

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

March 13, 2023

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board was called to order by President, Todd D. Hummel at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was held in the James A. Gilmartin Community Room of Hamburg Area high school.

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

Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely, Steven C. Gilbert, Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni L. McFadden, Birgit H. White Todd D. Hummel

Absent: Tonia S. Krick

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager, Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Chris Beissel, High School Principal; Alyssa Fink, High School Assistant Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Principal; Ryan McGinley, Middle School Assistant Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Lacie Cucciuffo, Elementary Principal; Rob Marra, Special Education and Student Services Director; Elaine Ruppert, Facilities Director; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Visitors –David T. Behm, Sandra J. Behm. David L. Behm, Beverly J. Behm, John R.H. Ide, Dave Mengle, Jeff and Cindy Bryan, Terri McCarthy, Yarah Wright, Tanya Peter, Donine Kelly

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

IV. Public Comments

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

V. Report of the Business Manager

A. Review 2022-2023 year-to-date financials

Ms. Zimmerman Ms. Zimmerman gave a brief review of the year-to-date financials.

Ms. Zimmerman stated began 2022-2023 budget with a shortfall of \$1 million but have budgeted conservatively and will not end up there. The revenue projection is 2.1 million more than budgeted revenue. \$236,000 revenue/expenditures can be put toward future capital reserve projects.

B. 2023-2024 Berks Career and Technology (BCTC) Proposed Operating Budget in the amount of \$13,318,957. HASD's portion is \$825,204.

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A copy of the BCTC Budget was provided to each member. This will be on the March 27 agenda for approval.

C. First reading of the following Board policies:

1. 218 – Student Discipline
2. 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

The policies were provided to members for the first reading. They will sit for 30 days and then be placed on an agenda for approval.

VI. Report of the Superintendent

A. Professional Field Experience – Mrs. Shannon DelConte

Mrs. DelConte talked about the Professional Field Experience Program. She stated currently there are eight (8) students in the program and next year there are 25 who have shown an interest.

Two students were present and spoke to the board about their experiences.

Benjamin Bracy – is doing his Professional Field Experience with the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 19 located in Edenburg.

He had a Jack-O-Lantern pumpkin with him that was one of the projects he had completed. He said it was an interesting experience for him. He did add however, this experience helped him to realize that welding is not something he wants to do.

David Behm – is doing his Professional Field Experience with Mr. David Kline, social studies teacher at the high school. David is enjoying his experience seeing things from the teacher side of things. David stated he is from a family of teachers. He has applied and been accepted to Bloomsburg University for teaching. Stated his dream is to graduate and come back to Hamburg as a teacher.

B. High School Wellness Warriors Club

Dr. Beissel and Mrs. Kelly spoke about the Wellness Warrior Club. Board Members received a copy of the constitution for the club.

The goal for the club is to be student led (student ambassadors) include wellness initiatives, group of students as role models and fits into vision pillar on holistic development.

Mrs. Kelly spoke about Daniel Boone having a club and holding a unity day each year. Mrs. Dietz, High School Physical Education teacher, will be attending Unity Day at Daniel Boone this year and be bringing information back.

The board had a lot of questions regarding this club and the Unity Day at Daniel Boone.

C. Discussion – Board Committees

Mr. Hummel opened the discussion. He stated one of the committees PSBA had suggested a school districts should have is a policy committee. He added that when you have committees you have to be careful not to get into micromanaging (a few board members also agreed with this.) It was added Micromanagement can cause disfunction. It was also mentioned that if you have committees their meetings must be advertised and minutes must be taken.

Mr. Hummel added that committees mean more meetings.

Some committees that were suggested were: Personnel, Negotiations, Building, Curriculum.

They asked attorney Mancuso how the other districts he represents handle committees. He said some districts do not have any and some districts have too many.

Mrs. Leshar added that she would reach out to Tulpehocken Area School District to see how they handle committees.

Mr. Hummel stated this was a good start with good conversation. This item will be on the April Committee of-the-Whole agenda for further discussion.

D. Recommend approval of the following Professional staff: *

1. Nora Harrison – Homebound Instructor, Middle School
 - Effective 01/17/2023 – 03/02/2023
 - Hourly rate: \$25
2. Nicole Kane – Homebound Instructor, Middle School
 - Effective 01/17/2023 – 03/02/2023
 - Hourly rate: \$25

E. Recommend approval of the following Support staff: *

1. Yarah Wright – Paraeducator
 - Replacing Kathy Maberry
 - Effective 03/06/2023
 - Hourly rate: \$13.34 / 7 hours per day
 - Benefits eligible 04/01/2023 (currently serving in a long-term substitute assignment from 12/21/2022)
2. Jami Folk – Part-time/Temporary Custodian
 - Remains in current Food Service position

- Effective 03/08/2023
- Will receive current hourly rate / not to exceed 10 hours per week
- 3. Robin Epting - Part-time/Temporary Custodian
 - Remains in current Food Service position
 - Effective 03/13/2023
 - Will receive current hourly rate / not to exceed 10 hours per week
- 4. Kristel Werley – Paraeducator, Autistic Support
 - Replacing Chris Benson
 - Effective 03/14/2023
 - Hourly rate: \$13.34 / 7 hours per day
 - Benefits eligible 03/01/2023 (currently serving in a long-term substitute assignment from August 2022)

F. Recommend approval of the following District Volunteers: *

1. Adams, Jessica
2. Bachman, Jennie
3. Passmore, Megan
4. Reinhart, Jacy
5. Seasholtz, Lindsay
6. Snyder, Nicole

A motion was made by Ryan J. Gebely seconded by Bradley R. Faust to approve the professional staff, Support staff and volunteers presented.

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

Yes - Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely, Steven C. Gilbert, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Toni L. McFadden, Birgit H. White, Todd D. Hummel

No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

G. Recommend approval of the following field trip –

1. Sixth grade overnight trip to South Mountain YMCA in Wernersville, PA from May 3, 2023 to May 5, 2023. Approximate cost to the District is \$20,700.

A motion was made by Laura “Lolly” Leshner, seconded by Thomas D. DeAngelo approve the Sixth Grade overnight trip My 3 – 5, 2023to South Mountain YMCA Wernersville, approximate cost to the District \$20,700.

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

Yes - Thomas D. DeAngelo, Bradley R. Faust, Ryan J. Gebely, Steven C. Gilbert,
Laura "Lolly" Leshner, Toni L. McFadden, Birgit H. White, Todd D. Hummel
No - None

Motion carried with eight directors voting yes.

VII. Information Items
A. March Enrollment

VIII. Dates to Remember:

Month	Day	Event	Time
March	17	Grand Opening Innovation Lab Tilden Elementary	10:00 a.m.
		Early Dismissal/PM Adult Learning	
	27	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
April	5	Early Dismissal/Adult Learning PM	
	6-10	Spring Holiday Recess – No School	
	17	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	24	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

IX. New Business

No New Business was discussed.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ryan J Gebely, seconded by Steven C. Gilbert to adjourn meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

MINUTES APPROVED ON
March 27, 2023

RECORDED BY

Todd D. Hummel

Cynthia A. Sunday