**HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**Hamburg, Berks County, PA 19526-0401**
**October 26, 2026**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ryan Gebely, at 6:30pm. 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, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Birgit White, Ryan Gebley, Toni McFadden

Absent: Laura "Lolly" Lesher, Daniel Sarna

There were 7 directors present when roll call was taken.

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Beissel, Superintendent; Teresa Freiwald, Chief Learning Officer; Ryan McGinley, High School Principal; Timothy Easter, Middle School Principal; Andrea Berger, Elementary Principal; Robert Marra, Student Services and Special Education Director; Margaret Schearer, Director of Transportation and Child Accounting; Shawn Gravish, Director of Operations; Aaron Menapace, Athletic Director; Elaine Ruppert, Director of Facilities; Andrew Diehl, Director of Information Technology; Lena Gebely, Student Representative; James Mancuso, District Solicitor; Nicolette Hoover, Board Secretary; Visitors – Terri McCarthy, Beate Parzich, Kay Scheffler, Marcy Donatelli

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

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – September 28th and October 12th, 2026

A motion was made by Tonia Krick, seconded by Carson Adams to approve the minutes as written.
A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:
Yes- Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Ryan Gebley

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

V. Public Comments- Mr. Gebely asked if there were any public comments, there were none.

VI. Board Reports

A. Berks E.I.T. Committee – Ms. Zimmerman – not present
B. Joint Operating Committee – Mr. DeAngelo – JOC will meet this week.
C. Committee of Legislative Action – Mrs. McFadden – gave updates on :
    1. Act 47 of 2025 – School Code Changes: Addresses truancy and cyber charter enrollment restrictions for habitually truant students, including judicial approval requirements for transfers.
    2. HB 1505 (Act 20 of 2026) – School Code Updates: Includes changes related to bullying notifications, truancy, cyber charter enrollment, school safety, classroom monitor permits and educator certification.
    3. SB 1014 – Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Policy: Requires schools to implement policies restricting student cell phone use throughout the school day by the 2027–2028 school year.

4. HB 2786 – Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence: Proposed legislation requiring schools to establish policies addressing the responsible use of AI. Additional details to follow.

D. Intermediate Unit – Mr. Gebely – was not present at the last meeting. No update at this time.
E. Student Council – Miss Lena Gebely – updated the Board on past and future STUDO events and activities:
    1. STUCO sold pompoms at the last home game.
    2. Current fundraiser – popcorn
    3. Next fundraiser will be Cookie Dough sales beginning November 6th.
    4. Holiday Dance will be December 11th – currently working on theme and ticket sales. Chaperones have been confirmed.
    5. We had a very successful blood drive.
F. President – Mr. Gebely – nothing to add at this time.

VII. Report of the Business Manager – Dr. Beissel sharing on Ms. Zimmerman's behalf:
A. Recommend approval of the 2027-2028 General Fund Budget Calendar(See Exhibit XXVIj – 66)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the 2027-2028 General Fund Budget Calendar

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebley

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

B. As of June 30, 2026, recommend approval to:
    1. move $10,113.61 from Committed Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance
    2. move $1,274 from Restricted Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance
    3. move $2,330,065 from Unassigned Fund Balance to Assigned Fund Balance for the 2026-2027 General Fund budget shortfall
    4. move $4,185,751 from Assigned Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance for the 2025-2026 General Fund budget shortfall
    5. move $2,500,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to Assigned Fund Balance for future capital projects/HS renovation project -TBD at last meeting-

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the movement of funds as of June 30th, 2026 as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Ryan Gebley

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

C. Ratify approval of the following Class accounts in the High School Activity account:
1. Class of 2027 – funding source 102
2. Class of 2028 – funding source 106
3. Class of 2029 – funding source 107
4. Class of 2030 – funding source 105

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the Class account updates as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes- Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Ryan Gebley

No- None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

A. German American Partnership Program visitor recognition – Mr. McGinley & Mrs. McCarthy –Wright

Mr. McGinley and Mrs. McCarthy- Wright introduced and welcomed both Mrs. Beate Parzich & Mr. Kay Scheffler to the Board as our GAPP chaperones. Mrs. Parzich and Mr. Scheffler are chaperoning 8 students. Mr. McGinley thanked Mrs. Stevens who began this program in 2017 and Mrs. McCarthy for stepping up this year with Mrs. Stevens' retirement. Mr. McGinley also thanked the host students and hosts families for their support and participation.
Mrs. Parzich and Mr. Scheffler thanked the District for the opportunity and such a warm welcome.

B. Recommend approval of the following financial reports:
1. General Fund Treasurer's Report(See Exhibit XXVIj – 67)
2. General Fund Invoices submitted for payment(See Exhibit XXVIj – 68)
3. Food Service Profit & Loss Statement and invoices submitted for payment(See Exhibit XXVIj – 69)
4. Capital Reserve Treasurers' Report and invoices submitted for payment(See Exhibit XXVIj – 70)
5. Debt Services Treasurers' Report(See Exhibit XXVIj – 71)
6. High School & Middle School Activity Funds Treasurers' Reports and invoices submitted for payment(See Exhibit XXVIj – 72)

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the General Fund Treasurer's Report; and Invoices in the amount of $1,745,452.71(check nos0000083791-0000083882 and D001005743-D001005821); Food Service Profit and Loss Report and invoices

$104,436.17(0000008877 - 0000008894 and D000001049-D000001060); Capital Reserve Treasurer Report; Arbiter Report; Debt Service Treasurer Report; High School Activity Fund and checks in the amount of $2,069.34( check nos. 0000014073-0000014081); Middle School Activity Fund Treasurer Report.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes – Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Ryan Gebley

No - None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

C. First review of the following Board Policies:
    1. 102 – Academic Standards
D. Recommend approval of Middle School After-School Pokémon Club to run on a one-year trial basis. – Dr. Beissel informed the Board Mr. Marra stepped up to form and run the club.

A motion was made by Birgit White, seconded by Tonia Krick to approve the Middle School After-School Pokémon Club to run on a one-year trial basis.

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes –Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Ryan Gebley

No - None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

E. Recommend approval of the following personnel actions. All hiring actions are contingent upon receipt and acceptance of all required pre-employment documents:

<u>Assignments</u>

Extra-Curricular Employee:

1. Logan Monroe - Junior High Wrestling Head Coach (50%) & Game Help, effective 10/27/2026. Annual stipend: $1604.50 (step 2). Annual stipends are paid at the Board-approved rate per event.

<u>District Volunteers</u>

Building level:

1. Thomas Walters Jr.
2. Nancy Kepner
3. Arlan Dietrich
4. Amanda Smith

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

A roll call voice vote was taken as follows:

Yes –Toni McFadden, Birgit White, Carson Adams, Thomas DeAngelo, Steven Gilbert, Tonia Krick, Ryan Gebley

No – None

Motion carried with seven directors voting yes.

IX. Information Items
A. Board Summary (See Exhibit XXVIj – 73)

X. Dates to Remember

| Month | Day | Event | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| November | 9 | Board Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| November | 23 – 24 | Parent Conferences<br>Early Dismissal for Students | |
| November | 25 – 30 | Thanksgiving Holiday<br>No School | |
| December | 2 | Reorganization Meeting | 6:30pm |

XI. New Business
XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Carson Adams, seconded by Birgit White to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**
**November 9, 2026**

**RECORDED BY**

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**Ryan J. Gebely**

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**Nicolette A. Hoover**