

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

Held at the Nord School Media Center at 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 25,
20 21

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, 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.

2021-10-1

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Report:

- **Band, Choir and Orchestra updates:** Mr. Tellier, Chris Barbaro, Eric Watts, (Davison Yon, orchestra director, not present)
- Christmas Concert – Monday, December 13, 2021 – Location to be determined.
- UH Hospital Donation “Stop the Bleed” - Kim Haney

Hearing of the Public

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 three (3) minutes and total time shall be a maximum of forty-two (42) minutes.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

2021-10-02(A)

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

- A. The minutes of the September 27, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.
- B. The Treasurer’s financial reports for the month of September 2021 as per **Exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D.**

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- 300-9201 Special Olympics from \$0 to \$3,000
- 516-9122 ARP Title VI-B from \$0 to \$174,274.18
- 587-9122 ARP ECSE from \$0 to \$12,903.58
- 507-9122 ARP Homeless – Subrecipient from \$0 to \$921.57

D. Approve advances to the Federal Grants:

- 516-9222 FY22 Title VI-B in the amount of \$75,920.84
- 572-9222 FY22 Title I in the amount of \$34,905.69
- 584-9222 FY22 Title IV-A in the amount of \$2,000.26
- 587-9222 FY22 ECSE in the amount of \$4,014.26
- 590-9222 FY22 Title II-A in the amount of \$7,121.92

Roll call vote:

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

2021-10-02(B)

It was moved by Engle, seconded by Gilles to accept and acknowledge receipt of the following donation to the Amherst Schools.

- Comet Athletic Boosters, for a donation of \$7,900 to be used toward the cost of Hudl, software and services agreement.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-10-02(C)

It was moved by Zappa, seconded by Neidert to accept, and acknowledge receipt of the following donation to the Amherst Schools:

- University Hospital for a very generous donation of "Stop the Bleed" buckets for each classroom and other district spaces and training for our MHT students estimated at nearly \$35,000.

Roll call vote:

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

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- Thanked Mrs. Gioffredo for reports
- 2022-2023 Calendar – wait until next month

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Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- Professional development
- LETRS training

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services – Not present**Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative**

Notes:

- Zoning issues/annexation – City of Oberlin
- Long discussion of levy – hire firm to help w/levy campaign
- Old building
- Cookie Sales
- Poinsettias

Other Reports: Administrative Standing Committees

Notes:

- None

2021-10-3

It was moved by Neidert, seconded by Engle 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:
 - **Mary Jane Louhsin**, Guidance Counselor, M.L. Steele, effective 6/30/2022
- B. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
 - **Suzanne Crews-Howington**, Bus Aide, effective 9/27/2021.
 - **Colleen Kessler**, Clinic Aide, Powers, effective 10/29/2021.
 - **Melvian Mendez**, Paraprofessional, Nord, effective 10/15/2021 (to take another position within the district).
- C. 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:

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- **Emily King**, 60-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide (SPED), M.L. Steele, effective 10/26/2021
- **Linnet Melendez**, 60-day probationary contract, Bus Aide, effective 10/12/2021
- **Melvian Mendez**, 60-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide, Nord, effective 10/18/2021
- **Connie Rose**, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord, effective 11/1/2021
- **Heidi Sayre**, 60-day probationary contract, Student Attendant, Murray Ridge School, effective 11/1/2021
- **Christopher Schoen**, 60-day probationary contract, 186-day, PT Custodian II/Cleaner, MLS, effective 11/1/2021
- **Hannah Watkin**, 60-day probationary contract, Records/Benefits Secretary, effective 10/25/2021

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 BCII & FBI background check as per **Attachment 11A**.

E. Grant the following individual(s), who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:

- **Dewey Hembree**, Head Custodian, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 10/12/2021.
- **Lori Kissling**, Secretary, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 10/27/2021.
- **Elise Patrick**, PT Preschool Aide, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 10/7/2021.
- **Seleste Roberts**, Secretary, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 10/27/2021.

F. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individual(s) for the **2021-2022** school year as indicated:

- **Heather Lopez**, from Student Attendant at Nord to Teacher Aide at Nord, effective 10/4/2021

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 as per **Attachment 11B**.

H. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the **2021-2022** school year, inclusive of summer **2022**, if necessary, on an "as needed basis," with compensation at the board approved rate:

- **Jill Galloway**, effective 10/14/2021
- **Cynthia Giacobbe**, effective 10/13/2021
- **Brian Rubinski**, effective 10/18/2021
- **Kelly Taylor**, effective 10/1/2021

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I. Approve the following personnel for extra duty pay, for completion of non-violent crisis intervention training hours:

- **Kelly Baon** – to be paid at the PD rate
- **Michele Opel** - to be paid at her hourly rate
- **Elise Patrick** – to be paid at her hourly rate
- **Julie Reynolds** - to be paid at the PD rate

J. Approve an increase in the substitute teacher pay to \$140/per day, effective 10/11/2021.

K. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved **2021-2022 Ancillary salary schedule** out of the athletic fund:

Chain Crew:

- **Alden Steele**
- **Scott Wagner**

L. Approve after school tutoring, not to exceed the number of hours given, and to be paid at a rate of \$35.03 per hour, for the **End of Course (EOC) Boot Camp** at M.L. Steele High School as per **Attachment 11C**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-10-4

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

- A. Approve the contract with **Studio Q Photography, LLC** as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Approve the **ESC of Lorain County Title III Consortium MOU** as per **Exhibit 12B**.
- C. Approve the book fee of \$15 associated with AJH Life Skills/family Consumer Science course for the **2021-2022** school year.
- D. Approve the resolution for **District Support Organizations**, including Booster Organizations with the exception of Comet Athletic Boosters (CAB) as per **Attachment 12A**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-10-5

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

- A. Approve the resolution for **District Support Organization – Comet Athletic Boosters (CAB)**, as per **Attachment 12B**.

Roll Call vote.

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

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

- A. Approve the agreement with **Great Midwest Sports**, as per **exhibit 13A**.
- B. Approve the professional design services with **GPD Group**, as procured through our membership in the Ohio Schools Council, regarding a possible Maker Space at the high school.
- C. Approve the **Payment-in-Lieu of Transportation** recommendations as per **Exhibit 13B**.

Roll call vote:

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

2021-10-7

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO