

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular  
Meeting

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|   | Mar 23,<br>20 <sup>21</sup> |
| Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. |                             |

President Ron Yacobozzi presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

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.

2021-03-01

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.

Good News Reports:

**Mr. Andrew Gibson – AJH Principal**

- “Polaris” teachers were presented by Mr. Gibson for their exemplary example during last year. Cindy Giacobbe spoke – also in attendance were: Kelly Funderburg, Marianna Hines, Katy Innes, Bryan Szczepanski, Sandra Mellott, Wendy Kerschner

**Mr. Casey Wolf – Athletic Director**

**Ethan Belak:**

- OHSAA State Diving Qualifier for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Straight Year
- Finished 16<sup>th</sup> at the State Meet.
- Southwestern Conference Diving Champion

**Boys Bowling:**

- North Shore Bowling Conference Champions (First Time in School History)
- North Shore Bowling Conference Tournament
- Steve Taylor, Southwestern Conference Coach of the Year
- Team Members: J.P. Gregory, Thomas Heider, Antonio Rodriguez, Logan Stewart, and Chandan Weinsier Marcano

**Girls Bowling:**

- North Shore Bowling Conference Champions (Back-to-Back)
- North Shore Bowling Conference Tournament Champions
- Southwestern Conference Champions (First Time In School History)
- David Dull, Southwestern Conference Coach of the Year
- Makayla Velasquez, Southwestern Conference MVP for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year.
- Team Members: Hannah Aschenbach, Kendall Bott, Rachel McDerment, Amanda McElheny, Sabrina Stawicki, Ally Taylor, and Makayla Velasquez

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**Hockey:**

- Southwestern Conference Champions for the 4<sup>th</sup> Straight Year, the First School in SWC Hockey History to accomplish this feat.
- Brady Grove, Southwestern Conference MVP
- Brady Grove and Nathan Harmych were voted onto the North Team for the Senior State All-Star Game. Selection to this team is done by voting by the Coaches from around Ohio.
- Michael Hughes was named a National Merit Scholar
- Team Members: Aidan Brattoli, Nick Ciura, Gage Cohoon, Gavyn Cumberledge, Logan Eicher, Brady Grove, Thomas Hall, Nathan Harmych, Michael Hughes, Joey Kramer, Logan McCrone, Justus Owens, and Avery Winkelman

**Boys Basketball:**

- Southwestern Conference Champions for the first time in 29 years
- 13 Straight Conference Wins
- 17-3 Record is the best record since the 1986-87 season, another SWC championship season.
- Pat Bray was named Southwestern Conference and Lorain County Division 1 Coach of the Year
- Ty Weatherspoon was named Southwestern Conference MVP
- Ty is also expected to be named Academic All-Ohio
- 6 of the 9 members of the Team will be awarded Academic Certificates from the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches association for having over a 3.2 cumulative Grade Point Average
- Team Members: Austin Bray, Jalin Dampier, George Fayer, George Gotsis, Nick Hamrlik, Jordan Koury, Austin Kucirek, Torre Weatherspoon, and Ty Weatherspoon.

2021-03-02

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 2/22/2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of February 2021. (See exhibits 8A and 8B, 8C)
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate".
  - 001-0000 General Fund from \$34,969,831 to \$34,973,286
  - 016-0000 Emergency Levy Fund from \$4,145,165 to \$4,141,710
  - 516-9221 FY21 Special Ed/IDEA-B from \$773,737.89 to \$773,706.65
  - 572-9221 FY21 Title I Improving Basic Programs from \$383,911.44 to \$393,216.61
  - 587-9221 FY21 Early Childhood Special Education from \$19,314.40 to \$19,314.33

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- 590-9221 FY21 Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction from \$87,219.19 to \$87,369.60
- 599-9221 FY21 Title IV-A Student Supports & Academic Enrichment from \$25,099.28 to \$25,189.49
- 507-9222 FY21 ESSER II from \$0 to \$1,186,172.73
- 200-9020 FY21 Class of 2020 from \$150 to \$154 (see Exhibit 8D)
- 200-9021 FY21 Class of 2021 from \$0 to \$324 (see Exhibit 8D)

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

- **Alexandrea Vargo**, (MLS Class of 2016) for an Orion SkyQuest XT8 Classic Telescope with an approximate value of \$450, donated to the high school.
- Several books donated to Powers Elementary school library and Michelle Tellier's classroom in memory of **Diane Kinser** by friends of **Erin and JB Kinser**.
- **DonorChoose**, for a self-cleaning stove for Mrs. Acheson's classroom at Nord school

Roll call vote:

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

**Steve Sayers** - Superintendent's Report:  
Introduce Mrs. Walker

**Mr. Mike Molnar** – Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- Donation of books for Powers in memory of Diane Kinser

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

HS staff:

- Kristen Kowalski, Transition coordinator
- Holly Miller and Emily Wenzell, Transition
- Skills, education, work study
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**Mr. Rex Engle** – JVS Representative

Notes: Visits – Amherst High School  
849 HS applications  
Planning two 8<sup>th</sup> grade recruitment nights  
Annual signing day @ JVS – May 4, 2021  
Adult Ed Programming  
Summer intervention programs  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Fall  
Manufacturing  
Senior celebration

Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

Notes: none

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It was moved by Engle and seconded by Zappa 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.
- **Sandra Mellott**, Intervention Specialist, AJH, effective 5/28/21.
- B. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
- **Laurie Cogan**, Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective 3/17/2021.
  - **Jay Valadez**, Varsity Basketball Coach, Girls, effective 3/16/2021.
- C. Employ the following individuals 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:
- **Amelia Lingruen**, Certified, effective 3/11/2021
- D. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2021-2022** school year as indicated:
- **John Agostinelli**, Math Teacher, from M.L. Steele to Math Teacher at Nord
  - **Kevin Collins**, SS Teacher at M.L. Steele to Intervention Specialist at Nord
  - **Kenneth Fritz**, PE Teacher from AJH to PE Teacher at M.L. Steele
  - **Jeanette Holp**, FCS Teacher at M.L. Steele to FCS Teacher at AJH and M.L. Steele
  - **Natalie Hostutler**, LA Teacher at M.L. Steele to LA Teacher at Nord
  - **Micheline Krause**, Transportation Secretary, from a 220-day contract to a 260-day contract
  - **Michael Passerello**, PE/Health Teacher at M.L. Steele to PE/Health Teacher at AJH
  - **Theresa Szcapanik**, Science Teacher at M.L. Steele to Intervention Specialist at M.L. Steele
- E. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the spring 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 BCII and FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate:
- **Mark Coughlin**, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
  - **Hannah Geiger**, AJH Assistant Track Coach (1/2 contract)
  - **Katelyn Kasler**, AJH Assistant Track Coach (1/2 contract)

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F. Gant 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 3/4/2021:

- **Mark Kuhnle**
- **Dave Leonard**
- **Holly Miller**
- **Brianna Schnur**

G. Approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for **Kelli Escher**, Kindergarten Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 4/4/2021 through 5/17/2021 and for **Rebecca McArthur**, Preschool teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 4/13/2021 through 5/3/2021.

H. Approve extra time (up to 10 hours each) for the following transportation staff members, to work on developing transportation policy, effective 3/9/2021 through May:

- **Rebecca Bunnell**
- **Christine Costilow**
- **Nora Hicks**
- **Anthony Karnik**
- **Micheline Krause**
- **Reina Vorndran**

Roll call vote:

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

2021-03-04

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

- A. Approve the agreement with the **Lorain County Public Health Department** for school health services, for the **2021-2022** school year as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Approve the following overnight field trip(s).
- **Eighth Grade Trip to Washington D.C.** – the trip is scheduled for October 13-15, 2021 with alternate dates of March 30 – April 1, 2022 as per **Exhibit 12B**.
  - **Camp Fitch Trip for fifth and sixth graders**, the trip is scheduled for September 27 – October 1, 2021 as per **Exhibit 12C**.
- C. Approve the **2021-2022 Primary Service Agreement with The Educational Service Center of Lorain County for Amherst E.V. Schools and St. Joseph School, Amherst**, as per **Exhibits 12D and 12E**.

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D. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into any agreement needed for the graduation ceremony for the class of 2021.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-03-05

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

- A. Approve the **2021 Summer Project list** as per **Attachment 13A.**
- B. Approve the **Internet Service Provider Contract with Connect** as per **Exhibit 13A.**
- C. Approve the **Resolution regarding professional design services** as procured through our membership in the Ohio Schools Council, as per **Exhibit 13B.**

Roll call vote:

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

2021-03-06

It was moved by Engle, seconded by Neidert to adjourn to executive session at 6:22 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:

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

The board returned from executive session at 7:11 p.m.

2021-03-07

It was moved by Engle, seconded by Neidert to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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