

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

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. June 30,
2021

President Ron Yacobbozzi presided. Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

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

Michael R. Molnar, Assistant Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO, present and Sarah E. Walker, Director of Student Services, present.

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.

2021-06-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Hearing of the Public – None

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- Local Records Commission met today @ 5:00 p.m.

2021-06-02

It was moved by Zappa and seconded by Gilles to approve the treasurer recommendations:

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the May 24, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the Treasurer's financial reports for the month of May 2021. (Exhibits 7A, 7B, 7C)
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate" (see **Exhibit 7D**).
- D. 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**

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E. Approve the property, fleet and liability insurance renewal with **SORSA** (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority) as per **Exhibit 7F**.

F. Approve the temporary appropriations for the **FY22** as per **Exhibit 7G**.

G. Approve the return of advances from Food Service as per **Exhibit 7H**.

H. Approve the advances for Federal Grants of per **Exhibit 7I**.

I. 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:

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

Superintendent's Report, Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- **None**

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- **None**

Mr. Rex Engle JVS Representative

Notes:

- **None**

Other Reports – Administrative Standing Committees

Notes:

- **None**

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It was moved by Gilles, 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.
- **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 Soto**, Spanish Teacher, AJH, effective 8/16/20201.
- B. 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.
- **Anisch 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. Employ the following on a long-term substitute/leave of absence contract for the **2021-2022** school year, pending completion of all employment requirements 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 Jones**, PE Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021.
- D. 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 placements on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all prior experience:

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- **Lyndsey Donat**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Preschool Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021
- **Lindsey Dotson**, 30-day probationary contract, PT Secretary, 189 - day 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
- **Scleste Spreng**, 60-day probationary contract, Nord Secretary, 210 - day contract, effective 8/2/2021

E. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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K. 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
- Selesté Spreng - up to 8 hours

L. 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. 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. Approve the high school **discretionary funds** for the **2020-2021** school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per **attachment 10B**.

O. 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. 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. 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:

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

2021-06-04

Moved by Zappa, seconded by Gilles to:

- A. 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. 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. Approve the agreement with **Mercy Health CDC** for therapy services for the **2021-2022** school year as per **exhibit 11D**.

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- D. 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. Approve the thirty-six (36) month agreement with **Naviance**, beginning **July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024**, as per **exhibit 11F**.
- F. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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**.

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- N. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Burges & Burges Strategists, Inc. for communication services, effective **July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.**
- O. 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.**
- P. 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.**
- Q. 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:

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

2021-06-05

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

- A. 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. 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. Approve the **Transportation In-Lieu Of** recommendations as per **exhibit 12C.**
- D. 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. 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. Approve the agreement with **Republic Services Inc.**, for trash collection at all buildings, as per **exhibit 12F.**
- G. Approve the agreement with **Rebman Systems Inc.**, for security monitoring in all buildings as per **exhibit 12G.**

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H. 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, as per **exhibit 12H**

Roll call vote:

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

2021-06-06

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

- A. Approve the **Tax Incentive Compensation Agreement** as per **exhibit 13A**.
- B. 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**

2021-06-07

It was moved by Engle seconded by Gilles to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

Board President, Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO