

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting**

Held **M.L Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m.** **May 9, 2022**

President, Rex Engle presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

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

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

2022-05-04

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

Roll call vote:

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

Presentations:

- Acknowledgement of Retirees –8-minute video – lasted until 5:48 p.m.
- Dr. Glenn Faircloth, Superintendent, Lorain County JVS – spoke until 6:10 p.m.
  - Thanked Amherst Board for this speaking opportunity. LCJVS started in 1971. There are 49 JVSO's in Ohio.
  - 13 Associate School Districts – 13 Board Members from 13 districts!
  - Levy – same millage since the "80's"

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).

E-mail sent to Mr. Engle (anonymous) concerned about Amherst Board of Education face book page.

Concerned parent:

- New Board members associated with negative face book pages.
- Discussion from Dr. Messer and Mrs. Wachholz

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo 6:22 p.m.

2022-05-05

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 4-18-2022 Regular Board Meeting and the 5/2/2022 Special Board Meeting

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Minutes of Amherst Town School District April 2022 (as per Exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D).

<p>Held <b>M.L Steele Creative Learning Center</b> at 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>May 9,</b> <b>2022</b></p>
<p><b>B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of April 2022 (as per Exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D).</b></p> <p>C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 Athletics from \$145,415 to \$155,415</li> </ul> <p>D. Approve the <b>medical and dental rates for 2022-2023</b> as per <b>Attachment 8A.</b></p> <p>E. Approve the following fund to fund transfer(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$352,000 from Permanent Improvement (003 Fund) to Maintenance Fund (034)</li> </ul> <p>F. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jim and Marsha Zilch</b> for \$2,500 to establish the <b>Lach-Zilch Working Student Scholarship.</b></li> </ul> <p>Roll call vote: Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Messer, aye Wachholz, aye; Engle, aye.</p> <p>Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank You to community for passage of Issue 1 (5-year) and Issue 2 (10-year) on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.</li> <li>• Senior awards tomorrow night at German's Villa – 6 p.m.</li> <li>• Commencement – 10 am – 5/21/2022</li> </ul> <p>Administrative Committee Reports:</p> <p>Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 11D – Vincent Ciulla – Junior High Band Director</li> <li>• Denise Abbott – new HS Assistant Principal</li> <li>• Rox (Ruling Our Experiences) – present at Rotary -5-16-2022 - \$500 donation</li> </ul> <p>Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21-22 parent night, Summer Activity Fair, over 200 visitors, Comet gear distributed.</li> <li>• Urban DelValle presentation about "Vaping".</li> <li>• Unified Track Meet, Special Olympics Unified Meet, Special Needs athletes competing with typical peers.</li> <li>• District Rotary – Mr. Engle invited Rox Group.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p>Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Rex Engle – Thank You to committee, staff, volunteers. Kudos to group. But, Thanks to Citizens- we would not be who we are without the community.</p>	

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2022-05-06

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Wachholz 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:
- **Sydney Bailey**, Monitor, Nord, effective **5/31/2022**
  - **Gina Boneta**, Paraprofessional, Powers, effective **8/19/2022**
  - **Heather Gerharinger**, Paraprofessional, Powers, effective **8/19/2022**
  - **Emily King**, Teacher Aide, M.L. Steele, effective **5/31/2022**
- B. Employ the following certified individuals, 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:
- **Amanda Hall**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Cook/Cashier, Powers, effective **8/25/2022**
- 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:
- CLASSIFIED
- **Amanda Hall**, effective **5/9/2022**
  - **Candice Zilch**, Bus Driver, effective **4/29/2022**
- CERTIFIED
- **Alexis Elbert**, effective **5/9/2022**
- D. 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:
- **Vincent Ciulla**, Director or Jr. High Band, effective **8/22/2022**
  - **Kathleen Davalla**, PT Psychologist, 114-day calendar with 10 extended days, effective **8/22/2022**
  - **Kelsey Schuster**, 5th Grade LA Teacher, Nord, effective **8/22/2022**
- E. Approve the hiring of **Denise Abbott**, as **Assistant Principal**, M.L. Steele High School, on a two (2) year, 210-day administrative contract as per the administrative salary schedule, effective **8/1/2022**, pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure and BCI & FBI background check.
- F. Grant the following classified personnel a one-year or two-year limited contract as per **attachment 11A**, for the **2022-2023** school year. (See **attachment 11B** for all other classified employees who are presently under contract for the **2022-2023** school year and will be issued a salary notice.)

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G. Grant the following **special needs paraprofessionals a limited contract** for the **2022-2023** school year as per the negotiated agreement pending completion of all employment requirements being met, i.e. proper licensure/ESEA qualification from ODE as per **Attachment 11C**.

H. Re-employ the following special needs student attendants on a one-year limited contract for the **2022-2023** school year pending completion of all employment requirements:

- **Kara Coleman**
- **Katie Edwards**
- **Dana Haney**
- **Joy Jeffries**
- **Heidi Sayre**

I. Approve the **discretionary funds** for the **2021-2022** school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per **Attachment 11D**.

J. 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:

**Announcer – Track**

- Melissa Anderson
- Katelynn Kasler

**Announcer – Comet Relays**

- Gabriel Del Walle

**Tickets – Comet Relays**

- Michele Sturgeon
- Deb Zvara
- Claudia Schultz

**Press Box – Comet Relays**

- Jackie Doehr

**Finish Line – Comet Relays**

- Wendi Lowe

K. Approve **Brian Teppner**, Powers Elementary Principal, for the supervision and administration of the **Comet Kid's Club Before and After School Program** for the **2021-2022** school year. Upon completion of the **2021-2022** school year, he will receive a stipend of \$4,000 paid through the Comet Kid's Club funds.

L. Approve the request to run a camp for **CometsLive** to train new students on how to use the equipment. Please employ the following directors up to 20 hours each, to train new students and prepare the equipment for next year:

- **Alaina Afflen**
- **Abigayle Berry**
- **Caitlyn Gilboy**
- **Corrinn Kinser**
- **Payton Koproncia**
- **Shyla Plezia**

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- M. Approve the **OAPSE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** for the contract extension of the **Collective Bargaining Agreement (CAB)** as per **Attachment 11E**.
- N. Grant a supplemental contract to the individuals from the **Transportation Department** to work on an "as needed basis" during the **summer of 2022** as per **Attachment 11F**.
- O. Employ the following individuals to work as **summer help for 2022**, "as needed", at \$9.30 per hour (minimum wage), pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check:
- **Jacob Schneider**, Student Worker Technology, effective 5/27/22
  - **Lucas Young**, Student Worker Technology, effective 5/27/22
- P. 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, all will be effective 5/4/2022:
- **Alexander Baldwn**
  - **Kylie Braun**
  - **Alexander Costello**
  - **Jackie Fink**
  - **Gia Hober**
  - **Chandler Kremer**
  - **David Leonard**
  - **Elizabeth Pazder**
  - **Brittany Schwass**
  - **Hope Watkin**
  - **Joyce White**
- Q. Approve the following personnel for the **2021-2022 Extended School Year (ESY)** positions:
- **Alexander Costello** – ESY Intervention Specialist
  - **Joan Leibacher** – ESY Intensive Needs Sub Aide
  - **Stephanie King** – ESY Intensive Needs Sub Aide
- R. Approve the following as **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)** and **SWC Track & Field Workers** as per **Attachment 11G**.

Roll call vote:

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

2022-05-07

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

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

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C. Approve the Comet Kid's Club fees for the **2022-2023** school year be set at \$6.00 per session. A discounted price of \$3.00 per session will be given for the second child (in the same building) and the third child (in the same building) is free.

D. Approve the agreement with **Mercy Health CDC** for the therapy services for the **2022-2023** school year as per **Exhibit 12A**.

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

- **Liza Volzer** and students from the World Language class on an educational and cultural experience to Ecuador, 3/30/2023 - 4/8/2023 as per **Exhibit 12B**.
- Varsity Softball Team to Sylvania North High School for Softball tournament 5/6/2022 – 5/7/2022, as per **Exhibit 12C**
- Girls Soccer Team Camp - Edinboro University, PA - **July 13, 2022 - July 16, 2022**, as per **Exhibit 12D**.

F. Approve the new and/or revised board policies as per **Exhibits 12E through 12P**:

G. Approve the agreement with **Summit Educational Service Center** for the maintenance and data hosting, and any technical support needed, software updates, etc. of our online **Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC)** management system as per **Exhibit 12Q**.

H. Approve the agreement with **Bittersweet Inc.**, for Extended School Year Services (ESY) for a student with special needs as per **Exhibit 12R**.

I. Accept the agreement with Lorain County Community College (LCCC) for the College Credit Plus (CCP) TV Communications College Tech Prep Program as per **Exhibit 12S**.

Mrs. Wachholz wanted to know who would be working on the handbook.

Roll call vote:

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

Dr. Messer – Policy dress code – hairstyle. Add specific clarifying verbiage-worries for interpretation, protect administrators.

Teresa Gilles – wondered why Spring Break isn't at Easter, (for 2023).

2022-05-08

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

A. Approve the breakfast and lunch prices for the **2022-2023** school year. The price increase if \$.10 for breakfast and lunch at buildings.  
Powers and Nord: Breakfast \$1.85 and Lunch \$3.35  
AJH and M. L. Steele: Breakfast \$2.35 and Lunch \$3.60  
For those eligible to pay a reduced price: (breakfast \$.30, lunch \$.40) no increase.

Dr. Messer – What is the communication plan for this?

Roll call vote:

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

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It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Wachholz to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

Mrs. Wachholz thanked everyone for the Armed Forces Commitment Ceremony.

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer/CFO