

**MINUTES OF HAMBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 1, 2025**

At 6:30 P.M. held in the Cafeteria of Hamburg Elementary School

PRESENT: Robert Jones, President; David Dreifus, Lois Ferguson, Michael Frangipane, Sheila Frayko, Timothy Gillen, Tricia Schels, Kelly Tranes, Robert Walsh

ABSENT: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

The President opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. with the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance, and a roll call, which was followed by the following statement:

“This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act Chapter 231—Public Laws of 1975.” Advance written notice of at least 48 hours was given specifying the time, date and to the extent known, the agenda, and stating whether formal action may or may not be taken and has been properly posted at the school, mailed to the Clerk/Administrator, mailed to the New Jersey Herald, the Star Ledger, and the Sunday Herald.”

Mr. Jones read the Hamburg School’s Mission Statement:

The mission of the Hamburg Public School District is to provide an education, which will enable students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become contributing members of society.

The educational program will enable each student to develop emotionally, socially, psychologically, and cognitively within his or her abilities and interests.

The mission of the Hamburg Public School District, therefore, is to develop an educational program that is under constant evaluation, allows all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, and is dedicated to providing experiences relative to the demands of modern society in an effort to best prepare our students to meet with success and grand achievements in the 21st century.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation of the proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jones read the following: At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments on the agenda items will be made in accordance with Policy 0167 – Public Presentation at Board Meetings. Each statement made by all participants may be limited to three minutes in duration. If you would like to address the Board, state your name and address before making your statement to the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Frangipane, seconded by Mr. Gillen and carried by a voice vote the meeting was opened to the public for comment on the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget at 6:45 P.M.

Mr. Burd, Hamburg Borough Liaison, stated that the Budget was great news, the information was easy to read, and that Hamburg is doing an excellent job.

On a motion by Mrs. Frayko, seconded by Mr. Gillen and carried by a voice vote the meeting was closed to the public at 6:48 P.M.

Finance Committee

On a motion by Mr. Dreifus, seconded by Mrs. Frayko, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board approved the FY 2025-26 Budget for the Hamburg Borough Board of Education as follows:

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 18, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Sunday Herald on April 13, 2025, the New Jersey Herald on April 15, 2025 and The Star Ledger on April 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held in the Cafeteria of the Hamburg School, 30 Linwood Avenue, Hamburg, NJ, on May 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hamburg Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2025-2026:

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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$8,092,697	\$810,227	\$254,000	\$9,156,924
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$2,211,153	\$810,227	\$95,454	\$3,116,834
Taxes to be Raised	\$5,881,544	\$0	\$158,546	\$6,040,090

Adjustment for HEALTH CARE COSTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hamburg Borough Board of Education acknowledges the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$121,057. The additional funds will not be used in the 2025-2026 budget, but added to the banked cap available for the district use in future years.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Board of Education established \$9,000.00 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$2,642.65 as of this date; now
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$21,128.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Yes	9
No	0
Abstain	0

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BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Discussion on Maschio's pricing for the 25-26 school year.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Discussion of the 1900 building with update from the Architect.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dreifus reported that at the Wallkill Board of Education meeting they approved the purchase of two small buses and one small van. They are open to shared services to provide transportation for out-of-district placements.

On a motion by Mrs. Frayko, seconded by Mr. Dreifus, and carried unanimously by voice vote, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Weaver
Board Secretary