

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSMinutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular
Meeting

Held at Powers Elementary at 5:30 p.m.

Jan 19,
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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.

Meeting called to order by President, Ron Yacobozzi at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

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

2021-01-04

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Reports:

Mr. Brian Teppner and Ms. Cornelia Engle - Powers Elementary School

- Video
- Powerpoint
- Frank LaRose – Powers ES election
- Math adoption/align w Nord

Mr. Casey Wolf – recommended new head football coach.
Mr. Casey Wolf - Introduces Mr. Kenneth Fritz

Kenneth Fritz philosophy – (REP) Respect-Effort-Purpose

2021-01-05

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 12-14-2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 1/11/2021 Organization Meeting.
- C. Approve the Treasurer's financial reports for the month of December 2020. (see Exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C)

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D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate":

- Title VI-B Special Education fund 516-9221 from \$765,243 to \$773,737.89
- Early Childhood Special Education fund 587-9221 from \$19,319.43 to \$19,314.40

E. Approve the following fund to fund transfers:

- 777-0000 Payroll Clearing Fund to 001-0000 General Fund or \$133,468.52
- 022-9214 OHSSA Tournament Fund to 300-9011 Steele Athletics Fund for \$1,465.06

F. 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, 8F, 8G, and 8H:**

- Lorain County Metropolitan Park District - \$3,996 – PO 20210604
- Connect - \$18192.77 – PO 2021-0660
- Countryview Services Inc.
 - \$2,677.29 – PO 20210656
 - \$1,173.11 – PO 20210658
 - \$9,254.22 – PO 20210657

G. Accept the **Memorandum of Agreement with Key Bank** as per **Exhibit 8I.**H. Approve the current list of 403(b) Plan providers as well as a new provider, as per **Exhibits 8J and 8K.**

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

- **Meijer Supermarket** for a pallet of sanitizer, 35 cases = 420 bottles at a value of \$3,375.
- **Laureen Hughett** for a \$185.41 donation to Nutrition Services to pay off all student breakfast/lunch account debt.
- **Nordson Corporation** for a \$3,500 donation to the **Robotics Team** at M.L. Steele High School.

Roll call vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. STEVE SAYERS

Notes:

- Thank you to Board Members.
- Enrollment Update – 3,660 students (2 more than June '20).
- Capital plan for maintenance and transportation, just as we did with technology.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Beginning of Year – 74% onCampus/26% eCampus
 Right now – 75% onCampus/25% eCampus
 K-5 79% onCampus/21% eCampus
 Jr/HS 72% onCampus/28%eCampus

3rd grade reading decreased 8%, 3rd grade reading metrics decreased more than Amherst EVSD

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services

Agreement for Counseling services
 2nd Harvest (drops right here @ HS)
 Preschool – 32 peer model spots

- must be four (4) by August 1st
- 8 students w/special needs/8 peer

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

No report
 LCJVS Organization Meeting 1/20/2021

Other Reports (Administrative Standing Committees)

2021-01-06

It was moved by Zappa 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:
- **Rebecca Demich**, Secretary, Powers Elementary, effective 6/30/2021.
 - **Elaine Haff**, Bus Driver, effective 5/31/2021
- B. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
- **Lacey Reichert**, JV Boys Golf Coach, effective 1/6/2021
 - **Felicia Sanchez**, JV Volleyball Coach, effective 12/30/2020
 - **Nancy Shortman**, Paraprofessional, Powers Elementary, effective end of day 1/6/2021.
 - **Amanda Skiddle**, PT Monitor, AJH, effective 12/30/2020
- 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:
- **Jackie Miller**, PT Bus Driver, 60-day probationary contract, effective 1/6/2021.
 - **Robert Taw**, FT Assistant Mechanic, 60-day probationary contract, effective 2/1/2021

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- D. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the **2020-21** 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

- **James Burgett**, effective 1/11/2021
- **Rachel Long**, effective 1/19/2021
- **Derek Ruffner**, effective 1/19/2021
- **Melissa Thompson**, effective 1/11/2021
- **Anne Tuleta**, effective 1/12/2021
- **Zachary Warth**, effective 1/11/2021

CLASSIFIED

- **Kristy Ory**, effective 1/11/2021
- E. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2020-2021** school year as indicated:
- **David Melendez**, from PT Bus Driver to FT Bus Driver, effective 1/11/2021 (still under probationary contract through 2/23/2021)
- F. Grant a supplemental contract to **Kenneth Fritz** as the **Head Football Coach** for the **2021-2022** school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to Pupil Activity Permit, and a BCII and FBI background check with compensation at the board approve rate.
- G. 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:
- **Michael Edwards**, effective 12/1/2020
- H. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as indicated as per **Attachment 11A**.
- I. 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 11B**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-01-07

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

- A. Approve the revised **OAPSE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** for the one-time Retirement Incentive as per **Attachment 11C**.

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

- **Natalie J. Yacobozzi**, Teacher Aide, Nord, effective 5/31/2021

Roll Call vote:

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

2021-01-08

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

- Approve the independent contracts for a **Choreographer, and Music Director**, for their work with the M.L.S. Theatre Company, Troupe 1422, as per **Exhibits 12A and 12B**.
- Approve the **Open Enrollment Program** for students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a "space available" basis for the **2021-2022** school year.
- Accept the Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU) with **Lorain County Community College (LCCC)** for the **College Credit Plus (CCP) program** for the **2021-2022** school year as per **Exhibit 12C**.
- Approve the **program of studies** for Marion L. Steele High School for **2021-2022** as per **Exhibit 12D**.
- Enter into an agreement with **New Leaf Counseling Services, LLC** for provision of behavioral health services as per **Exhibit 12E**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-01-09

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

Approve the agreements with **School Date Books** for Amherst Jr. High and Nord School, as per **Exhibits 13A and 13B**.

Approve the **Tournament Site Agreements** with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for **Boys and Girls Basketball** as per **Exhibits 13C, 13D and 13E**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-01-10

It was moved by Neidert, seconded by Zappa to adjourn to executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

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

Board returned from executive session at 7:17 p.m.

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2021-01-11

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO