

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.

Mar 9,
2020

President Valerie Neidert presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

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

2020-01-87

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Gilles to adopt the agenda as presented and including any addenda.

Roll call vote:

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

Presentation by Representative Joseph Miller to the Amherst Board of Education:

- Commendation for opening new 21st century building and for doing it conscientiously.

Good News Reports:

Mr. Andrew Gibson – AJH Principal

- **Mr. Chris Perdue – Gamers Club – 52 students**
- **Mrs. Williams**

Agents of change:

Make a difference in building

Make them feel like they belong

Kindness week

Kindness post-it-notes

Meet once a month

Mr. Casey Wolf – Athletic Director

Winter Sports Recap:

- 4 Conference Championships
- 33 Student Athletes earned 1st Team All-Conference/All-Lorain County Honors
- 2 Southwestern Conference Players of the Year
- 1 Southwestern Conference Coach of the Year
- 6 State Qualifiers
- 2 Student athletes who qualified for a National Meet
- 1 Student athlete who is top in their sport in 2 career categories in Ohio High School history

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20²⁰**GIRLS BOWLING**

The girls bowling team was led by State Qualifier, sophomore, **Makayla Velasquez**. They won the North Shore Bowling Conference Championship and the OHSAA Sectional Championship, which qualified them for the District tournament. Makayla completed their season this past weekend, finishing 43rd overall in the State.

HOCKEY

The hockey team continued their great resumption of the program. In just our 4th year back, from a 3-year hiatus, we won our 3rd straight Southwestern Conference championship and our 3rd straight Baron Cup II Championship. We are the only Southwestern Conference school to accomplish the feat of winning both championships in the same year for 3 straight years.

Hockey also had 3 students who have etched their name in the OHSAA record books. **Joey Kramer** recorded 53 assists this year, meeting the minimum requirement of 50 assists in a season. **Brady Grove**, who is our goalie, along with our defense recorded 11 shutouts, meeting the minimum requirement of 9 shutouts.

Jacob Kramer finishes his career in the OHSAA record books 12 times. This season, he made it 6 of those times. He is in for goals in a season with 58, assists in a season with 56, and points in a season with 114 points.

With that being said, most impressively, Jacob is tops in OHSAA history in assists in a career with 259 and points in a career with 471.

He is second in OHSAA history with 212 goals. He will be representing us at the All-State/All-Star game this coming weekend during the OHSAA State Championships in Columbus at Nationwide Arena, home of the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.

BOYS. INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

We have two students who have qualified for the opportunity to compete at the High School Indoor National Championships this coming weekend.

- **Caleb Stempkowski** has qualified for the National Meet in the high jump.
- **Dominic Deshuk** has qualified for the National Meet in the 60m hurdles.

BOYS SWIMMING

Like the hockey program, our Boys Swimming & Diving Team continues to dominate the Southwestern Conference. This winter, our Boys Team won their 5th straight SWC Championship. We are the only Boys Team to accomplish this in SWC history. And the championship was never in doubt. We were 8-0 in SWC Dual meets heading into the championships and won the SWC Meet going away!

Their season concluded at the State Meet in Canton in late February where 5 young men represented the Comets. **Ethan Belak** made it as a diver, finishing 18th overall. **Ethan, Chase Arusekvicious, John Belak, Kevin Heyd, and Jacob Rakar** made up the two relays who competed at the State Meet. The 200 Medley Relay of **Arusekvicious, Belak, Belak, and Heyd** finished 21st overall. And all 5 boys contributed to the 200 Freestyle Relay finishing 21st overall. One relay was used in prelims on Friday and a different relay was used in the finals on Saturday.

In addition, I would like to take a moment to congratulate our **Girls Basketball Team** for making the District Finals and **senior wrestler, Clay Carpenter** on recording his 100th career win. Clay is also a state alternate at 195 pounds, as he finished 5th at the District Meet in Perrysburg this past weekend.

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

A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 2/10/2020 Regular Board Meeting.

B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of February 2020. (See exhibits 9A and 9B, 9C)

C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate".

- 022-9214 (OHSAA Tournaments) from \$40,000 to \$60,000
- 004-9110 LFI Interest from \$0 to \$284,870.40
- 010-9310 State Share (OFCC) from \$154,263.98 to \$156,177.54
- 004-9100 LFI from \$235,478.25 to \$600,366.48
- 010-9200 OFCC Local Share from \$1,091,036.94 to \$1,375,907.34
- 010-9203 OFCC Local Share Interest from \$415,360.52 to \$422,737.79
- 010-9300 OFCC State Share from \$1,114,320.10 to \$1,270,497.64

D. 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 appropriated fund, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.41 as per (exhibits 9D, 9E and 9F)

- **S.O.R.S.A.** (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority) - \$6,485 – PO 20201246
- **CODE 42** - \$3,600 – PO 20201020
- **Best Fence** - \$8,000 – PO 20201342

E. Approve the following fund to fund transfers:

- \$156,177.54 from 010-9310 to 010-9300
- \$284,870.40 from 004-9110 to 004-9100

F. Authorize the Superintendent, Treasurer and Board President to authorize a Locally Funded-Initiative Memorandum of Understanding ("LFI MOU") with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission ("OFCC") authorizing use of State Share interest toward applicable co-funded project expenditures.

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

- **Amanda Ezso**, for a \$100 donation to Mrs. Triska's 1st grade classroom.
- **Boeing**, for a \$3,000 grant to Robotics for the **2019-2020** competition season.

Roll call vote:

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

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Steve Sayers - Superintendent's Report:

Notes:

▪ Keydates:

- Family First – 3/18/2020
- First Bite Demo – 4/1/2020 – 6 p.m.
- State of the schools – 4/8/2020 - 6:30 p.m. – New Powers Elementary
- Coronavirus
- Staffing – Highlight Tech Plan – Mrs. Schwartz

Mr. Mike Molnar – Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 5-7 pm – Summer Activity Fair

Mr. Rex Engle – JVS Representative

Notes: Not much to report for JVS

Competition Season
Board retreat this Saturday. Levy? If so, when?
Culinary program

2020-01-89

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Gilles 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.
- **Sara Bulea**, Title I Teacher, Powers, effective 3/2/2020.
 - **Elizabeth Schwartz**, Powers Elementary School Principal and Comet Kids Director, effective 7/31/2020.
 - **Joyce Wolf**, PT Monitor, AJH, effective 3/11/2020.
- B. Employ the following certified individual(s), on a teaching contract, as indicated, for the **2020-2021** 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:
- **Elizabeth Schwartz**, Technology Integration Specialist, .75 (138-day contract), effective 8/1/2020.
- C. Employ **Chloe Blaser** on a long-term substitute/leave of absence contract, Language Arts Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 3/13/2020 through 5/29/2020, 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.

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- D. 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:
- **Rebecka Hardwick**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Cook/Cashier, AJH, effective 2/26/2020.
- E. Employ the following individual(s), on a one-year limited contract, as indicated, for the **2019-2020** school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure/certification (if required) and a BCI & FBI background check
- **Barbara Johnson**, Comet Kids Aide, Powers, effective 2/13/2020
- F. Employ the following individuals 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:
- **Sharon Gerth**, Classified, effective 2/11/2020
 - **Amanda Los**, Classified, effective 2/28/2020
 - **Dylan Russ**, Classified, effective 3/9/2020
 - **Charlotte Evancho**, Classified, effective 3/9/2020
 - **Chloe Blaser**, Certified, effective 2/14/2020
 - **Rhonda Shaver**, Certified, effective 2/28/2020
 - **James Haselden**, Certified, effective 3/9/2020
- G. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the spring 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 FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate:
- **Danielle Buczkowski**, Track, Jr. High Head Coach
 - **Emily Jo King**, Track, Varsity Assistant Coach (1/2 contract)
 - **Calvin Knowlton**, Baseball, Varsity Assistant Coach (1/2 contract)
 - **Steven Taylor**, Volunteer Bowling Advisor
 - **Kyle Warner**, Track, Jr. High Assistant Coach (1/2 contract)
- H. Gant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **William King**, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 3/25/2020
 - **Joseph O'Brien**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 3/20/2020.
- I. Grant supplemental contracts, not to exceed the number of hours given, and to be paid at a rate of \$33.75 per hour, to the following staff for after school tutoring that will be taking place at the End of Course (EOC) Boot Camp at M.L. Steele High School, from 3/31/2020 through 4/28/2020:

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- **Brian Cesear** 8 hours
- **Laurie Cogan** 8 hours
- **Lee Anne Durdak** 8 hours
- **Michael Edwards** 7 hours
- **Wendi Lowe** 7 hours
- **Kelly Massa** 6 hours

- J. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Kristi Perna**, Teacher Aide, Powers, to be extended through the remainder of the **2019-2020** school year.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-01-90

It was moved by Gilles seconded by Zappa to approve the following:

- A. Approve the following overnight field trip(s).

- **MLS theatre students to the Ohio Educational Theatre Association State Thespian Conference**, effective 3/27/20– 3/29/20 as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- **MLS Honors English 10** (3 students with 2 staff as chaperones) to **New York City**, to the **Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History**, effective 4/7/2020 – 4/9/2020 as per **Exhibit 13B**.

District announcement regarding travel and worries about coronavirus.

With help of Burges & Burges and authorities, get out in front and make a statement.

- B. Approve the revised school calendar for the **2020-2021** school year (addition of conference and open house dates) as per **Attachment 13A**.
- C. Enter into a service agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County** to provide a **Speech Language Pathologist** assigned to Amherst E.V. Schools, 2 days a week for the remainder of the **2019-2020** academic school year, as per **Exhibit 13C**.
- D. Enter into a service agreement with **Sunshine Inc., Residential and Support Services** to provide transportation for a special need student, effective 2/1/2020 through 6/25/2020, as per **Exhibit 13D**.
- E. Approve the independent contracts for a **Choreographer, Music Director and Orchestra/Pit Director** for their work with the M.L.S. Theatre Company, Troupe 1422, as per **Exhibit 13E**.
- F. Approve the program of studies for **Marion L Steele High School** for **2020-2021** per **Exhibit 13F**.
- G. Approve the **Ohio Graduation Seal Forms** per **Exhibit 13G**.
- H. Approve the program of studies for **Amherst Jr. High School** for **2020-2021** per **Exhibit 13H**.

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Roll call vote:

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

2020-01-91

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

- A. Accept the maintenance services agreement from **MTC Horticulture Services** as per **Exhibit 14A**, at a cost of \$27,658 (not athletic fields).
- B. Approve the purchase of four (4) buses from **Cardinal Bus Sales** at a price of \$77,737 each, as per pricing from Ohio Schools Council Bus Purchasing Program as per **Exhibit 14B**. (Mr. Grimmert did the research!)
- C. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into agreements with other school districts as needed regarding the use of school buses on an emergency basis.
(Mr. Zappa – is it new?)

Roll call vote:

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

2020-01-92

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Valerie Neidert adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Board President_____
Treasurer/CFO