

**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.**Feb 22,  
2021**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

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

2021-02-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

2021-02-02

It was moved by Zappa, seconded by Neidert to extend the employment of **Superintendent Steven Sayers** for two (2) years for the period beginning 8/1/2022 through 7/31/2024 and authorizes the Board President to execute a contract to reflect such extension. Salary will be determined at a later date.

Roll call vote:

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

### **Good News Reports:**

#### **Joe Tellier, M.L. Steele School Principal**

- **2021-2021** plan – Partner with Ohio School of Deaf – Pilot American Sign Language
- JVS – we couldn't take sophomores to JVS as usual – only 8-9 students. Last year 75-80 students signed up.
- HS Tech Classes – Stephanie Boggs, teacher

141 students 2020-2021

353 students 2021-2022

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

2021-02-03

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of January 2021. (see exhibits 9A, 9B, 9C)

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
• 499-9219 Ohio School Safety Training Grant Fund	\$ .00	\$ 18,227.04
• 001 General Fund	\$39,111,541.00	\$34,966,376.00
• 016-0000 Emergency Levy Fund	\$ .00	\$ 4,145,165.00
• 030-0000 Recreation Fund	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 50,000.00

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

- **Michael Travis Milanich**, for donating a Bundy trombone, estimated at approximately \$450-500, for the junior high school. He wanted a student who couldn't afford one to have this one.
- **Jon Heyd** for donating a child size weighted compression vest for the special education department, valued at \$75.
- **Ron and Cathy Burgei** for donating three (3) books to Powers library in memory of **Diane Coffman**.

Roll call vote:

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

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

Notes:

- Staff vaccinations
- Cleveland State Commencement – not sure yet
- Capital plan – 5 years

**Administrative Committee Reports:**

**Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent**

Notes:

- Coming into final trimester – student movement detailed below:  
AJH 8 onCampus to eCampus; 36 eCampus to onCampus  
HS 32 onCampus to eCampus; 39 eCampus to onCampus
- Mathematics Pilot – models and reasoning

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

Notes:

- Special Education performance profile.

**Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative**

Notes:

Open House at JVS 1-27-2021.

(Amherst and North Ridgeville City Schools top attendees)

Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

None

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2021-02-04

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

- A. Accept the following resignations for the **purpose of retirement** and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
- **Eva Blackford**, Bus Driver, effective 5/31/2021
  - **Julie Peltz**, Preschool Aide, Powers Elementary School, effective 6/30/2021
  - **Danielle White**, Teacher Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 5/31/2021
- B. Approve the administrative contract renewals as indicated:
- **Cornelia Engle**, Assistant Principal, Powers Elementary, effective 8/1/2021 to 7/31/2023.
  - **Casey Wolf**, Athletic Director, effective 8/1/2022 through 7/31/2025
- C. Approve 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:
- **Alan Dale Jr.** 60-day probationary contract, PT Bus Driver, effective 3/1/2021
  - **Shannet Jackson**, 60-day probationary contract, FT Bus Driver, effective 1/26/2021
  - **Bailey Deulley**, 60-day probationary contract, High School secretary, effective 4/12/2021
- D. Employ **Mark Kuhnle**, as a substitute Spanish teacher, at M.L. Steele High School, effective 2/8/2021 through the remainder of the **2020-2021** school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper certification/licensure and to be placed at a daily rate equivalent to BA Step 0.
- E. 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:
- CLASSIFIED
- **Meredith Alspach**, effective 1/29/2021
  - **Cherri Cumberledge**, effective 2/17/2021
  - **Lauren Giovannazzo**, effective 2/8/2021
  - **Constance Lynch**, effective 2/1/2021
  - **Gregory Sovizral**, effective 2/9/2021

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- **Cindy Arnold**, effective 2/8/2021
- **Victoria Becraft**, effective 2/10/2021
- **Jacque Bremer**, effective 2/9/2021
- **Chandler Chikik**, effective 2/17/2021
- **Sydney Ochowski**, effective 1/21/2021
- **Madeleine Riley**, effective 1/21/2021
- **Julie Zvosecz**, effective 2/8/2021

- F. Grant the following individual(s), who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **David Melendez**, FT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 2/24/2021.
- G. Approve an advancement (retro) M+10 to M+20 for September 2020, and an advancement (correction to January 2021 agenda) for M+20 to M+30 (retro) for **Holly Miller**, due to changes in her educational training level.
- H. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the spring and/or year-round extracurricular 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 rate as per **Attachment 12A**.
- I. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individual(s) for the **2021-2022** school year as indicated:
- **Matthew Schillinger**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from Nord to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Powers.
- J. Approve the unpaid non-professional leave of absence for **Nicholas Quarando**, PE Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 3/1/2021 through 5/28/2021.
- K. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Elizabeth Pazder**, Intervention Specialist at Nord, effective 4/17/2021 through 5/8/2021.
- L. Approve the following SWC 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball tournament workers:
- **Brad Draga** – Tournament Managaer
  - **Roberta Difillippo** – Ticket Taker
  - **Brian Kelley** - Scoreboard/Announcer
  - **Lisa Schenk** – Scorebook
  - **Michele Sturgeon** – Ticket Taker
  - **Camden Simo** – Scoreboard
  - **Aiden Workman** - Scorebook
- M. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved **2020-2021** Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund:



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- **Melissa Anderson** – Track Announcer – AJH
- **Lisa Schenk** – Track Announcer – AJH
- **Camden Simo** - Scorebook
- **Aiden Workman** - Scorebook

N. Approve the following as Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Basketball tournament game workers as per **Attachment 12B**.

O. 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, all will be effective **2/22/2021**:

- **Molly Acheson**
- **Brian Cesear**
- **Lydia Edwards**
- **Cindy Giacobbe**
- **Andrea Giavroutas**
- **Julie Hammond**
- **Jodi Kremer**
- **Wendi Lowe**
- **Brian Rubinski**
- **Katherine Soho**
- **Brett Thompson**
- **Hope Watkin**

Roll call vote:

Neidert, aye; Engle, aye; Gilles, absent; Zappa, aye, Yaccobbzi, aye

**2021-02-05**

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

A. Approve the following allocations for **2020** and **2021** from the **Recreation funds**:

- Summer Baseball/Softball - \$10,000
- Sandstone Summer Theatre - \$8,000
- Swimming - \$4,000

B. Approve the **program of studies** for Amherst Jr. High School for **2021-2022** as per **Exhibit 13A**.

C. Maintain the Extracurricular Participation fee at \$300 for the **2021-2022** school year.

D. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) for a Pilot Math Modeling and Reasoning Course for the **2021-2022** school year.

Roll call vote:

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

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**2021-02-06**

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

- A. Authorize the Amherst Athletic Association to control the scheduling of non-school activities on the district's softball and baseball fields, with the exception of the varsity fields. Varsity field usage will be managed by the district's Athletic Director and each sport's respective head coach. This will be the **2021** spring/summer sports season, or until such time that the Board decides otherwise.
- B. Approve the **Consulting and Agronomic Services Agreement** with **Gary D'Andrea**, Independent Consultant as per **Exhibit 14A**.
- C. Authorize the purchase of one (1) Special Needs bus (\$86,297) and four (4) 78-passenger buses (\$82,752 each) for a total cost of \$417,305.
- D. Accept the maintenance services agreement from **MTC Horticulture Services** for **2021**, as per **Exhibit 14B**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2021-02-07**

It was moved by Neidert, seconded by Engle to adjourn to executive session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss the employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

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

Returned from executive session at 7:11 p.m.

**2021-02-08**

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President, Ron Yacobozzi, adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer/CFO