

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular
Meeting

Nov 15,
2021

Held at the Amherst Jr High Creative Learning Center at 5:30 P.M. 2021

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

Ron Yacobozzi, present; Marc Zappa, present; Rex Engle, present; Teresa Gilles, present; Valerie Neidert, absent (present on Zoom, but not present for legal or voting purposes.

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

2021-11-04

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, zoom; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

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.

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).

Public Comment:

- Mrs. Wachholz – Question about new position. “Staff member who does many of these tasks – is it the best choice?”
- Allison Cochrane - 2 new positions – curious – “Have they been factored into budget?”

Good News Reports:

Mr. Andrew Gibson, AJH Principal

- SWC Cross Country Champions
- Mr./Mrs. Anderson
- Recognized Katie Shullick

Mrs. Gioffredo introduced Hannah Watkin

Treasurers' Report – Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo – presented the five-year forecast.

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Moved by Gilles, seconded by Zappa to approve the following:

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 10/25/2021 Regular Board meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of October 2021 as per exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D and 8E.
- C. Approve the Five-Year Forecast as per exhibit 8F.
- D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate."
- E. Approve the return of advances from the following funds to the General Fund 001-0000:
- 516-9222 Title VI-B (FY22) in the amount of \$60,124.40
 - 572-9222 Title I (FY22) in the amount of \$32,077.01
 - 584-9222 Title IV-A (FY22) in the amount of \$1,952.18
 - 587-9222 ECSE (FY22) in the amount of \$4,014.26
 - 590-9222 Title II-A (FY22) in the amount of \$7,121.92

2021-11-05 (F)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 4.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND REQUESTING THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, at an election on May 2, 2017, the School District's voters approved the renewal of an existing 4.9-mill ad valorem tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for five years; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy that 4.9-mill tax expires with the levy on the 2021 tax list and duplicate for collection in calendar year 2022: and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that, in accordance with Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, it is necessary to renew the existing 4.9-mill tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for five years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21, this Board must request that the Lorain County Auditor certify the (i) total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of a tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, or the renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, the Section of the Revised Code authorizing the submission of the question of the tax, the term of years of the tax (or that it is for a continuing period of time), that the tax is to be levied upon the entire

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territory of the School District, the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot, that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the School District, the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which it will be first collected and each county in which the School District has territory, and requesting such certification, the Lorain County Auditor is to certify the (i) total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the specified number of mills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Amherst Exempted Village School District, County of Lorain, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board finds, determines and declares that (i) it is necessary to renew the School District's existing 4.9-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, (ii) as authorized by Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, it intends to submit the question of that renewal levy to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at an election to be held on May 3, 2022, and (iii) the School District has territory only in the County of Lorain. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the School District for five years, commencing in tax year 2022, for first collection in calendar year 2023.

Section 2. Request for Certification. This Board requests the Lorain County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 4.9-mill renewal levy specified in Section 1.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered promptly to the Lorain County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

2021-11-05(G)

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.194 TO 5705.197 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, at an election on May 7, 2013, the electors of the School District approved the renewal of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$4,024,956 each calendar year for a period of 10 years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, pursuant to Sections 5705.194 through

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5705.197 of the Revised Code, the last collection of which will occur in calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the continuation of the collection of that tax for an additional period of 10 years is necessary for the proper operation of the schools of the School District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of a tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, or the renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, the Section of the Revised Code authorizing the submission of the question of the tax, the term of years of the tax, that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the School District, the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot, that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the School District, the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which it will be first collected and each county in which the School District has territory, and requesting such certification, the Lorain County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Amherst Exempted Village School District, County of Lorain, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Board Declarations. This Board finds, determines and declares that the revenue which that be raised by all tax levies which this Board is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues available to this Board, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District, and that it is therefore necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation upon the entire territory of the School District in order to raise the amount of \$4,024,956 each year for a period of 10 years for that purpose.

Section 2. Submission of Question to Electors. Pursuant to Sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code, there shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the School District (the School District has territory only in the County of Lorain), at an election to be held on May 3, 2022, the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation on all property in the entire territory of the School District subject to taxation by this Board, in order to raise \$4,024,956 each year, for a period of 10 years (commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for tax year 2023 for first collection in calendar year 2024), for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, at the annual tax rate necessary to raise that amount.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer is directed to certify immediately a copy of this Resolution to the Lorain County Auditor and the County Auditor is requested to certify the School District's total current tax valuation and the County Auditor's calculation of the annual levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth above, which calculation shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 5705.195 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules, orders, or instructions of the State Tax Commissioner.

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Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5709.40 *et seq.*, the Board of Education of the Amherst Exempted Village School District (the "Board"), received written notice dated June 21, 2021 (the "Notice"), of the intent of the City of Amherst, Ohio (the "City") to adopt an Ordinance (the "City Ordinance") declaring improvements to certain parcels of real property located in the City and identified in the Notice and City Ordinance to be a public purpose (the "Exempted Property"); and

WHEREAS the Exempted Property is more fully described in the Notice and City Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS the intent of declaring such property to be a public purpose is to provide for the exemption (the "TIF Exemption") of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the value of such improvements for a period commencing on or after the effective date of the adoption of the City Ordinance for a period of twenty-five (25) years; and

WHEREAS the City intends to make certain Public Infrastructure Improvements as identified in the Notice and City Ordinance that will benefit the Exempted Property; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to require the owners of the Exempted Property, pursuant to O.R.C. § 5709.42, to make annual service payments in lieu of taxes to be used to pay for the Public Infrastructure Improvements identified in the Notice and City Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Board have negotiated an agreement (the "School Compensation Agreement") that is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B, which provides compensation to the Board in exchange for approving the TIF Exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Amherst Exempted Village School District:

SECTION 1. That the Board hereby approves the exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the value of improvements to the Exempted Property for a period of twenty-five (25) years, pursuant to O.R.C. § 5709.40, *et seq.*, and waives the forty-five (45) business day notice provision set forth in Ohio law so that the City can take action on the City Ordinance prior to expiration of such notice period.

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SECTION 2. That the Board hereby approves the School Compensation Agreement providing compensation to the Board that is attached hereto as Exhibit B, or a modified agreement that is in substantially similar form and intent to the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B that is acceptable to the Board's Treasurer and legal counsel. The Board President, Treasurer, Superintendent and legal counsel are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out Sections 1 through 2 of this Resolution, including but not limited to attaching the proper exhibits to the Tax Incentive Agreement that is attached hereto as Exhibit B or a modified Tax Incentive Agreement.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

I. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

- NOMS Health Care for a \$2,500 donation to our athletics department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

2021-11-06

It was moved by Zappa, 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.

- **Martha Hartle**, Cook/Cashier, AJH, effective 12/31/2021.

B. 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:

- **Amber Boggus**, 30-day probationary contract, PT Bus Aide, (3 hour) effective 11/15/2021
- **Trikia Haynes**, 60-day probationary contract, FT Bus Aide (4 hour), effective 11/12/2021
- **Trikia Haynes**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Monitor, MLS, effective 11/16/2021
- **Jillian Hunter**, 60-day probationary contract, Clinic Aide, Powers, effective 11/29/2021
- **Lindsay Mullins**, 60-day probationary contract, Student Attendant, Nord, effective 11/15/2021
- **Joe Ann Wade**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Bus Driver, effective 12/1/2021

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- C. 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 11A**.
- D. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the winter and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the **2020-2021** 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:
- **Mary Jane Loushin**, Washington D.C. chaperone
 - **Michael Darmos**, Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball
 - **Jack Kramer**, Varsity Assistant Hockey Coach (½ contract)
 - **Duane "Shelby" Neidert**, Volunteer Hockey Assistant
 - **Kyle Rospert**, Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball (JV)
- E. Grant the following individual(s), who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **Sydney Bailey**, Monitor, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/13/2021
 - **Amber Boggus**, PT Monitor, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/13/2021
 - **Aleisha Fossie**, Teacher Aide, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/10/2021
 - **Weldon Hawk**, Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/2021
 - **Michael Holp**, Custodian/Cleaner II, MLS, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/2021
 - **Laura Janosik**, Monitor, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/13/2021
 - **Brittany Jones**, Monitor, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/13/2021
 - **Stephanie Kramer**, Teacher Aide, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/17/2021
 - **Heather Lopez**, Teacher Aide, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/13/2021
 - **Melissa Rodgers**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/11/2021
 - **Gregory Sovizral**, Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/11/2021
 - **Gregory Sovizral**, PT Monitor, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/13/2021
- F. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2021-2022** school year as indicated:
- **Joe West**, from PT Bus Driver to FT Bus Driver, effective 12/1/2021

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G. 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:

- **Breanna Carden**, effective 10/29/2021
- **Mitch Gillam**, effective 11/1/2021

H. Approve the following Landscapers to work additional days, as needed, and to be paid at their regular rate of pay effective **11/13/2021 through 3/6/2022**:

- **Peter Bric • Anthony Gordon • Andrew Kirschner • Damon Wallace**

I. Approve **Andrea Dolacki** to work as needed, as extra help with Comet Kids and to be paid at her regular hourly rate, effective 10/4/2021.

J. 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:

- **Brett Thompson**, ELA - not to exceed 10 total hours (replacing Kelly Massa)

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following job descriptions:

- **Coordinator of Special Education and Preschool/Early Childhood Programs** as per attachment **11B**
- **Director of Communications and Community Relations** as per attachment **11C**

L. Approve a stipend in the amount of \$5,000 for **Sarah Rigda** to serve as the Amherst Schools Educational Foundation Liaison, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

M. Grant **Kimberly Haney** a stipend of \$1,000 for service as the Wellness Coordinator during the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll call vote:

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

2020-11-07

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

A. Approve the school calendar for the **2022-2023** school year as per Attachment **12A**.

B. Approve the following overnight field trip(s):

- Senior Steele News Live students to go to New York 2/3/2022 to 2/6/2022 as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- Varsity Hockey Team to participate in a hockey tournament at Miami University, Oxford, OH **11/6/2021 to 11/28/2021** as per **Exhibit 12B**.

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Roll call vote:
Gilles, aye; Engle, aye; Neidert, Zoom: Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

2021-11-08

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

Roll call vote
Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, Zoom; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

Board President, Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer / CFO