

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

May 11,

Held via Virtual Meeting via Amherst You Tube Channel at 5:30 p.m. 2020

President, Valerie Neidert presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

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.

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.

2010-05-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo – 5 recommendations this month.

2020-05-02

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 4-13-2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of April 2020. (see Exhibits 6A, 6B, 6C).
- C. 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 Exhibits 6D and 6E.
 - FTG of Greater Ohio, LLC - \$25,687.97 – PO 20201448
 - Squires Patton Boggs (US) LLP - \$3,975 – PO 20201437
- D. Approve the 2020-2021 medical and dental rates as per Attachment 6A.
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
 - Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club for a donation of \$3,250 to pay for four (4) independent contractors used in the presentation for the Spring production by the MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422.

Roll call vote:

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

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Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- Recognize retirees
- Crystal Apple – process is underway
- Congratulations/shout out – it is incredible to see how everyone has come together. Thank you!

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- Wrapping up hiring process
- Technology at the HS is the only remaining position
- Online instruction – Lorain County Teacher Collaborative
- Valerie Neidert – Comet Award

Mr. Yacobozzi asked about interviewing via zoom. Mike Molnar indicated there were zoom interviews and final interviews were in person.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

- Discussing how JVS is going to deal w/hours for students to do “hands-on” tasks
- Recognition will happen – Do not know about graduation – possible drive-by

Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

- Congratulations to all
- Tuesday Academic Award Banquet

Mr. Brian Teppner, the new Powers Principal, was introduced.

2020-05-03

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

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

- **Charles Boesel**, Head Custodian, Powers, effective 6/30/2020.
- **Cathy Gale**, Transportation Supervisor, effective 6/30/2020.

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

- **James Clifford**, Head Mechanic, effective 6/30/2020.
- **Brianna Schnur**, Preschool Intervention Specialist, effective 8/16/2020.

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C. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2020-2021** school year as indicated:

- **Danielle Buczkowski**, Intervention Specialist, from M.L. Steele to Nord, effective 8/17/2020.
- **Dawn Karnik**, Teacher Aide, from Nord to M.L. Steele, 8/14/2020.
- **Maureen Marshall**, Teacher Aide, from Powers to Nord, effective 8/14/2020.

D. Employ **Brian Teppner**, as Principal as Powers Elementary, on a three (3) year, 210-day administrative contract as per the administrative salary schedule, effective 8/1/2020, pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure and a BCI & FBI background check.

E. Employ the following certified individuals, on a one-year limited 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:

Chloe Blackburn, 4th Grade Teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2020
Morgan Dunlap, 4th Grade Teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2020
Kourtney Ellis, 4th Grade Teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2020
Kenneth Fritz, Physical Education Teacher, Amherst Jr. High, effective 8/17/2020
Kelly Peskura, Spanish Teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2020
Brianna Schnur, PT (.8) Preschool Itinerant Teacher, effective 8/17/2020
Katherine Soko, Spanish Teacher, Amherst Jr. High, effective 8/17/2020
Molly Szado, Intervention Specialist (Mod/Intensive), Nord, effective 8/17/2020
Bryan Szczepanski, Intervention Specialist, Amherst Jr. High, effective 8/17/2020
Kyle Warner, Science Teacher, M.L. Steele High School, effective 8/17/2020

F. Grant the following classified personnel a one-year or two-year limited contract as per **Attachment 9A**, for the **2020-2021** school year. (See **Attachment 9B** for all other classified employees who are presently under contract for the **2020-2021** school year and will be issued a salary notice.)

G. Re-employ the following special needs student attendants on a one-year limited contract for the **2020-2021** school year pending completion of all employment requirements:

- **Kara Coleman**
- **Dana Haney**
- **Joy Jeffries**
- **Elise Patrick**
- **Charlene Yohn**

H. Approve the **discretionary funds** for the **2019-2020** school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per **Attachment 9C**.

I. Approve the recommendation of **Wendi Lowe** as the M.L. Steele High School Technology Coordinator for the **2019-2020** school year and approve payment of a \$300 stipend for her services.

J. Approve the unpaid professional leave of absence for **Kim Malobabic**, M.L. Steele, Science Teacher, effective 8/17/2020 through 8/31/2020.

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K. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Amherst E.V. School Board and the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) regarding payment of supplemental contracts for the **2019-2020** school year, as per **Attachment 9D**.

L. Approve the renewal of the OAPSE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Comet Kid's Club Program for the **2020-2021** school year as per **Attachment 9E**.

M. Accept the change in status from retirement to resignation for **Mary Nowak**, previously board approved, 2/10/2020, resignation effective 5/29/2020.

N. Approve **Regina Zaborski** to work up to 20 hours at a rate of \$25 per hour, for consulting purposes, regarding records and benefits.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-05-04

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

- Grant **Natalie Yacobozzi**, presently under contract, a salary notice for the **2020-2021** school year.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-05-05

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

- Approve the **Comet Kid's Club** fees for the **2020-2021** school year be set at \$6.00 per session. A discounted price of \$3.00 per session will be given for the second child (in the same building) and the third child (in the same building) is free.
- Enter into a contract with **Great Lakes Biomedical** to provide random drug testing for athletes, students involved with extracurricular activities and students that drive to school during the **2020-2021** school year as per **Exhibit 10A**.
- Approve the list of respective graduates for the **Class of 2020** who are eligible for graduation on 5/23/2020 as per **Attachment 10A**, as recommended by Joseph Tellier, Principal, M.L. Steele High School, pending completion of the requirements set by the State of Ohio and the requirements as set forth by the Amherst E.V. Board of Education.
- Accept a **RESOLUTION FOR GRADING AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR** as per **Attachment 10B**.

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E. Accept the agreement with Lorain County Community College (LCCC) in partnership with NetFlex, for the FlexFactor Program offered to local schools as per Exhibit 10B.

F. Approve the Interagency Agreement with the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities as per Exhibit 10C.

G. Agree to the updated administrative titles to reflect our current staff as listed in board policy 1520.

H. Approve the agreement with LLA Therapy, LLC to provide therapy services for our students who attend Education Alternatives from 8/14/2020 through 8/13/2021 as per Exhibit 10D.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-05-06

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

A. Approve the change order from Clark & Post for Classical Construction for the concession stand work at M.L. Steele as per Exhibits 11A.

B. Accept the Licensing/Lease Agreement between the Board of Education of the Amherst Exempted Village School District and the Amherst Junior Comets, Inc., as per Exhibit 11B.

Roll Call vote:

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

2020-05-07

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Valerie Neidert adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO