

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Regular

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting

Jan. 13,

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Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:48 p.m.

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.

Meeting called to order by President, Valerie Neidert at 5:48 p.m.

Roll call:

Valerie Neidert, present; Marc Zappa, present; Rex Engle, present; Teresa Gilles, present; Ron Yacobozzi, present.

Steven A. Sayers, Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO present.

This meeting and notices of all meetings are in compliance with O.R.C. 121.22. This Board of Education shall discuss in Executive Session only those items allowed in O.R.C. 121.22.

**2020-01-32**

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

Roll call vote:

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

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Gilles to approve the following:

**2020-01-33**

Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the December 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

**2020-01-34**

Approve the Treasurer's financial reports for the month of December 2019. (see **Exhibits 7A, 7B, 7C**)

**2020-01-35**

Approve the tax budget for the 2020-2021 school year, (see **Exhibit 7D**).

**2020-01-36**

Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate":

- 300-9011 Athletic Fund from \$121,000 to \$140,000
- 010-9200 OFCC Local Share Interest from \$627,869.21 to \$1,091,036.94

**2020-01-37**

Approve the then-and-now invoice(s), thus certifying that both at the time the contract was made and at the time of the certificate, the amount of the contract was lawfully appropriated for such purposes of the contract. That the appropriation remains unencumbered and the available resources to pay the obligation are on-hand, or in the process of collection to the credit of the appropriate fund, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.41 as per **Exhibit 7E**:

- **Laminating and Binding Solutions, Inc.** August 2018 - \$130.44 – PO 20190630

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**2020-01-38**

Approve the amendment to the 403(b) Retirement Plan regarding Hardship and Eligibility as per **Exhibit 7F**.

**2020-01-39**

Approve the amendment to the 457(b) Retirement Plan regarding Hardship as per **Exhibit 7G**.

**2020-01-40**

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

- **Steele Home Run Boosters, Inc.** for a donation of \$18,153 for the baseball scoreboard.
- **Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club** for a donation of \$2,760 to replenish expenses incurred on behalf of the MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422. The donation is the amount of the ticket sales from the fall production of Arsenic and Old Lace.
- **Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club** for a donation of \$1,500 to pay for Jennifer Ludwig, an independent contractor used in the Winter production by the MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422.
- **Marc Zappa** for a \$150 gift card to Target and a \$150 gift card to Giant Eagle to the Amherst Schools to be used to purchase items for families in need for Christmas.
- **Staff members from Nord** for a donation of \$140 to be used to purchase books for the Nord or Powers Library in memory of Sarah Walker's mother, Mrs. Butler.
- **Pastor Josh Smith on behalf of Grow Point Church** for a \$500 donation to pay off any meal debt that our students have.

Roll call vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. STEVE SAYERS

Notes:

- School Board Recognition month -- certificates to Board
- Move to new Powers -- Mr. Grimmert and staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mr. Mike Molnar**, Assistant Superintendent  
Momentum Award  
EdChoice -- Powers is now EdChoice eligible

**Mr. Rex Engle**, JVS Representative  
JVS Open House -- 1/26/2020  
Board members -- they know ALL but Clearview.

Other Reports (Administrative Standing Committees (ASEF -- should do fundraising)

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It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Engle to approve the following:

**2020-01-41**

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

- **Joanne O'Connor**, Comet Kids Aide at Powers, effective 1/2/2020
- **Brianna Schnur**, Title I Tutor, effective 1/2/2020 (to accept a full-time preschool position)

**2020-01-42**

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:

- **Krista Brown**, 60-day probationary contract, Benefits Secretary, effective 1/6/2020.

**2020-01-43**

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 BCII & FBI background check:

- **John Overdorff**, Classified, effective 2/3/2020
- **Jessica Sullivan**, Classified, effective 1/6/2020

**2020-01-44**

Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2019-2020** school year as indicated:

- **Brianna Schnur**, Powers Preschool Teacher, from PT to FT, effective 12/20/19
- **Amanda Skiddle**, Nord monitor, decrease in hours, from 5.25/day to 2.5/day, effective 1/2/2020.

**2020-01-45**

Adjust the **State of Ohio minimum wage** from \$8.55 per hour to \$8.70 per hour to appropriate employees, effective 1/1/2020.

**2020-01-46**

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:

- **Nevaeh Pasela**, Basketball Scorebook

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Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:

- **Peter Alston Jr.**, PT Bus Monitor, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/14/2020.
- **Christopher Perdue**, PT Monitor, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/27/2020
- **Candance Ziegler**, Assistant Cook, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/18/2020.

**2020-01-48**

Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Eileen Stokowski**, FT Bus Driver, effective 1/20/2020 and returning on or about 4/21/2020.

**2020-01-49**

Approve the extended unpaid parental leave of absence for **Sara Bulea**, Title Teacher at Nord, effective 1/5/2020 through 3/16/2020.

Roll call vote:

**2020-01-50**

Approve the unpaid leave of absence for **Kristi Perna**, Teacher Aide, Powers, effective 1/2/2020 through 1/14/2020.

Roll call vote:

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

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

**2020-01-51**

Amend/Modify/Correct/Promote a **RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM** as per **Exhibit 12A**.

**2020-01-52**

Accept the Memorandum of Understanding(s)( MOU) with **Lorain County Community College (LCCC)** for the **College Credit Plus (CCP) program** for the **2020-2021** school year as per **Exhibit 12B**.

**2020-01-53**

Approve the **Open Enrollment Program** for students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a "space available" basis for the **2020-2021** school year.

Roll Call vote:

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

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

**2020-01-54**

Approve/modify/correct the contract with **Irvin's Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC** for snow and ice management services during the **2019-2020** school year for Powers not Shupe as per **Exhibit 13A**.

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**2020-01-55**

Accept the bid of \$529,950 from **Classical Construction, LLC** for the M.L. Steele High School Concession/Restroom project as per **Exhibit 13B**.

**2020-01-56**

Accept the quote of \$22,153 (\$18,153 paid by Steele Home Run Boosters) from **Daktronics** for the new baseball scoreboard as per **Exhibit 13C**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2020-01-57**

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Zappa to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Valerie Neidert adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer/CFO