

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. Apr 26,
2021

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, present; Valerie Neidert, absent (Valerie Neidert missed call to order – joined meeting at 5:36 p.m.)

Steven 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.

2101-04-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Reports:

Mr. Brian Teppner, Powers Elementary Principal

- Safety protocols are being reduced
- Video performance of Mindi Krase's class of 2033.

Ms. Jill Giovanazzo, Nord School, Principal

- Molly Acheson brought students from her class – John, Robin, Sophie & Jacob

Public Hearing on the following Federal Grant Program applications:

- **IDEA-B**, Special Education
- **IDEA-ECSE**, Early Childhood Special Education
- **Title I-A**, Improving Basic Programs
- **Title II-A**, Supporting Effective Instruction
- **Title III**, Limited English Proficiency
- **Title IV-A**, Student Support and Academic Enrichment

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 minutes (30) minutes.

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

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2020-04-02

Moved by Engle, seconded by Neidert to approve the following:

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 3/23/2021 Regular Board meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of March 2021 (**Exhibits 9A, 9B, 9C**)
- C. 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**.
 - Dell Marketing, L.P. - \$4,726.50 - PO 20210753
- D. 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 9E**
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
 - A desk for SNL from Fox Sports Ohio producer and Amherst resident, Jeffrey Platz. The approximate value is \$26,000.
 - Nordson Corporation for \$198.60 to Nord School through their Employee Matching Gifts program.
 - Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club for a \$4,000 donation to MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422.

Roll call vote:

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

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Steve Sayers, Superintendent

NOTES:

- May 5, 2021 7 p.m. – State of the Schools.
- Policy review – May agenda
- Transportation Department – 28 buses passed – 12 buses left to be inspected: 28-29 routes next year

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Not present

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services

- Planning for next year
- Parent information night topics

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

- 1st meeting of JVS – in person on 4-17-2021 @ Board retreat.
- Discussion about facilities
- 900 completed HS applications; likely to hit 1,200.
- Competitions in full swing
- Summer internships
- Digital magazines updates
- Plant sale (digital)

Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees) - None

2021-04-03

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

- A. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
 - **Alan Dale Jr.**, Bus Driver, effective 4/5/2021
 - **Janet Grissinger**, LA Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 8/16/2021
 - **Mark Kuhnle**, Substitute Teacher, effective 3/26/2021
 - **Carolyn Tobia**, Music/Orchestra, AJH, effective 8/31/2021
- B. **Non-renew all supplemental and extra-curricular contracts at the end of the 2020-2021 school year** as per the negotiated agreement.
- C. **Non-renew all substitute contracts at the end of the 2020-2021 school year** as per the negotiated agreement.
- D. **Non-renew the following Title-I Tutor contracts at the end of the 2020-2021 school year** as per the negotiated agreement pending funding and/or changes in the Title I Program as per **attachment 12A**.
- E. Accept the recommendation for the following certified personnel to receive a **continuing contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year**:
 - **John Agostinelli**
 - **Brittany Cromer**
 - **Brian Kelley**
 - **Sara Kemppainen**
 - **Rebecca McArthur**
 - **Jessica Stellwagen**

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- F. Grant the following **certified personnel a limited contract** for the **2021-2022** school year as per **attachment 12B**. (See **attachment 12C** for all **other certified employees** who are presently under contract for the 2021-2022 school year and **will be issued a salary notice**).
- G. Grant the following **special needs paraprofessionals a limited contract** for the **2021-2022** school year as per the negotiated agreement pending completion of all employment requirements being met, i.e., proper licensure/ESEA qualification from ODE as per **attachment 12D**.
- H. Grant the following **supplemental contacts for extended service** for certified personnel in the **2021-2022** school year:
- **Yvette Cable**, Psychologist, 10 days
 - **Robert Harcula**, Guidance Counselor, 12 days
 - **Megan Jarmusz**, Psychologist, 10 days
 - **Mary Jane Loushin**, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
 - **Andrea Massie**, Psychologist, 10 days
 - **Sarah Rigda**, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
 - **Brian Rubinski**, TV Production, 10 days
 - **Mary Scott Williams**, Guidance Counselor, 12 days
- I. 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**
 - **Diana Beursken**, effective 4/8/2021
 - **Winston Crausaz**, effective 3/24/2021
 - **CLASSIFIED**
 - **Camryn Leonard**, effective 4/26/2021
 - **John Schmitkons**, effective 3/22/2021
- J. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2021-2022 school year** as indicated:
- **Lisa Dadas**, Powers Secretary from a 210-day to a 220-day contract, effective 8/1/2021.
 - **Andrea Dolacki**, Teacher Aide, from Nord to Powers, effective 8/16/2021
 - **Victor Garcia**, Paraprofessional, from Nord to M.L. Steele, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Robert Harcula**, Guidance Counselor, from M.L. Steele to **AJH**, effective 8/5/2021.
 - **Melissa Haslage**, Teacher Aide, from Powers to Nord, effective 8/16/2021

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- K. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the spring and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the 2020-2021 / 2021-2022 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:
- **Kyle Houghland**, Volunteer Boys Tennis Coach (2020-2021)
 - **John Rositano**, Varsity Basketball Coach, Girls (2021-2022)
 - **Felicia Sanchez**, Varsity Volleyball Coach (2021-2022)
- L. Approve the **amended** unpaid parental leave of absence for **Kelly Escher**, Kindergarten Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 4/8/2021 through 5/14/2021 (approximation date) and for **Rebecca McArthur**, Preschool Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 4/13/2021 through 4/30/2021 (approximation date).
- M. Approve the **amended** unpaid medical leave of absence for **Elizabeth Pazder**, Intervention Specialist, Nord School, effective 4/14/2021 through 5/28/2021 (approximation date).
- N. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Charlene Yohn**, Student Attendant, M.L. Steele, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- O. Employ the following certified individuals, on a one-year limited contract, as indicated, for the **2021-2022** school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper certification/licensure. Proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all education training and prior experience submitted to the Amherst Schools:
- **Katlyn Bailey**, 5th Grade Teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Christopher Korek**, Intervention Specialist, AJH, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Larissa McNeal**, Science Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Janine New**, ELA Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Brittany Schwass**, Science Teacher, AJH, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Cooper Shank**, ELA Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Kelly Simenson**, 5th Grade Teacher, Nord, effective 8/17/2021
- P. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **Jackie Miller**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/9/2021
 - **Shannet Jackson**, FT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/29/2021
 - **Robert Taw**, Assistant Mechanic, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/27/2021

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Q. Approve a 260-day Administrative contract for **Jenna Porostosky, EMIS Coordinator**, effective 7/1/2021 through 7/31/2023 at an annual salary of \$60,000.

R. Approve the new job descriptions for **Literacy Coach, Math Coach, and EMIS Coordinator**, as per **attachments 12E, 12F and 12G**.

S. 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 4/13/2021:

- **Christopher Korek**

Roll Call Vote:

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

2021-04-04

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

- A. Approve the **Resolution regarding Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021** as per **attachment 13A**.
- B. Approve the agreement with **LLA Therapy, LLC** to provide "as needed" therapy services for our students placed in alternative educational settings, for the 2021-2022 school year, as per **exhibit 13A**.
- C. Approve the **Interagency Agreement with the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities** as per **exhibit 13B**.
- D. Approve the one (1) year agreement (2021-2022 school year) for school pictures with **Ripcho Studio, Inc.** as per **exhibit 13C**, and a one (1) year agreement (2021-2022 school year) with **Studio Q Photography, LLC** for athletic/extracurricular and graduation photos as per **exhibit 13D**.
- E. Accept the agreement with **Broadway On Demand, LLC (BOD)** for live streaming of performances as per **exhibit 13E**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-04-05

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

- A. Approve an agreement with **First Student** to provide transportation services as needed on an emergency basis, effective 4/1/2021 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year as per **exhibit 14A**.

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B. Approve the **Ohio High School Athletic Agreement (OHSAA) Site Agreements** for **baseball, softball and track and field** as per exhibits **14B, 14C, 14D, and 14E.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

2021-04-06

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

Roll call vote:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Board President

Treasurer /CFO