

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular  
Meeting**Held **at the Nord School - Media Center at 5:30 p.m.****Oct 12,  
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.

2020-10-1

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Report:

**Ms. Jill Jiovanazzo**, Nord Principal

- PBIS.

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.

(If planning to address the Board, please complete the sign-in sheet).

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

2020-10-2

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

- A. The minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of September 2020.(See  
**Exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C**)

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## C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the “412 certificate.”

- Library Bond Retirement fund 002 0020 from \$0 to \$511,655.30
- Library Construction fund 004 0000 from \$0 to \$5,000,000
- OCCRRA State Preschool fund from \$0 to \$21,812

## D. Approve the following fund-to-fund transfers:

- \$50,000 from General Fund (001) to Athletic Fund (300-9011)

Mr. Engle had a question about the transfer. It is going to be repeated for winter/spring sports? Mr. Sayers thinks this should be sufficient.

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 8D:**

- Avon Lake Mechanical Services, Inc. Northern Refrigeration Systems – \$3,600 – PO 20200419

F. Approve the **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY** as per **Exhibit 8E.**

G. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donation(s) to the Amherst Schools:

- An anonymous donation of ceiling materials, valued at approximately \$3,500.00
- **Sliman’s Sales & Service** for a \$200 donation. Proceeds from Sliman’s Jeep Jam. \$100 to Steele News Live and \$100 Steele Yearbook Club.

Mrs. Neidert asked Mr. Sayers to elaborate on donations.

Roll call vote:

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

**Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Steve Sayers**

Notes:

- Nord update
- eCampus
- Board work session

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## Administrative Committee Reports:

**Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent**

## Notes:

- Amanda Sears assisted with the presentation of the Purple Star Award – all 4 schools
- Sergeant Joseph Fought & family presented framed flags to AJH, Nord, Powers & Board Office

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

- Announcement from Jill Maiorca about food bank delivery – register 1<sup>st</sup>
- Office of Exceptional Children survey

**Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative**

## Notes:

- A. JVS Levy cost to taxpayer \$23/\$100,000 home

**Other Reports: Administrative Standing Committees**

## Notes:

None

2020-10-3

It was moved by Yacobbozi, seconded by Engle 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:
- B. **Nancy Kasten**, Nord School Secretary, effective 12/31/2020
- B. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
- **Amanda Beal**, Title I Tutor, Powers Elementary, effective 10/5/2020
  - **Leigh-Ann Gurule**, Title I Tutor Powers Elementary, effective 10/2/2020
  - **Krista Renaldo**, AJH Cheer Advisor, effective 10/15/2020
  - **Joshua Ward**, Assistant Mechanic, effective 10/24/2020
- C. Employ the following individuals as **Title 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. These are Title I and Title III federal grant expenditures:

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- **Andrea Giavroutas**, effective 10/12/2020
- **Kelly Simenson**, effective 10/13/2020
- **Jenna Stack**, effective 10/6/2020

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 BCII & FBI background check:

**CERTIFIED:**

- **Colleen Burman**, effective 9/15/2020
- **Alexandria Jones**, effective 9/15/2020
- **Isabella Moreno**, effective 9/22/2020
- **Lola Patterson-Baumbauer**, effective 10/5/2020
- **Scott Ulrich**, effective 10/5/2020
- **Ashley Young**, effective 9-15-2020

**CLASSIFIED:**

- **Melissa Carver**, effective 9/16/2020
- **Micheline Krause**, Bus Driver, effective 9/21/2020
- **Ember Kucirek**, effective 9/15/2020
- **Benjamin Pena**, Assistant Mechanic, effective 10/13/2020 at \$20/hour

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

- **Bobbie Kiser**, Teacher Aide, from Nord to Powers, effective 10/1/2020.

F. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for **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 rate as per **Attachment 11A**.

G. Approve the unpaid non-professional leave of absence for **Theresa Szczepanik**, Science teacher at M.L. Steele, effective 11/10/2020 through 5/28/2021.

H. Approve the unpaid non-professional leave of absence for **Amanda Skiddle**, PT Monitor, at AJH, effective 9/28/2020 through 2/3/2021.

I. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Peter Alston, Jr.** Bus Driver, effective 9/24/2020 through 10/12/2020.

J. Approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for **Brittney Cromer**, Kindergarten Teacher, Powers, effective 10/29/2020 through 11/30/2020.

K. Approve the unpaid non-professional leave of absence for **Kathy Smith**, PT Cook, M.L. Steele, effective 10/12/2020 through the remainder of the contract year.

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- L. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **Carol Palacios**, Assistant Cook, Powers, return to a continuing contract, effective 10/1/2020.
- M. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the **2020-2021** school year, inclusive of **summer 2021** if necessary, on an "as needed basis," with compensation at the board approved rate:
- **Jeanette Holp**, effective 9/1/2020
  - **Kelly Massa**, effective 9/1/2020
  - **Emily Wenzell**, effective 9/1/2020
- N. Re-employ **Barbara Wolsansky** on a one-year supplemental contract as an **Orientation and Mobility Trainer** for visually impaired students for the **2020-2021** school year at \$75.00 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours.
- O. Approve the increase in the **substitute teacher rate** of pay to \$100/day, and \$115/day for retired Amherst Teachers, effective 10/13/2020. This is a \$5.00 increase.
- P. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) regarding Resident Educator Mentor Supplemental Contract positions for **2020-2021**, as per **Attachment 11B**.
- Q. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ohio Association of Public-School Employees Local #208 (OAPSE) concerning trip rate payment for **2020-2021**, as per **Attachment 11C**.
- R. Approve the following as Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSSA) tournament game workers as per **Attachment 11D**.
- S. 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 11E**.
- T. 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 for **AJH winter sports**:
- **Lisa Schenk** – Scoreboard Operator
  - **Scott Pecze** – Ticket Taker
  - **Michele Sturgeon** – Ticket Taker

Roll call vote:

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

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

- A.
- B. Approve the **Ohio High School Athletic Agreement (OHSAA) Site Agreements** and for football, boys and girls soccer, and volleyball as per **Exhibits 12A, 12B, 12C, 12D and 12E.**

Roll call vote:

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

2020-10-5

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

- A. Enter into an agreement with **Great Midwest Sports** for the **2020-2021** school year as per **Exhibit 13A.**
- B. Approve the agreements with **Vermilion Schools** and **Oberlin Schools** for transportation of students as per **Exhibit 13B and 13C.**
- C. Approve the agreement with **Hudl, Inc** as per **Exhibit 13D.**

Roll Call vote.

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

2020-10-6

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Valerie Neidert adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer/CFO