

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting

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

Nov. 28
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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 Rex Engle, presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

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

Michael Molnar, Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO, present.

2022-11-05

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

Roll call vote:

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

Crystal Apple Award Presentation – Presented by Sarah Walker, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Amanda Messer, Board Member. Awardees were:

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| Kimberly Allen | Elizabeth Fought |
| Amanda Beres | Pastor Steve Mayes |
| Dawn Clappas | Darcie Parsons |
| Amanda Dougherty | Nicole Waddell |

Good News Report:

Mr. Andrew Gibson – Amherst Junior High School, Principal

- Celebrating Mrs. Rhonda Neuhoff on her retirement after 34 years of 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 thirty (30) minutes.
1. Elizabeth Fought, 45605 Telegraph Rd. Elyria 44035 – Thank you to everyone for the Crystal Apple Award. She is grateful for the 32 students that helped recently at the “Light Up the Village” program with the Amherst Historical Society and with the 3rd grade field trips as well.
 2. Dawn Dewey, 8051 Oakview Dr. Amherst 44001 – Questions about bussing; issues addressed before school began. She tried to address issues with transportation.
 3. Brian “BK” Thompson, 8080 Oaktree Dr. Lorain, 44053 – Questioned the availability of the “Pik My Kid” program could be turned on for the purpose of location tracking for busses.

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Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

Presented and explained the Five-Year Forecast

2022-11-06

It was moved by Gilles, and seconded by Wachholz to accept the following:

Treasurer's Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 10/17/2022 Regular Board meeting.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of October 2022, as per **exhibits 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.**

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate."

- 019-9003 Local Grants from \$0 to \$2,500
- 022-9214 Tournaments from \$36,000 to \$0
- 300-9011 Athletics from \$197,015 to \$233,015

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Five-Year Forecast** as per **exhibit 9E.**

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

- Nord PTO for a donation of \$2,290.04 to purchase a laminator for the school.
- Community Foundation of Lorain County for a \$500 grant donation to Michelle Tellier.
- TrueNorth Energy, LLC for a donation of \$848.04, from the Giving Pump Program.

Roll Call:

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

Superintendent's Report, Mr. Mike Molnar

- 22 applicants have applied for the Head Football Coach, by 12/12/2022, panel interviews will be started.
- \$300,000 K-12 Safety Grant has been awarded to the district.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Assistant Superintendent

- No report

Mr. Rex Engle JVS Representative

- The JVS Facilities Planning Committee is currently revising their project list.
- There is a possibility that there will be a levy on the ballot next November.
- Amherst Board of Education is invited to hold a board meeting at JVS.
- Poinsettia sales at JVS began on 11/28/2022 and will be available while supplies last.

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- Legislative Report – Dr. Messer shared the OSBA Legislative Platform and legislation, impact on public districts.
- Capital Conference Updates – Each board member shared the highlights of the Capital Conference and the positive information that was shared.

2022-11-07

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

Personnel Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education 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:

- **Rebecca Bruck**, 3rd Grade Teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 5/31/2023.
- **Rhonda Neuhoff**, Assistant Principal, AJH, effective 6/30/2023

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education 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:

- **Carlene Crawford**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Monitor, AJH, effective 11/28/2022.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 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:

CERTIFIED

- **Mildred Aguayo**, effective 11/22/2022
- **Samuel Baker**, effective 11/28/2022
- **Tricia Beach**, effective 11/22/2022
- **Megan Jones**, effective 11/22/2022
- **Amy McDonald**, effective 11/28/2022
- **William Miller**, effective 11/22/2022
- **Emily Splain**, effective 11/28/2022

CLASSIFIED

- **Carolyn Tallman**, effective 11/28/2022
- **Joni Wilson**, effective 11/28/2022

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2022-2023 school year as indicated:

- **Dawn Karnik**, Teacher Aide, from MLS to Powers, effective 11/14/2022

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E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant the following individual(s), who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:

- **Lindsay Collins**, Teacher Aide, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/15/2022
- **Jason Duff**, Custodian/Cleaner II, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/17/2022
- **Mary Elliott**, FT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/17/2022
- **Amanda Gallo**, PT Cook/Cashier, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/19/2022
- **Nathan Geezer**, Custodian/Cleaner II, MLS, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/17/2022
- **Lesley Hicks**, PT Monitor, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/19/2022
- **Tammy Kleppe**, FT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/17/2022
- **Michele Martin**, PT Monitor, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/19/2022
- **Brittnay Palermo**, Student Services Administrative Assistant, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/8/2022.
- **Deanna Sauer**, PT Monitor, MLS, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/19/2022
- **Nichole Smolik**, PT Cook/Cashier, MLS, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/19/2022
- **Amanda Taylor (Hall)**, PT Cook/Cashier, Powers, balance of a one-contract, effective 11/19/2022

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following Landscapers to work additional days, as needed, and to be paid at their regular rate of pay effective 11/12/2022 through 3/3/2023:

**Anthony Gordon Damon Wallace
Andrew Kirschner Timothy Warner**

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for **Allison Allen**, English Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 12/7/2022 through 1/13/2023 and will return to work on 1/17/2023.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve up to eight (8) extra hours for two preschool employees: **Joyce White**, on 12/2/2022, and **Kathleen Davalla**, on 1/13/2023.

Roll Call vote:

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

2022-11-08

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Wachholz to table the following:

13C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the revised 2022-2023 Course Fees for M.L. Steele High School, as per attachment **13A**.

Roll call vote:

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

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

Educational Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following overnight field trips:

- Senior Steele News Live students to go to New York, New York 3/17/2023 - 3/20/2023 as per **exhibit 13A.**
- Varsity Hockey Team participated in a hockey tournament at Miami University, Oxford OH 11/25/2022 to 11/27/2022 as per **exhibit 13B.**

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Psych & Psych** for Behavioral Health Services as per **exhibit 13C.**

Roll call vote:

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

2022-11-10

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

Business Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **School Datebooks** for Nord, as per **exhibit 14A.**

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the renewal of **Jim Yorks** as a **Library Trustee**, for an additional seven (7) year term.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Rockmill Financial Consulting, LLC.** as per **exhibit 14B.**

Roll Call vote:

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

2022-11-11

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President, Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO