detailed listing

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

"YES"- Bradley R. Faust, Leon J. Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Cory M. Johnson, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Andrew C. Rough, Brian N. Riegel, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian R. Specht

"NO"- None

Motion was carried with nine directors voting "yes".

H. Acknowledgement of the following separations

- i. Carey Freeman, Assistant Marching Band Director and Percussion Instructor
 - Effective 6/30/2017
- ii. Ariel Crawford, Licensed Professional Substitute
 - Effective 6/30/2017
- iii. Jeffrey Kerchner, Head Coach Middle School Track
 - Effective 1/12/2018
- iv. Eugene McGorry, Principal
 - Resignation for the purpose of retirement
 - Effective 2/2/2018

- v. Kathleen Gatto, Elementary Classroom Teacher
 - Resignation for the purpose of retirement
 - Effective 6/30/2018

I. Recommend acknowledgement of leaves of absence:

- i. Clark Zimmerman, Classroom Teacher, High School History
 - Anticipated effective dates: 1/30/2018 – 3/15/2018
- ii. Nicole Bahner, Kindergarten Classroom Teacher
 - Anticipated effective dates: 4/17/2018 – 6/7/2018

J. Recommend approval of the following Professional Staff:*

- i. Isaac Kulp, Licensed Professional Substitute
 - Effective 1/9/2018
 - Certificate: Instructional I: 3230 English 7-12
 - Daily substitute rate
 - Reading
- ii. Stephanie Mau, Licensed Professional Substitute
 - Effective 1/9/2018
 - Certificate: Instructional I: 3230 English 7-12
 - Daily substitute rate
 - Summit Hill
- iii. Cortney Sensenig, Licensed Professional Substitute
 - Effective 1/9/2018
 - Short-term substitute assignment replacing Rachel Gatley.
Anticipated effective dates: 2/5/2018 – 6/6/2018
 - Certificate: Instructional I: 2825 Elementary PK-4
 - Daily / short-term substitute rates
 - Hamburg

K. Recommend approval of the following Support Staff

- i. Jessica Adams, Personal Care Assistant
 - Replacement for Tiffany Rollman
 - Effective 1/9/2018
 - \$13.34 per hour, 6 hours per day
 - Existing HASD substitute
- ii. David Castro, Facilities Substitute
 - Effective 1/23/2018
 - \$10.00 per hour
 - Hamburg

L. Recommend approval of the following Co-Curricular Staff

- i. Beth Horrigan, Head Coach, Middle School Track
 - Replacement for Jeffrey Kerchner
 - Effective 1/23/2018
 - Stipend: \$2,400.00 (step 3)
- ii. Mike Ranck, Assistant Coach, Middle School Track
 - Replacement for Beth Horrigan
 - Effective upon receipt of all employment documents
 - Stipend: \$1,900.00 (step 3)

M. Recommended approval of the following volunteers*

- i. High School
 - Richard Mason, Sr.
- ii. Middle School
 - Richard Bracy
- iii. Tilden
 - Tara Berk

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Cory M. Johnson, to approve the professional staff, support staff, Extra-curricular staff and volunteers presented.

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

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

“NO” - None

Motion was carried with nine directors voting “yes”.

N. Recommend approval of the following student trips in accordance with district policy

- i. 7th grade to Washington, D.C., - Natural History Museum, Air & Space Museum, American History Museum and Monuments – May 24, 2018 – 159 students and 26 chaperones -
- ii. High School Baseball annual trip to the Ripkin Experience, Myrtle Beach, SC – March 16, 19 and 20, 2018 - no cost to the district
- iii. Middle School Boys Basketball – Southern Columbia Middle School basketball tournament – February 2 and 3, 2018 – Both coaches will be with the boys at all times.

A motion was Maggie L. Rhoades, seconded by Todd D. Hummel to approve the student trips presented.

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

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

“NO” - None

Motion was carried with nine directors voting “yes”.

X. Information Items

- A. January Enrollment
- B. Board Summary
- C. School Director Recognition Month

In honor of School Director Recognition Month each board member received a certificate from PSBA and framed artwork of a print that was done by Rhonda Kilner, one of the high school custodians.

XI. Dates to Remember

Jan	30	-	HAHS Small Ensemble Concert @ the Strand 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date – February 6 @ the Strand
Feb	12	-	School Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
	26	-	School Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

XII. New Business

No New Business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED ON
February 26, 2018**

RECORDED BY

(Brian R. Specht, President)

(Cynthia A. Sunday, Secretary)