

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular

Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting

Apr. 24,

Held at **Lorain County Joint Vocational School@ 5:30 p.m.**

2023

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.

Meeting called to order by President, Rex Engle at 5:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

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

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

LCJVS/Amherst EVSD Student Guest – Erik D. McGuire CNC Machinist - Gr. 12

The Amherst Board of Education took a short tour of the Lorain County JVS which commenced at 5:41 p.m. and was complete at 6:18 p.m.

This meeting and the 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.

2023-04-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

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
- **Each Child Reads**
- **ARP ESSER**
- **ARP IDEA**
- **ARP Homeless II**

Public Hearing: None

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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 of administrator.

Individual statements should not exceed five (5) minutes and the total time shall be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

None

2023-04-02

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 3/20/2023 Regular Board meeting.

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

- Ohio Safety Grant 599-9123 from \$0 to \$162,000
- High School 018 Fund 018-9011 from \$53,000 to \$63,000

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education 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 8A**.

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

- Veterans of Foreign Wars of Ohio Charities Amherst VFW Post 1662 for a \$200 donation to be used for the Military Family Breakfast
- Ohio State Eagles Charity Fund Amherst Eagles #1442 for a \$500 donation to be used for the Military Family Breakfast
- The Chronicle Telegram for a donation to our teachers for the 2023 Design and Write Program totaling \$570: \$370 to Nord, \$110 to AJH, and \$90 to M.L. Steele:
 - Julia Homolya \$110 (Nord)
 - Kelsey Schuster \$110 (Nord)
 - Mary Kay Mullen \$75 (Nord)
 - Tara Egerton \$75 (Nord)
 - Jamie Sexton \$110 (AJH)
 - Stephanie Boggs \$90 (MLS)

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- GPD Group Employees Foundation Inc. for a \$2,088 donation for a 2023 Public School Grant awarded to Powers Elementary School for Adaptive Interventions
- Larry Adams for a \$15 donation to the 2023 Special Olympics
- Bonita Nelson for a \$15 donation to the 2023 Special Olympics
- Kristi & Lawrence Ory for a \$25 donation to the 2023 Special Olympics

Roll call vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. MIKE MOLNAR

Notes:

- Third Facility Planning Committee Meeting
- OFCC ELPP resolution
- Track Star, Chief Cawthon
- Safety Grant - \$20,000 visitor badge/Track Star upgrade
- PikMyKid improvements

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Assistant Superintendent

- Summer Activity Fair – Wednesday, April 26th, 5-7 p.m. at Powers Elementary School

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

- Discussed the priorities set for future renovations for the building.

Board Updates/Discussion/Committee Reports

Legislative updates – Dr. Messer

- Legislative HB12 – (SB1)
- The House is still reviewing the budget.

2023-04-03

It was moved by Wachholz and seconded by Messer to approve the following:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:

- **Alexander Baldwin**, Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 6/2/2023
- **Donna Cicerchi**, AJH, PT Cook/Cashier, effective 4/11/2023
- **Katie Edwards**, Powers, Student Attendant, effective 6/2/2023
- **Cameron Karnik**, Nord, Paraprofessional, effective 6/2/2023
- **Jackie Miller**, Bus Driver, effective 3/29/2023
- **John Powell**, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele, effective 4/21/2023
- **Tyler Spears**, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele, effective 4/21/2023

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education **non-renew all supplemental and extra-curricular contracts** at the end of the **2022-2023 school year** as per the negotiated agreement.

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C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education **non-renew all substitute contracts** at the end of the **2022-2023 school year** as per the negotiated agreement.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education **non-renew the following Title I Tutor contracts** at the end of the **2022-2023 school year** as per the negotiated agreement pending funding and/or changes in the Title I Program as per **attachment 11A**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the recommendation for the following certified personnel to receive a **continuing contract beginning with the 2023-2024 school year**:

- **Kristen Burman**
- **Michelle Kamczyk**
- **Janine New**
- **Melissa Palmer**
- **Brian Rubinski**

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant the following **certified personnel a limited contract** for the **2023-2024 school year** as per **attachment 11B**. (See **attachment 11C** for all **other certified employees** who are presently under contract for the **2023-2024 school year** and **will be issued a salary notice**).

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant the following **supplemental contacts for extended service** for certified personnel in the **2023-2024 school year**:

- **Yvette Cable**, Psychologist, 10 days
- **Kathleen Davalla**, Preschool/Psychologist, St. Joseph's, 10 days
- **Nicholas Doeher**, Dean of Students, 10 days
- **Megan Jarmusz**, Psychologist, 10 days
- **Andrea Massie**, Psychologist, 10 days
- **Brian Rubinski**, TV Production, 10 days
- **Robert Harcula**, Guidance Counselor, 12 days
- **Hannah Johnson**, Guidance Counselor, 12 days
- **Christine Diaz**, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
- **Sarah Rigda**, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
- **Katheline Santos-Garcia**, Guidance Counselor, 15 days

H. 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:

- **CLASSIFIED**
 - **Amber Cockayne**, effective 4/19/2023
 - **Autumn Spradling**, FT Bus Driver, effective 4/17/2023
 - **Kimberly Grip**, effective 4/10/2023
- **CERTIFIED**
 - **Katherine Kuncel**, effective 4/10/2023
 - **Stephanie Mayer**, effective 4/10/2023

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2023-2024 school year** as indicated:

- **John Agostinelli**, 5th grade teacher at Nord to Robotics Teacher at M.L. Steele, effective 8/17/2023.

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- **Janine Renfrow**, 2nd grade teacher at Powers to Wellness Teacher at Nord, effective 8/17/2023.

J. 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:

- **Christopher Lulovics**, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord, balance of a one-year contract, effective 4/29/2023

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for **Jenna Taylor**, effective on or about 5/8/2023 through 6/2/2023.

L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Sherrill Kneisel**, effective on or about 4/24/2023 through 6/2/2023.

M. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve a \$2,000 stipend for the Wellness Committee members and will be split between **Kimberly Haney** and **Haydiee Perkins**.

N. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve summer professional development hours for Honors Biology, **Wendi Lowe** and **Larissa McNeal**, up to 8 hours, and 1 hour for **Felicia Sanchez**, to be paid at the summer PD rate per the negotiated contract. This work will occur after 7/1/2023 and be completed prior to the first contract day of the **2023-2024** school year.

O. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve up to 10 transition days for **Mackenzie Hall, Director of Curriculum**, to be completed prior to 8/1/2023.

P. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve up to five (5) additional workdays, if needed, for **Breanna Carden, Erica Kauffman, Elizabeth Schwartz, Amanda Sears, and Maureen Wolf**, to be paid at their per diem rate.

Q. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year-round extracurricular activities during the **2022-2023** school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to Pupil Activity Permit, if required for positions, and a BCI and FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate:

- **Jason Cleaver** - Softball Coach, AJH

R. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following spring event workers for athletic events, and to be paid according to the approved Ancillary schedule, as per **attachment 11D**.

S. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** regarding the contract agreement for **Joyce White**, for the remainder of the **2022-2023** school year, as per **attachment 11E**.

Roll call vote:

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

2023-04-04

It was moved by Wachholz and seconded by Messer to approve the following:

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A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreements with **LearnWell** for student educational services, as per **exhibits 12A and 12B**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Mercy Health CDC Therapy agreement** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 12C**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement for the **Ombudsman Program for Alternative Education Services**, for the **2023-2024** school year, as per **exhibit 12D**.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the agreement with **Lorain County Public Health for School Health Services** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 12E**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Primary Services Agreement** with the **ESC of Lorain County for Amherst St. Joseph School and Amherst E.V. School District** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibits 12F and 12G**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with the **Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD)**, for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 12H**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following overnight field trip(s):

- Kimberly Haney and 8 Med Tech students to attend the Texas A & M Traffic Conference in College Station, TX - May 15-17, 2023, as per **exhibit 12I**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the new and/or revised board policies as per **exhibits 12J through 12MM**.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Ashland University** for Field Experience and Internships as per **exhibit 12NN**.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the academic affiliation agreement with **The University of Toledo** as per **exhibit 12OO**.

Roll call vote:

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

2023-04-05

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the **Ohio Schools Council Governance Policy Change Resolution** as per **exhibit 13A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the **Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program** as per **exhibit 13B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education acknowledge and authorize the emergency repairs to the Marion L. Steele main gymnasium roof which occurred on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Further, the Board authorizes the purchase orders after the

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fact pursuant to Board policy 6422. This is a General Fund expenditure, of which some portion of expense will be alleviated through an insurance claim for the storm damage on April 1, 2023.

- West Roofing Systems, Inc. - \$16,600 PO 20230730
- Bay Mechanical Corporation - \$998.02 PO 20230767

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the capital roofing repair and replacement project for Marion L. Steele main gymnasium in the amount of \$170,762, not including permits or change orders for unforeseen circumstances, in accordance with Board policy 6320 and 6421. This is a General Fund expenditure, of which some portion of expense will be alleviated through an insurance claim for the storm damage on April 1, 2023.

- West Roofing Systems, Inc. - Quote #80888 to furnish and install as quoted - \$162,000 PO 20230766
- Bay Mechanical Corporation - to furnish and install materials, labor, tools, and equipment for gas line replacement - \$8,762 PO 20230766 (Multi-Vendor)

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the change order for the **Makerspace** door cost. The Amherst Building Department has required the change in order for plans to be approved.

Roll call vote:

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

2023-04-06

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.


Board President
Treasurer/CFO