

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular
Meeting

August 10,
20 20

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

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.

2020-08-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

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

2020-08-02

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

- A. Extend the employment of **Treasurer, Amelia R. Gioffredo** for three (3) years for the period beginning 8/1/21 through 7/31/24 and authorizes the Board President to execute a contract addendum to the Treasurer's current employment contract to reflect such extension with terms and conditions.
- B. Approve the **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING of BANKRUPTCY PROOF of CLAIM** as per **Exhibit 6A**.

2020-08-03

It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Zappa to approve the treasurer's recommendations:

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 7/13/2020 Regular Board meeting.

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- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of July 2020. (**Exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C**).
- C. Approve the following fund to fund transfers:
- \$17.30 from 001 General Fund to 777 Payroll Withholding Fund
- 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 appropriate fund, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.41 as per **Exhibit 8D/8E**.
- E. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate":
- Bond Retirement Fund 002 – from \$1,139,800 to \$2,096,000
- F. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
- A Modern Touch, LLC for a donation of two (2) shelves, valued at approximately \$450, that will be hung in bathrooms by the cafetorium at Amherst Jr. High.

Roll Call:

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

Superintendent's Report, Mr. Steve Sayers**Notes:**

- Mr. Sayers welcomed **Mr. Nick Toney**, Assistant Principal, Steele High School

Administrative Committee Reports:**Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent****Notes:**

- Spoke on the restart plan

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services**Notes:**

Mobile Food Pantry 7-30-2020 – Projected 250 families. There were 334 families, 291 families were new. There were 2 food trucks.

Rex Engle asked about special needs students. How are we appealing the parents to make sure the families get what they need?

Therapists and Intervention specialists working.

Mr. Rex Engle JVS Representative**Notes:**

- JVS schedule – lab times, etc have been figured out.

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Other Reports – Administrative Standing Committees

Notes: - None

2020-08-04

It was moved by Engle, 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:
- **Danielle Buczkowski**, Intervention Specialist, effective 7/31/2020.
 - **Devin Saltis**, Custodian II Cleaner, M.L. Steele, effective 8/10/2020.
- B. 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:
- **Jamie Amoroso**, 4th grade teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2020
 - **Katelyn Kasler**, Intervention Specialist, Amherst Junior High School, effective 8/17/2020
 - **Hannah Geiger**, Guidance Counselor, Amherst Junior High School, effective 8/11/2020 – also, approval of 12 extended days for the **2020-2021** school year.
- C. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the **2020-2021** 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:
- **Michael Chesser**, Head Mechanic - 60-day probationary contract, effective 8/11/2020.
- D. Employ the following individual(s), as certified and/or classified substitutes for the **2020-2021** 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**.
- E. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall extra-curricular activities during the **2020-2021** 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 as per **Attachment 11B**.
- F. Employ **Jacob Schneider**, as a student worker, for Technology, for the **2020-2021** school year, to be paid at a rate of \$8.70 (minimum wage) per hour, effective 8/27/2020.
- G. Employ the following individuals as federally grant funded **Title I Tutors for the 2020-2021** 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:

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- Karen Anderson
- Katlyn Bailey
- Amanda Beal
- Elizabeth Dlugosz
- Lydia Edwards
- Leigh-Ann Gurule
- Laura Hause
- Kimberly Koller
- Amelia Lingruen
- Kelly Park
- Michael Rutar

H. Approve up to five (5) additional workdays during the month of August 2020, for **Amanda Spears** for purposes of developing eCampus programing, and to be paid at her daily rate.

I. Approve **Brian Teppner**, Powers Elementary Principal, for the supervision and administration of the **Comet Kid's Club Before and After School Program** for the 2020-2021 school year. Upon completion of the 2020-2021 school year he will receive a stipend of \$4,000.00 paid through the Comet Kid's Club funds.

J. Employ the following individuals on a supplemental contract for the 2020-2021 school year for services as a **Comet Kid's Club Before & After School Care Program** supervisor or aide, as indicated. Compensation will be at the board approved Comet Kid's Club salary schedule:

- Annette Allison, Supervisor, Powers
- Barbara Johnson, Aide, Powers
- Christine Sarvas, Aide, Powers
- Barbara Leoni, Supervisor, Nord
- Sandra Dobias, Aide, Nord

Roll Call vote:

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

2020-08-05

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

- A. Approve the Amherst Restart Plan for the 2020-2021 school year as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Approve the revised school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year as per **Attachment 12A**.
- C. Approve the Ohio Online Learning 2020-2021 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement as per **Exhibit 12B**.
- D. Approve the agreement with the Lorain County Public Health Department for school health services, for the 2020-2021 school year as per **Exhibit 12C**.

Roll call vote:

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

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2020-08-06

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

- A. Renew the agreement with the City of Amherst for the School Resource Officers effective for the **2020-2021** school year as per **Exhibit 13A**.

- B. Authorize the Transportation Supervisor to pre **bus routes/stops for Powers, Nord, Amherst Jr. High and M.L. Steele** for the **2020-2021** school year and authorize her to make adjustments to routes/stops as needed throughout the **2020-2021** school year.

Roll Call vote:

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

2020-08-07

It was moved by Engle seconded by Gilles to adjourn to executive session at 6:33 p.m., to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, and to prepare for collective bargaining with public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board returned from executive session at 7:34 p.m.

2020-08-08

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President, Valerie Neidert adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO