

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSMinutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular
Meeting**Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. July 26,
2021

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.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

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

Steven A. Sayers, Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO, present.

2021-07-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

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 of administrator. Individual statements should not exceed five (5) minutes and total time shall be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- Financial update
- FY21 – collected \$83,814 more revenue
- Spent \$94,631 more than forecast
- Added \$1.7 million to cash balance
- Levy renewals – Fiscal health is dependent on renewal
- Financial security through FY 24-25

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It was moved by Zappa, seconded by Gilles to approve the treasurer's recommendations:

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes of the June 30, 2021, Special Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of June 2021 (See Exhibits 7A, 7B, 7C).
- 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. (See Exhibit 7D)
 - PEP Willow Creek - \$9,920
- D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate."
 - 018-9012 AJH Principal Account from \$60,973.01 to \$198,000
 - 018-9013 Nord Principal Account from \$24,650 to \$90,000
 - 019-9002 E-rate Fund from \$0 to \$48,683.88
 - 461-9222 FY22 HSTW from \$0 to \$3,000
- E. Approve the following return of advances:
 - \$500 from 461-9221 HSTW to 001-0000 General Fund
 - \$5,574.71 from 516-9221 to 001-0000 General Fund
 - \$123,636.13 from 507-9222 to 001-0000 General Fund
- F. Grant approval for **Amelia Gioffredo**, Treasurer, to attend the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International Annual Conference and Expo, in Milwaukee, WI, October 13-16, 2021.

Roll call vote:

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

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Superintendent's Report, Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- Upcoming school year – teachers in buildings
- Offices open next week
- Bus fleet in good shape/van arrived
- ODH/Health Department updates
- Road projects

Administrative Committee Reports:**Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent**

Notes – None

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Pupil Services

Notes - None

Mr. Rex Engle JVS Representative

Notes:

- Getting ready for start of school – back to normal.
- Revamping of foundation

Other Reports – Administrative Standing Committees

Notes: - None

2021-07-03

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

A. Accept the following resignation(s) for the **purpose of retirement** as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:

- **Christine Costilow**, Bus Driver, effective end of day, 8/31/2021.

B. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:

- **Meredith Bingham**, Freshman Volleyball Coach, effective 7/19/2021
- **Andrea Giavroutas**, Title I Tutor, effective 6/28/2021
- **Nora Pavlov**, Title Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 8/16/2021
- **Brianna Schnur**, Preschool Itinerant Teacher, effective 8/16/2021
- **Theresa Szczepanik**, Intervention Specialist, MLS, effective 7/23/2021
- **Christopher Taylor**, Custodian II/Cleaner, AJH, effective end of day, 8/4/2021

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C. 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:

- **Kristen Kowalsick**, Intervention Specialist, M.L. Steele, effective 8/17/2021
- **Joan Leibacher**, Paraprofessional, Powers Elementary, effective 8/17/2021

D. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2021-2022 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 as per **Attachment 10A**.

E. 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:

- **Melissa Rodgers**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Bus Driver, effective 8/17/2021

F. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2021-2022 school year as indicated:

- **Sandra Dobias**, Monitor, from MLS to AJH

G. 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:

- **Tabitha Bender**, Volleyball Coach - 7th grade
- **Meredith Bingham**, Volleyball Varsity Assistant Coach (JV)
- **Joshua Birkline**, Soccer Volunteer Coach
- **James Fossie**, Boys Soccer Varsity Assistant Coach
- **John Matakovich**, Football Assistant Coach - 7th grade
- **Cody Rice**, Football Varsity Assistant Coach
- **Jenna Westgate**, Volleyball Coach - 9th grade

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- H. Approve the following individuals to be paid for attending a **Summer Professional Development** (specific to Special Education) as per **Attachment 10B**.
- I. Approve **additional hours** (up to 3 hours/pp) for the **Nutrition Services Department** to prepare for the opening of the **2021-2022** school year, as per **Attachment 10C**.
- J. Approve the following teachers to teach the **Summer Experience program** (August 2-13, 2021) at a rate of \$32.27/hour (per the negotiated agreement 1.07 Summer School):
- **Rachel Case - Jackie Fink - Julie Hammond - Gia Hober - Tiffany Leavitt - Brian Rubinski - Matthew Schillinger - Brittany Schwass - Jenna Stack**
- K. Grant **Alexander Baldwin** a supplemental contract for his services as a home instruction tutor for the **summer 2021**, on an "as needed basis," with compensation at the board approved rate, effective 7/1/2021.
- L. Approve summer professional development for **Michelle Kamezcyc** to attend Mathematical Modeling and Reasoning at Bedford High School, July 26-29, 2021, and to be paid at the summer professional rate of \$14.29/hour.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-07-4

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

- A. Approve a 2.25% increase for Superintendent, Steven Sayers, which is consistent with teaching, support, and administrative staff increases for the **2021-2022** school year.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-07-05

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

- A. Approve the **Ohio Online Learning 2021-2022** Memorandum of Understanding Agreement as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Enter into a contract with **Music Therapy Enrichment Center, Inc.** (MTEC) to provide music therapy services for special needs students for the 2021-2022 school year as per **Exhibit 12B**.

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- C. Approve the **Preschool Agreement between the Lorain County Board of DD** and Amherst Exempted Village School District for the 2021-2022 school year as per **Exhibit 12C**.
- D. Approve the **Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery (MHARS)** agreement for the 2021-2022 school year as per **Exhibit 12D**.
- E. Enter into an agreement with the **ESC of Lorain County for a Tutor** for the **2021-2022** school year as per **Exhibit 12E**.
- F. Approve the **Amherst Marching Comets** trip to Disney for March 18-24, 2022 (Spring Break) A formal overnight trip request will be presented at a later date.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-07-06

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

- A. Approve the yearly license agreement with **Incident IQ** as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- B. Approve the agreement with **True North Energy, LLC** for **The Giving Pump Program**, as per **Exhibit 13B (8-1-21 thru 9-30-22)**
- C. Approve the agreements with **Vermilion Schools** and **Oberlin Schools** for transportation of students as per **Exhibit 13C and 13D**.
- D. Renew the agreement with the City of Amherst for the **School Resource Officers** effective for the **2021-2022** school year as per **Exhibit 13E**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-07-07

It was moved by Zappa, seconded by Gilles to adjourn to executive session at 5:52 p.m. to prepare for collective bargaining with public employees, and personnel employment items, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

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

Returned from Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

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

Roll call vote:

Board President, Valerie Neidert adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO