

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 14,
2020

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.

2020-09-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Report:

Mr. Joe Tellier, M.L. Steele Principal

- Excellent examples of how Steele is managing to embrace this environment and excelling.

Public Hearing - This an opportunity for public input on the 2021-2022 school calendar.

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.

2020-09-02

It was moved by Engle, seconded by Gilles to approve the following treasurer's recommendations:

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 8/10/2020 Regular Board meeting.
- B. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 8/26/2020 Special Board meeting.
- C. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of August 2020. (Exhibits 9A, 9B, 9C).

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D. Approve the permanent appropriations for FY 2020-2021. (See **Exhibit 9D**)

E. 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 9E**.

- Naviance, Inc. - \$7,822.98 - PO 20210121
- OverDrive - \$4,000.00 – PO 20210294
- Scholastic, Inc. - \$8,915.17 – PO 20210238
- Connect - \$18,192.77 – PO 20210061
- ESC of Lorain County - \$8,455.75 – PO 20210061
- Pay Schools Central - \$5,412.50 – PO's 20210048; 20210049; 20210157

F. Approve a \$500 petty cash change fund for the M.L. Steele office to handle parking passes and class fees.

G. Approve an advance of funds from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid back before the end of FY 2021.

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

- **Sliman's Sales & Service** for a donation of \$7,752.33 to paint the Amherst Schools dugouts.
- **Nordson Corporation** for a donation of \$4,000 to support eSports.
- **Nordson Corporation Foundation** for a donation of \$7,500 for superintendent's discretionary funding for the 2020-2021 **Nordson School Fund**.

Roll Call:

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

Superintendent's Report, Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

Summary of opening:

- Opening has gone very well.
- Excellent to see students outside.
- eCampus, pictures, etc.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- Military page – A family reached out and thanked Amherst for the military page.
- MAP testing in reading and math
- Coming on campus for MAP testing

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Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services

Notes:

- Jill Maiorca is updating her web page
- MiFi access
- Mobile food pantry outreach

Mr. Rex Engle JVS Representative

Notes:

- Hybrid option at JVS
- Levy on ballot for JVS

Other Reports – Administrative Standing Committees

Notes: - None

2020-09-03

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

- A. 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:
- **Jeffrey Mazze**, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord, effective 9/14/2020, 60-day probationary contract to begin first day of work.
 - **Don Jeffrey Schneider**, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord, effective 9/14/2020, 60-day probationary contract to begin first day of work.
- B. 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:
- **Certified Subs:**
 - a) **Brooke Kobasher**, effective 8/31/2020
 - b) **Susana Partlow**, effective 8/28/2020
 - c) **Zaneb Rahman**, effective 9/2/2020
 - d) **Katherine Vincz**, effective 9/9/2020
 - e) **Kathleen Wenger**, effective 8/27/2020
 - f) **Suzanne Werner**, effective 9/9/2020
 - **Classified Subs:**
 - a) **Jessica Durica**, effective 9/2/2020
 - b) **David Melendez**, effective 9/10/2020
 - c) **Amanda Skiddle**, effective 9/8/2020
- C. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2020-2021** school year as indicated:
- **Austin Franks**, Custodian II/Cleaner from Nord to M.L. Steele, effective 9/14/2020.
 - **William King**, Custodian II/Cleaner from Nord to Powers, effective 9/14/2020.
 - **Joseph O'Brien**, Bus Driver, from PT to FT, effective 9/11/2020.
 - **Stephanie Porter**, Bus Driver, from PT to FT, effective 9/11/2020.
 - **Amanda Skiddle**, PT Monitor, from Nord to AJH, effective 9/8/2020.

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- D. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year-round 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 BCI and FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate as per **Attachment 12A**.
- E. Approve the increase in the **substitute bus driver rate of pay** to \$22/hour, effective 9/8/2020.
- F. Approve the **revised Ancillary Salary Table** for the **2020-2021** school year as per **Attachment 12B**.
- G. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved **2020-2021** revised Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund as per **Attachment 12C**.
- H. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as per **Attachment 12D**.
- I. Approve extra help as needed, for duties in the transportation department, for **Christine Costilow and Reina Vorndran**, for the **2020-2021 contract year**.

Roll Call vote:

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

2020-09-04

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

- A. Approve the addendum to the Nursing contract with the **Lorain County Public Health Department** as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- B. Accept a resolution for the **Career-Technical Education (CTE) Middle Grades Waiver** as per **Attachment 13A**.
- C. Approve the agreement with **Silver Lining Group** for the **2020-2021** school year as per **Exhibit 13C**.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-09-05

- A. Approve the addendum to the **Mercy Regional Medical Center** contract for therapy services for related services to eCampus students to be delivered as outline in IEP's and remote learning plans as per **Exhibit 13B**.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-09-06

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

- A. Allow the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into an agreement with **Vermilion Schools** for substitute bus drivers.
- B. Enter into a service agreement with **Sunshine Inc., Residential and Support Services** to provided transportation for a special needs student, as per **Exhibit 14A**.

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C. Authorize the purchase of a school bus at a cost of \$90,543 utilizing a state grant, CARES Act funding and district funds.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-09-07

It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Gilles at adjourn to executive session, to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken. Adjourned to executive session at 6:08 p.m.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board returned from executive session at 7:05 pm.

2020-09-08

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

Roll call vote:

Zappa, aye; Engle, aye; Gilles, not present; Yacobozzi, aye; Neidert, aye.

Board President, Valerie Neidert adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO