

Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

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Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center
450 Washington St.
Amherst, OH 44001

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.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by:

Time:

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Mr. Ron Yacobozzi, Board President - **Present / Absent**
Mr. Marc Zappa, Board Vice President - **Present / Absent**
Mr. Rex Engle, Board Member - **Present / Absent**
Mrs. Teresa Gilles, Board Member - **Present / Absent**
Mrs. Valerie Neidert, Board Member - **Present / Absent**

4. Recommendation to adopt the agenda as presented, including any addendum(s).

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, Mrs. Gilles _____, Mrs. Neidert _____, Mr. Yacobozzi _____, Mr. Zappa _____

5. 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).

Notes:

6. Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

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7. Treasurer's Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 5/24/2021 Regular Board meeting.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of May, 2021. **(see exhibits 7A, 7B, 7C)**

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate." **(see exhibit 7D)**

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education 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 7E**

- Mercy Health, \$3,701.75

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the property, fleet and liability insurance renewal with **SORSA** (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority) as per **exhibit 7F**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the temporary appropriations for the FY22 as per **exhibit 7G**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the return of advances from Food Services as per **exhibit 7H**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the advances for Federal Grants as per **exhibit 7I**.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

- Krista Brown for a dry erase board to be used where needed in the district.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, **Mrs. Gilles** _____, **Mrs. Neidert** _____, **Mr. Yacobozzi** _____, **Mr. Zappa** _____

8. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

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9. Administrative Committee Reports:

A. Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

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B. Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services

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C. Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

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D. Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

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10. Personnel Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:

- **Austin Franks**, Custodian II, M.L. Steele, effective 7/9/2021

- **Dean Lowe**, LA Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 6/18/2021
- **Christina Shiltz**, Paraprofessional, Powers Elementary, effective 7/26/2021
- **Katherine Soko**, Spanish Teacher, AJH, effective 8/16/2021

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education 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:

- **Aniseh Antush**, Intervention Specialist, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021.
- **Alexandra Costello**, Intervention Specialist, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021
- **Katherine Hilvers**, Intervention Specialist, AJH, effective 8/17/2021
- **Catherine Hirsh**, Intervention Specialist, AJH, effective 8/17/2021
- **Melissa Palmer**, Teacher, 1st grade, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021.
- **Janette Washburn**, Spanish Teacher, AJH, effective 8/17/2021.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following on a long term substitute/leave of absence contract 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 and is in accordance with the ATA negotiated agreement as per Article II section 2.09.

- **Austin Johns**, PE Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the 2021-2022 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:

- **Lyndsey Donat**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Preschool Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021
- **Lindsey Dotson**, 30-day probationary contract, PT Secretary, 189 contract, Preschool/Transportation, effective 8/16/2021
- **Lori Kissling**, 60-day probationary contract, Powers Elementary Secretary, 210 day contract, effective 8/2/2021
- **Elise Patrick**, 30-day probationary contract, PT Preschool Aide at Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021
- **Gregory Sovizral**, 60-day probationary contract, FT Bus Driver, effective 8/17/2021
- **Seleste Spreng**, 60-day probationary contract, Nord Secretary, 210 day contract, effective 8/2/2021

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2021-2022 school year as indicated:

- **Melissa Haslage**, from Nord Special Ed Teacher Aide to Powers Elementary Special Ed Teacher Aide, effective 8/16/2021
- **Samantha Jones**, from Teacher Aide, to PT Preschool Aide, remaining at Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021
- **Erica Stallings**, from Intervention Specialist at Powers Elementary to Guidance Counselor at Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021
- **Bryan Szczepanski**, from Intervention Specialist at AJH to **Dean of Students** at Nord, to include **10 Extended Days**, effective 8/17/2021

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year round extra curricular activities during the 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, as per **attachment 10A**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ **Lindsey Dotson**, to work as a classified substitute, during the **summer of 2021**, “as needed,” with compensation at the regular substitute hourly rate, effective 5/26/2021.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ **Benjamin Pena**, to work as a substitute mechanic, during the **summer of 2021, "as needed,"** with compensation at the regular substitute mechanic hourly rate of \$20/hr., effective 5/26/2021.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend summer help custodian, **Tyler Strauser** from a student worker to a classified substitute, to work during the summer of 2021, "as needed," and his rate of pay from minimum wage to the regular substitute hourly rate of \$10/hr., effective 5/26/2021.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve up to twelve (12) additional hours each for **Michele Opel** and **Cindy Zocchi**, to complete reporting requirements for the 2020-2021 school year, during the month of June, 2021.

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following staff for additional hours for new secretary training during the months of July/August, 2021:

- **Lisa Dadas** - up to 16 hours
- **Lindsey Dotson** - up to 25 hours
- **Lori Kissling** - up to 8 hours
- **Claudia Schultz** - up to 8 hours
- **Seleste Spreng** - up to 8 hours

L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **McKenna Kessler**, as an intensive needs aide to work throughout the summer of 2021, on an as needed basis to help support students receiving extended school year services. To be paid at the \$14/hour intensive needs rate, effective 6/24/2021.

M. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education give the Central Office Support Staff the option of using vacation through July 31, 2021 instead of June 30, 2021 for the 2020-2021 contract year only.

N. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the high school **discretionary funds** for the **2020-2021** school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per **attachment 10B**.

O. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **K-5 Math Teachers**, for up to twenty-two (22) hours of summer professional development at a rate of \$14.29 per hour, as per **attachment 10C**.

P. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the renewal of the OAPSE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Comet Kid's Club Program for the 2021-2022 school year as per **attachment 10D**.

Q. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education will renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local #208 (OAPSE) concerning trip rate payment for 2021-2022, as per **attachment 10E**.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, **Mrs. Gilles** _____, **Mrs. Neidert** _____, **Mr. Yacobozzi** _____, **Mr. Zappa** _____

11. Educational Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the amended contract with **ABA Outreach Services** for **Extended School Year Services**, effective 6/1/2021 - 8/18/2021 as per **exhibit 11A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into a contract with the **Cleveland Clinic Lerner School for Autism** to provide specially designed instruction for two (2) Amherst students with special needs for the 2021-2022 school year as per **exhibit 11B and 11C**.

C. That The Amherst E.V Board of Education approve the agreement with **Mercy Health CDC** for therapy services for the 2021-2022 school year as per **exhibit 11D**.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the Positive Education Program (PEP) Willow Creek**, for the 2021-2022 school year, as per **exhibit 11E**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the thirty-six (36) month agreement with **Naviance**, beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, as per **exhibit 11F**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the new and/or revised board policies as per **exhibits 11G through 11DD: 1422; 1623; 1662; 2260; 2260.01; 2266; 3122; 3123; 3362; 4122; 4123; 4362; 5517; 6114; 6144; 6220; 6325; 6600; 7440.01; 7450; 7455; 8500; 8510; 3220**

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into a service agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County** to participate in the **Project Search Program** for the 2021-2022 academic school year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), as per **exhibit 11EE**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Lorain City Schools for Title I Non-Public School Program services**, serving students attending St. Joseph School, within the Amherst E.V. School District boundary, as per **exhibit 11FF**.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following overnight field trip(s):

- Varsity Team Volleyball Camp - Ashland University, July 8 - July 10, 2021, as per **exhibit 11GG**.
- Varsity Volleyball Team Tournament - Owens Community College, July 29 - July 31, 2021, as per **exhibit 11HH**.
- Boys Cross Country Competition - Fortress Obetz, Obetz, OH, August 20 - August 21, 2021, as per **exhibit 11II**.
- Class of 2025 Washington D.C. Trip - Arlington VA, Gettysburg PA, and Washington D.C. - November 3, 2021 through November 5, 2021, as per **exhibit 11JJ**.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **student handbooks** for the 2021-2022 school year, as per **exhibits 11KK, 11LL, 11MM, 11NN** and the **M.L. Steele Course Fees**, as per **attachment 11A**.

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the service contracts with **ABA Outreach Services** for the **2021-2022 school year**, and **individual student services**, as per **exhibits 11OO and 11PP**.

L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the quote for a three (3) year agreement with **Turnitin, LLC**, effective 10/10/2021 through 10/9/2024, as per **exhibit 11QQ**.

M. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the quotes from **Teaching Strategies, LLC**, and **Wilson Language Training Corp.**, to allocate funds for the purchase of a new preschool curriculum as per **exhibit 11RR**.

O. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Burges & Burges Strategists, Inc. for communication services, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

N. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with **Professional Van Service Co.**, for the 2021 Extended School Year (ESY) transportation of a student, effective 7/1/2021, as per **exhibit 11SS**.

O. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into a contract with **Education Alternatives** for the purpose of providing day **transportation** for students with special needs for the 2021-2022 school year as per **exhibit 11TT**.

P. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into a contract with **Education Alternatives** for the purpose of providing **day treatment** for students with special needs for the 2021-2022 school year as per **exhibit 11UU**.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, **Mrs. Gilles** _____, **Mrs. Neidert** _____, **Mr. Yacobozzi** _____, **Mr. Zappa** _____

12. Business Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Side Effects, Inc. DBA Power Ad Company** for the scoring table in the varsity gymnasium at M.L. Steele, as per **exhibit 12A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Certificate of Standards Governing Types of Foods and Beverages** sold on school premises report for the 2020-2021 school year as per **exhibit 12B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Transportation In-Lieu Of** recommendations as per **exhibit 12C**.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the three (3) year renewal agreement with **Frontline** for absence/substitute management and applicant tracking, beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, as per **exhibit 12D**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the quote from **Northern Refrigeration Systems Inc.** for kitchen refrigeration maintenance at all (4) four schools, for the 2021-2022 school year, as per **exhibit 12E**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Republic Services Inc.**, for trash collection at all buildings, as per **exhibit 12F**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Rebman Systems Inc.**, for security monitoring in all buildings as per **exhibit 12G**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the bid from **Irvin's Inc** for parking lot (south) repairs at Marion L. Steele High School for \$83,700.00. This is a permanent improvement fund expenditure.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, Mrs. Gilles _____, Mrs. Neidert _____, Mr. Yacobozzi _____, Mr. Zappa _____

13. Board Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Tax Incentive Compensation Agreement** as per **exhibit 13A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following resolution as per **exhibit 13B**.

- **RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING EXEMPTION AND A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AMHERST, OHIO**

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, Mrs. Gilles _____, Mrs. Neidert _____, Mr. Yacobozzi _____, Mr. Zappa _____

14. Adjournment.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle _____, Mrs. Gilles _____, Mrs. Neidert _____, Mr. Yacobozzi _____, Mr. Zappa _____

ADDRESSING THE BOARD:

School patrons are reminded when addressing the Board, statements about school employees, students or parents must be accurate and that all remarks made at a public board meeting are subject to the libel and slander laws of the State of Ohio.

Patrons wishing to meet privately with the school board are asked to contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting so that the agenda may be adjusted and a time can be arranged.

MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

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.

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