

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

May 18, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hamburg Area School District was called to order by President, at 6:45 p.m. This meeting was held via ZOOM.

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

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

Absent – Cory M. Johnson

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard J. Mextorf, Superintendent; Michele Zimmerman, Business Manager; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Than Wright, Technology Supervisor; Chris Spohn, Director Project Development; Russell Farbiarz, Solicitor; Cindy Sunday, Secretary (NM); Visitors – John R.H. Ide

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

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (April 27 and May 11)

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Andrew C. Raugh to approve the minutes as written.

A roll call on the motion was taken as follow:

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

“NO”- none

Motion carried with eight directors voting “yes”.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Ide, Hamburg – stated he heard that at the last meeting the board discussed a quarter mill increase. And questioned how they could consider that.

Dr. Mextorf said it was just a point of discussion at the meeting and no decisions were made.

VI. Board Reports

- A. Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman
- B. Joint Operating Committee – Mr. Raugh
- C. Committee on Legislative Action – Mr. Johnson
- D. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Specht
- E. President – Mr. Specht

VII. Board Discussion – Graduation

Dr. Mextorf stated the governor had posted that all graduations must be virtual. The initial post was removed and then it was put back up on Friday. Dr. Mextorf is having a zoom meeting with all the county superintendents tomorrow and that hopefully he will have more information after that.

Dr. Mextorf stated it will be best to rely on our solicitor for advice during this time.

A parade was discussed but it cannot be a school district event. Maggie stated so much has been taken from the seniors we should not take the parade from them.

VIII. Report of the Business Manager

- A. Recommend approval of the 2020-2021 General Fund Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$45,286,834 with zero (0) mill increase (see Exhibit XXVi-67)

Ms. Zimmerman reviewed the proposed 2020-21 final budget. She stated that approval today commits you to nothing. We are showing a \$3 million deficit to start but we will not end up that way. May have a deficit but the amount will be smaller

Mr. Spohn addressed the biology research center. Stated we do not have a whole lot of information and will come back to you when we do. The faculty is very excited about this project.

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Andrew C. Raugh to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund Proposed Final Budget in the amount of \$45,286,834 with zero (0) mill increase.

A roll call on the motion was taken as follow:

“YES”- Bradley R. Faust, Leon J. Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Laura “Lolly” Leshner, Andrew C. Raugh, Brian R. Specht

“NO”- Maggie L Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel

Motion carried with six directors voting “yes” and two directors voting “no”

B. 2021-2022 diesel fuel purchases – just info item for now

IX. Report of the Superintendent

- a. Recommend approval of the General Fund Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVi-68)
- b. Recommend approval of the General Fund invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVi-69)
- c. Recommend approval of the Food Service Treasurer’s Report and invoices submitted for payment (see Exhibit XXVi-70)
- d. Recommend approval of the Capital Reserve Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVi-71)
- e. Recommend approval of the Debt Service Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVi-72)
- f. Recommend approval of the HS Activity Funds Treasurer’s Report (see Exhibit XXVi-73)

A motion was made by Todd D. Hummel, seconded by Andrew C. Raugh to approve the general fund report and invoices in the amount of \$1,452,345.59 (ck #00077735 – 00077790 and *D0000838 - ^D0000889); Food Service Invoices in the amount of \$119,382.54 (ck #00008140 – 00008164 and *D000089 – 0000101 and invoices in the amount of 77,272.81(ck #00008155 – 00008164 and *D0000090 - *D0000101) and invoices in the amount of 78,211.90 (ck # 00008165 – 00008170 and *D0000102 - *D0000107); Capital Reserve Fund report; Debt Service Fund report; High School Activity Fund report

A roll call on the motion was taken as follow:

“YES”- Bradley R. Faust, Leon J. Grim, Todd D. Hummel, Laura “Lolly” Leshner
Andrew C. Raugh, Brian R. Specht

“NO”- Maggie L Rhoades, Brian N. Riegel

Motion carried with six directors voting “yes” and two directors voting “no”

G. Recommend acknowledgement of if the following leave of absence:

1. Dennis Welgo, Food Service Employee

1. Effective 5/13/2020 – 6/2/2020

H. Recommend approval of the following Support staff:

1. Dana Hunsicker, Building Secretary

- Replacing Suzanne Baylor
- Effective 7/1/2020
- Existing hourly rate
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A motion was made by Maggie L. Rhoades, seconded by Brian N. Riegel to approve Dana Hunsicker as the High School Building Secretary.

A roll call on the motion was taken as follow:

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

“NO”- Todd D. Hummel

Motion carried with seven directors voting “yes” and one directors voting “no”

X. Information Items

A. Board Summary

XI. Dates to remember

June	1	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	15	School Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.

XII. New Business

No new business was discussed.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Maggie L. Rhoades, seconded by Todd D. Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes approved on June 22, 2020

RECORDED BY

Brian R. Specht, President

Cynthia A. Sunday