

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. Apr 18, 20 22

President Rex Engle presided. Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Rex Engle, present; Teresa Gilles, present; Rex Engle, present; Amanda Messer, present; Morgan Wachholz, present; Marc Zappa, Present

Steven 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.

2022-04-01

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

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, Aye; Messer, aye; Wachholz, aye; Engle, aye.

Good News Reports:

- Mr. Brian Teppner, Powers Elementary Principal
- Debby Melda, OSBA Representative
- Mr. Andrew Gibson, AJH Principal
 - Joe Miller commendation to Jr High Girls Basketball

Public Hearing on the following Federal Grant Program applications:

- **IDEA-B**, Special Education
- **IDEA-ECSE**, Early Childhood Special Education
- **Title I-A**, Improving Basic Programs
- **Title II-A**, Supporting Effective Instruction
- **Title III**, Limited English Proficiency
- **Title IV-A**, Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- **Expanding Opportunities for Each Child**, Credit Recovery Service

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).

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Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- FY21 District Profiles

2022-04-02

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

- A. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of March 2022 as per **Exhibits 9A, 9B, 9C and 9D**
- B. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate."
 - 018 Fund Control Account: 018-0000 from \$0 to \$10,000
 - High School 018 Fund: 018-9011 from \$52,000 to \$73,000
 - Special Olympics Fund: 300-9210 from \$3,000 to \$6,000
- C. Approve the **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY** as per **Exhibit 9E**.
- D. Approve the amended **Roth 457** option for the **Ohio Deferred Comp** plan as per **Exhibit 9F**.
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
 - Path and Green for a donation of feminine products to be used at the high school, valued at \$501.44.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Messer, aye; Wachholz, aye; Engle, aye.

2022-04-03

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 3/14/2022 Regular Board meeting.

Roll call vote:

Wachholz, aye; Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Messer, aye; Engle, aye.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Steve Sayers, Superintendent

NOTES:

- State of the Schools.
- Administrative/Teacher moves:
 - Mary Scott Williams, Assistant Principal/Powers
 - Michelle Tellier – Wellness
 - Ashley Harigan – Nord Principal
 - High School Maker Space – bid no good

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- State of the Schools
- Math Pilot – ODE decided to not approve math pilot for 2022-2023

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services

- Summer Activity Fair
- Parent night – May 4th (Mercy) “Vaping”
- Christine Diaz – Guidance counselor at Steele

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

- Board retreat – Boardsmanship/Role of the Board
- Levy
- Competition
- Greenhouse orders

Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

- Curriculum Committee Report

2022-04-04

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Messer 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:
 - **Peter Bric.**, Landscaper, 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:
 - **Jean Evanko**, Bus Driver, effective 4/14/2022
 - **Ashley Harigan**, Assistant Principal, MLS, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 contract, to accept the principal position at Nord, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - **Brittany Jones**, Monitor, Nord, effective 4/1/2022 (end of day)
 - **Mary Scott Williams**, AJH, Guidance Counselor, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 contract, to accept the Assistant Principal position at Powers, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - **Kelly Simenson**, ELA Teacher, Nord, effective 5/31/2022
 - **Emily Wenzell**, M.L. Steele Intervention Specialist, effective 8/17/2022
- C. **Non-renew all supplemental and extra-curricular contracts at the end of the 2021-2022 school year** as per the negotiated agreement.

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- D. **Non-renew all substitute contracts** at the end of the **2021-2022 school year** as per the negotiated agreement.
- E. **Non-renew the following Title-I Tutor contracts** at the end of the **2021-2022 school year** as per the negotiated agreement pending funding and/or changes in the Title I Program as per **attachment 12A**.
- F. Accept the recommendation for the following certified personnel to receive a **continuing contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year**:
- Kelly Baon
 - Kelly Escher
 - Christy Perry
 - Janine Renfrow
 - Jarrod Stevens
- G. Grant the following **certified personnel a limited contract** for the **2022-2023 school year** as per **attachment 12B**. (See **attachment 12C** for all **other certified employees** who are presently under contract for the **2022-2023 school year** and **will be issued a salary notice**).
- H. Grant the following **supplemental contracts for extended service** for certified personnel in the **2022-2023 school year**:
- Yvette Cable, Psychologist, 10 days
 - Robert Harcula, Guidance Counselor, 12 days
 - Megan Jarmusz, Psychologist, 10 days
 - Christine Diaz, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
 - Andrea Massie, Psychologist, 10 days
 - Sarah Rigda, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
 - Brian Rubinski, TV Production, 10 days
 - Katherine Santos-Garcia, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
 - Bryan Szczepanski, Dean of Students, 10 days
- I. Approve the **administrative contract renewals** as indicated:
- Shontea Ford, Transportation Supervisor, effective 8/1/2022 to 7/31/2025
 - Andrew Gibson, AJH Principal, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026
 - Charles Grimmatt, Building & Grounds Supervisor, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026
 - Michael Molnar, Assistant Superintendent, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026
 - Rhonda Neuhoff, Assistant Principal, AJH, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026
 - Jenna Porostosky, EMIS Coordinator, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026
 - Brian Teppner, Powers Principal, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026
 - Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services, effective 8/1/2023 to 7/31/2026

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- J. Approve the hiring of **Ashley Harigan** as Principal at Nord, for a three (3) year, 210-day administrative contract, effective 8/1/2022 through 7/31/2025, as per the administrative salary schedule.
- K. Approve the hiring of **Mary Scott Williams** as Assistant Principal at Powers, for a two (2) year, 210-day administrative contract, effective 8/1/2022 through 7/31/2024, as per the administrative salary schedule and pending the appropriate administrative licensure.
- L. Employ the following certified individuals, on a one-year limited contract, as indicated, for the **2022-2023** 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:
- **Christine Diaz**, M.L. Steele Guidance Counselor, effective 8/22/2022
 - **Brooke Hennes**, Powers, FT Preschool Intervention Specialist, effective 8/22/2022
- M. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2022-2023** school year as indicated:
- **Ashley Florek**, PT Cook/Cashier, Powers - from 3.5 hours/day to 5 hours/day
- N. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **Jessica Durica**, PT Cook/Cashier, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/7/2022
 - **Theresa Fortune**, FT Van Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/27/2022
 - **Kyle Koller**, Technology Technician, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/12/2022
 - **Rachel Mellen**, Communications and Community Relations Specialist, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/6/2022
- O. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the **2022-2023** 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:
- **Nichole Smolik**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Cook/Cashier, MLS, effective 8/25/2022
- P. 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:

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- Carine Bryda, effective 4/4/2022
- Lindsey Collins, effective 4/4/2022
- Abigail Pavlik, effective 4/18/2022
- Shannon Smith, effective 3/31/2022
- Julie Stoke, effective 3/31/2022

- **CERTIFIED**

- Carine Bryda, effective 4/4/2022
- Julie Stoke, effective 3/31/2022

- Q. Accept a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) for increased time for the preschool teacher for the remainder of the **2021-2022** school year as per **attachment 12D**.
- R. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Kelly Hoegler**, effective 4/6/2022 through 5/27/2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Gilles, aye; Messer, aye; Wachholz, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

2022-04-05

It was moved by Messer, seconded by Wachholz to accept the resignation of **Steven Sayers**, Superintendent, as indicated for the **purpose of retirement** and authorize the Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment, effective 12/31/2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Messer, aye; Wachholz, aye; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye.

2022-04-06

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

- A. Approve the one (1) year agreement (**2022-2023** school year) for school pictures with **Ripcho Studio, Inc.** as per **exhibit 14A**.
- B. Approve the agreement with **LLA Therapy, LLC** to provide "as needed" therapy services for our students placed in alternative educational settings, for the **2022-2023** school year, as per **exhibit 14B**.
- C. Approve the agreement with the **Lorain County Public Health Department** for school health services, for the **2022-2023** school year as per **exhibit 14C**.
- D. Enter into service agreements with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County** for the **2022-2023** school year, regarding our Social Workers and Speech & Language Therapists, as per **exhibits 14D and 14E**.

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E. Approve a **Resolution Authorizing Required Third Grade English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessments in Paper Format for the 2022-2023 School Year** as per exhibit 14F.

F. Approve the contract for the **Community Health Investment Grant** with **Lorain County Public Health** as per exhibit 14G.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Messer, aye; Wachholz, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye.

2022-04-07

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

- A. Accept the contract agreement with **German's Villa** for services provided for the Senior Banquet as per **exhibit 15A**.
- B. Approve the agreement with **Clearview School District** for transportation of students as per **exhibit 15B**.
- C. Approve the **Ohio High School Athletic Agreement (OHSAA) Site Agreements** for **baseball, softball and track and field** as per exhibits **15C,15D and 15E**.
- D. Accept the agreement with **Connect for Technical Services** as per **exhibit 15F**.
- E. Approve the high school students **Payment In-Lieu of Transportation** recommendations as per **exhibit 15G**.

Roll Call Vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Messer, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye.

2022-04-08

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Wachholz to adjourn to executive session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Wachholz, aye; Messer, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye.

The board returned from executive session at 7:29 p.m.

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2022-04-09

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

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Wachholz, aye; Messer, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer /CFO