

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

March 11, 2019

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, Cory M. Johnson, Andrew C. Raugh, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel, Brian R. Specht

Absent: Laura "Lolly" Leshner

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard J. Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Chris Beissel, High School Principal; Damian Buggy, High School Dean of Students; Shawn Gravish, Middle School Principal; Tim Easter, Middle School Dean of Students; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Kim Byassee, Transportation/Child Accounting Coordinator; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; Russell Farbiarz, School District Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Board Secretary; Visitors: Tina Kauffman, Larry Giancola; John R. H. Ide, Dave Mengle, Teresa McCarthy, Andrea Heckman, Kathy Dimera

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Specht asked for public comments.

Lawrence Giancola, Hamburg – addressed the board regarding Drug Addiction

Tina Kauffman, Hamburg – addressed the board regarding Drug Addiction

V. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

- A. Recommend approval of the Berks Career and Technical Center 2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$13,368,663. (will be on March 25 agenda for approval)

VI. Report of the Superintendent

A. Discussion on Crisis Go – Dr. Gravish

Dr. Gravish explain Crisis Go:

An emergency response platform was presented to review a few of the features available. The platform is provided through Judy Schwank's office at no cost for 2 years.

A brief video clip was shown to give an overview of what Crisis Go can offer. After viewing the intro, the following features were reviewed:
Check in – the ability to assess the status of your staff through quick, answerable prompts to identify who is at risk and offer support.
Checklists – demonstrated the availability of emergency checklists with role based, actionable instructions to guide individuals through the proper response steps. Contact lists and maps were also reviewed,

A brief video clip was shown - How Crisis Go could facilitate the Reunification Process.

Dr. Mextorf discussed how it would be best to have a person dedicated - someone in charge to talk to responders on behalf of the district.

He distributed a job description for Director, Safety and Security. He said we would take one year, see how it works. We are able to do within our budget. One person provides a comprehensive approach- allocate someone in the district. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Todd Hummel questioned the cost after the grant. He said we should have the cost before we agree to this.

B. Recommend review of position description for Classroom Teacher, Special Education (will be on March 25 agenda for approval)

C. Acknowledge the following Leave of Absence:

1. Connie Adam, Head Custodian
 - a) Effective 4/3/2019 – 5/3/2019

D. Acknowledgement of the following Separations:

1. Susan Bear, Paraprofessional
 - a) Effective 3/22/2019
2. Connie Adam, Head Custodian
 - a) Resignation for the purpose of retirement
 - b) Effective 5/3/2019
3. Peter Karpew, Long-term Substitute Teacher, ESL
 - a) Effective 3/8/2019
4. Jeffrey Wolfe, Classroom Teacher, Chemistry
 - a) Resignation for the purpose of retirement
 - b) Effective June 2019

E. Request approval of the following Support staff:

1. Barry Driesbach, Athletic Game Help
 - a) Effective 3/12/2019
 - b) \$35-\$45 per event
 - c) Existing co-curricular employee
2. Jami Folk, Athletic Game Help
 - a) Effective 3/12/2019
 - b) \$35-\$45 per event
 - c) Existing HASD substitute

F. Recommend approval of the following Volunteers:

1. High School / Middle School
 - a) Susan Carvin
 - b) Matthew Curtis
 - c) Jason Reading

2. High School / Middle School / Perry
 - a) Amanda Velez
3. Middle School
 - a) Brad Slifer
 - b) Stacey Slifer
4. Middle School / Perry
 - a) Diane Edwards
5. Middle School / Tilden
 - a) Jayme Worrell

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Maggie L. Rhoades to approve the 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, Andrew C. Raugh, Brian N. Riegel, Maggie L. Rhoades, Brian R. Specht
- “No”- None
- Abstain - Brian N. Riegel abstained – Item E-1 because Barry Dreisbach – is his father in-law.

Motion carried with eight directors voting “yes” and Brian N. Riegel abstaining on Item E 1 because Barry Dreisbach is his father in-law (see Abstention paperwork Exhibit XXVh-28)

VII. Information Items

A. March Enrollment

VIII. Dates to remember

Mar	25	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	31	HAEF Coach/Vera Bradley Bingo Fundraiser Event	1:30 – 4:30 Hamburg Field House
April	8	School Board Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	12-13	Prom Night Fright High School Play	7:00
	17	Early Dismissal for Student – Act 80 Day	
	18-22	School Closed – Holiday Recess	
	27	BCTC's Golden Anniversary	11:00 – 3:00 BCTC East

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Maggie L. Rhoades to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried

MINUTES APPROVED ON
March 25, 2019

RECORDED BY

Cynthia A. Sunday

Brian R. Specht, President