

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular
Meeting

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m.

Sept 23,
20 19

Board President Rex Engle presided.
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Rex Engle, present; Marc Zappa, present; Teresa Gilles, present, Valerie Neidert, present; Ron Yacobozzi, present.
Steven A. Sayers, Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO, present.

Each meeting of the Amherst Board of Education is held in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

2019-09-01

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Zappa to adopt the agenda as presented, including any addendum(s).

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Engle, aye

Good News Reports

Mr. Joe Tellier, M.L. Steele High School

- National Merit Scholarship – 2 students: Brendan Kirsh and Ethan Molnar
- Comets for A Cure – Formerly Pink Week
- eSports – Spring activity
- Mental Health First Aid – tMFHA

Hearing of the Public:

The Public Participation section of the Board of Education's agenda is specifically designed for the public to address the Board with their compliments and/or concerns. The Board welcomes and appreciates your comments. If you wish to address the board regarding a problem, please consider the following:

- First, your comments should be factual and respectful of the rights of others.
- Second, before addressing the Board with a specific problem, it is the Board's hope that you have first addressed the problem with the appropriate teacher, staff member of administrator.

Individual comments should not exceed five (5) minutes and total time shall be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes.

(If planning to address the Board, please complete the sign-in sheet).

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Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

2019-09-02

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Yacobozzi to approve A
It was moved by Neidert and seconded by Gilles to approve B through G

- A. The board minutes for the 8/12/19 Regular Board Meeting. (See Exhibit 8A)
- B. The board minutes for the 8/19/19 Special Board Meeting. (See Exhibit 8B)
- C. The treasurer's financial reports for the month of August 2019. (See Exhibits 8C, 8C, 8E)

D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate":
Increase appropriations for:

- Increase appropriations for 200-9019 Class of 2019 from \$0 to \$3,047.83
- Increase appropriations for 019-9001 Alumni Fund from \$0 to \$2,000.00
- Increase appropriations for 467-9120 from \$0 to \$290,105.00
- Increase appropriations for 003-0000 Perm Imp from \$383,567 to \$1,163,357
- Increase appropriations for 030-0000 Rec Fund from \$30,250 to \$67,500
- Increase appropriations for 200-9143 Student Council from \$0 to \$30,000
- Increase appropriations for 401-9218 Auxillary Fund from \$30,356 to \$37,362.71
- Increase appropriations for 401-9220 Auxillary Fund from \$130,000 to \$155,233.07
- Increase appropriations for 516-9120 FY20 Title VI-B Restoration from \$0 to \$3,855.36
- Increase appropriations for 587-9210 FY20 ESCB Restoration from \$0 to \$427.08
- Increase appropriations for 599-9220 Title IV-A from \$0 to \$24,637.86
- Increase appropriations for 018-0000 Principals Fund Control from \$36,500 to \$57,000
- Increase appropriations for 499-9219 Miscellaneous State Safety Grant from \$0 to \$20,413.45
- Decrease appropriations for 551-9220 Title III from \$3,810.75 to \$2,185.91

E. Approve the following fund to fund transfers:

- \$3,047.83 from 200-9019 to 018-9001

F. Approve a resolution determining to proceed with submitting the question of the issuance of Library Improvement Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000, to the electors of the school district pursuant to Sections 133.18 and 3375.43 of the Revised Code.

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2019, the Board of Library Trustees (the Library Board) of Amherst Public Library (the Library) adopted Resolution No. R-19-7-3 declaring the necessity of submitted to the electors of the School District the question of the issuance of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose set forth in Section 1 and the levy of a tax to pay debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities at an election to be held in the School District on March 17, 2020 (or such other date as is established for the date of the "presidential primary election" (as defined in section 3501.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code) in calendar year 2020), and requesting the Lorain County Auditor to certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation and in mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, that the County Auditor estimates to be required throughout the state maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Lorain County Auditor, and

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WHEREAS, on August 6, 2019, the Lorain County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the School District is \$599,080,040 and the estimated average annual property tax levy throughout the stated maturity of those bonds that would be required to pay debt charges on them, calculated in the manner provided in Section 133.18(C) of the Revised Code, is 0.73 mill for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 7.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation; and

WHEREAS, after receipt of the Lorain County Auditor's certification, on August 12, 2019, the Library Board adopted Resolution No. R-19-8-2 requesting this Board to submit to the electors of the School District the question of that bond issue (and related tax levy) pursuant to Sections 133.18 and 3375.43 of the Revised Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Amherst Exempted Village School District, County of Lorain, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Determination to Proceed. This Board determines to proceed with submitting to the electors pursuant to Sections 133.18 and 3375.43 of the Revised Code, at an election to be held on March 17, 2020 (or such other date as is established for the date of the "presidential primary election" (as defined in Section 3501.91(B)(2) of the Revised Code) in calendar year 2020), the question of issuing bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 to be issued for the library, by the School District as the issuer of the bonds, for the purpose of adding to, remodeling, renovating, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the existing public library building and clearing, equipping and improving the site thereof (the Bonds), and levying a tax to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds. The average annual property tax levy required throughout the state maturity of the Bonds (15 years) to pay the debt charges on the Bonds has been estimated by the Lorain County Auditor to be .073 mill for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to 7.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation. This Board estimates that the tax for debt charges will first be levied in 2020 and first be collected in calendar year 2021.

Section 2. Certification and Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to certify or cause to be certified to the Lorain County Board of Elections before the close of business on Wednesday, December 18, 2019: (i) a copy of Resolution No. R-19-7-3, adopted by the Library Board on July 22, 2019, declaring the necessity of the bond issue and providing for the principal of the Bonds to be paid over a maximum of 15 years, which number of years is hereby certified to the Board of Elections, (ii) the certification by the Lorain County Auditor as to the total current valuation of the School District and the estimated average annual property tax levy necessary to pay the debt charges on the Bonds, (iii) a copy of Resolution No. R-19-8-2, adopted by the Library Board on August 12, 2019, determining to proceed with the Bond issue and requesting this Board to submit to the electors of the School District the question of the issuance of the Bonds and (iv) a copy of this Resolution. This Board requests that the Board of Elections give notice of that election and prepare the necessary ballots and supplies for the election in accordance with law.

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Section 3. Request for 4% Consents. This Board requests the consents of the State Tax Commissioner and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the submission of the question of the issuance of the Bonds to the electors, as the School District's net indebtedness after the issuance of the Bonds will exceed 4% of its tax valuation.

Section 4. Authorization to Provide Materials Relating to Request for 4% Consents. The President and Treasurer of this Board and the Superintendent are each authorized to prepare and sign any applications, forms, statements and other materials and documents that must be filed with the State Tax Commissioner and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to obtain their consents for the submission of the question of the issuance of the Bonds to the electors in accordance with Section 133.06(C) of the Revised Code, Ohio Department of Taxation Tax Equalization Division Bulletin 8 and State Board of Education Policy No. SF-A-04.

Section 5. Election Expenses. This Board hereby determines and declares that the Library will pay or reimburse the School District for the costs, as certified by the Board of Elections, if any, of placing the question of the Bond issue described in Section 1 on the March 17, 2020 (or such other date as is established for the date of the "presidential primary election" (as defined in Section 3501.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code) in calendar year 2020) ballot, and, in accordance with the "Policy for Library Election Expenses" of the Lorain County Budget Commission dated April 21, 2005, the County Auditor will deduct those costs from moneys of the Library and not from the General Fund of the School District (as the Library's taxing authority).

Section 6. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. this Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 7. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 8. Effective Date: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

G. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

- The Albert M. Higley Co. for a \$500 donation to Special Olympics, in memory of Bruce G. Higley Chairman of The Albert M. Higley Co.
- Haydiee Burkes for a donation of 15 daily planners/organizers to Miss Emily Wenzell, teacher at M.L. Steele for her students use.

Roll call vote A:

Gilles, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Neidert, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

Roll call vote B through G

Neidert, aye; Gilles, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

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2019**Superintendent's Report: - Steve Sayers****Notes:**

- Safety Drill - Many local agencies participated, identify areas - need radios at Board Office, 420 employees involved in the safety drill
- Homecoming Week
- Building Update - Dedication - Sunday, November 17th at 2 P.M.

Administrative Committee Reports:**Mike Molnar - Assistant Superintendent****Notes:**

- Report Card review
- eSports- Nordlson committed \$10,000 Royal Business committed \$1,500

JVS Representative - Rex Engle

Notes: - None

Other Reports: - None

2019-09-03

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Zappa to approve the following:

A. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:

- Laurel Florek, PT Cook at Amherst Jr. High, effective at end of day, 8/30/19.
- Jenna Hall, PT Van Driver, effective 9/6/19.
- Ann Marie Meyer, Assistant Cook, Amherst Jr. High, effective end of day, 8/23/19.

B. Employ the following certified individual(s), on one a one-year limited contract, as indicated for the 2010-2020 school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper certification/licensure. Proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all education training and prior experience submitted to Amherst Schools:

- Brianna Schuur, PT (.4) Preschool Itinerant Teacher, Powers Elementary effective 9/9/19.
- Eileen Campo, Paraprofessional, Amherst Junior High, effective 9/30/2019.

C. Employ the following individual(s) as federally grant funded Title I Tutors for the 2010-2020 school year with proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper ODE teaching licensure:

- Brianna Schuur, assigned to St. Joseph School and Powers Elementary, effective 9/9/19.

D. Employ the following individual(s), who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:

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- Daniel Ortiz, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele High School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 9/25/19.
 - Timothy Warner, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele High School, balance of a one-year contract.
 - Lisa Weir, Media Aide, Amherst Jr. High School, return to a continuing contract, effective 9/27/19.
- E. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check. Proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all prior experience:
- Amanda Oslejsek, 60-day probationary contract, PT Cook/Cashier, Amherst Jr. High, effective 9/11/19.
 - Caudance Ziegler, 60-day probationary contract, Assistant Cook, Amherst Jr. High, effective 10-15-19.
 - Robin Zimmerman, 60-day probationary contract, PT Bus Driver, effective 9/16/19.
- F. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year, as indicated, with compensation at the board approved substitute rates pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure/certification (if required) and a BCI & FBI background check as per attachment 11A.
- G. Employ David Brown on a long-term substitute/leave of absence contract, PE teacher, Amherst Jr. High, effective 9/16/19 for the 2019-2020 school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper certification/licensure. Proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all education training and prior experience submitted to the Amherst Schools and is in accordance with the ATA negotiated agreement as per Article II section 2.09.
- H. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated:
- Evelyn Delgado, from PT Bus Driver to FT Bus Driver, effective 8/30/19.
Jean Evankø, from PT Bus Driver to FT Bus Driver, effective 8/30/19.
- I. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as per Attachment 11B.
- J. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the 2019-2020 school year, inclusive of summer 2020 if necessary, on an "as needed basis", with compensation at the board approved rate as per Attachment 11C.
- K. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved 2019-2020 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund as per Attachment 11D.
- L. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2019-2020 school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to Pupil Activity Permit, if required for positions, and a BCII and

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FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate per Attachment 11E.

M. Approve Dawn M. Jacobs to work up to 100 hours at a rate of \$50 per hour, for consulting purposes, for the 2019-2020 school year.

N. Employ Kaden Eaton, as a student worker, for Grounds/Custodial, at a rate of \$8.55 (minimum wage) per hour, effective 9/23/19.

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Engle, aye

2019-09-04

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Neidert to approve the agreement with LCADA to provide alcohol and drug prevention services to M.L. Steele High School as per Exhibit 12A.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

2019-09-05

It was moved by Neidert, seconded by Gilles to approve the following:

- A. Approve the agreement with the Elyria Parks & Recreation Department North Park Ice Arena for the hockey team as per Exhibit 13A.
- B. Enter into an agreement with Great Midwest Sports for the 2019-2020 school year as per Exhibit 13B.
- C. Approve the agreements with Vermilion Schools and Oberlin Schools for transportation of students as per Exhibit 13C.

Roll call vote:

Neidert, aye; Gilles, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

2019-09-06

It was moved by Zappa and seconded by Gilles to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Engle, aye

2019-09-07

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Gilles to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO