

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular  
Meeting****May 15,****Held @ M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center @ 5:30 p.m.****20 23**

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, present; Amanda Messer, present; Morgan Wachholz, present; Marc Zappa, present.

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

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.

**2023-05-01**

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:

- Orchestra presentation – Director, Davidson Yon  
Student Performers
  - Hailey Counts – Gr. 12 – Viola
  - Madison Elliott – Gr. 12 – Bass
  - Rose Fedan – Gr. 12 – Violin
  - Dane Janis – Gr. 11 – Violin
  - Paige Kotefski – Gr. 11 – Cello
  - Ellie Niehart – Gr. 11 – Bass
  - Devin Ramirez – Gr. 11 – Viola
  - Brooke Sultzer – Gr. 11 – Violin
  - Aiden Wargo – Gr. 9 – Cello
- Acknowledgement of retirees
  - Becky Bruck - Powers
  - Peggy Settle – Powers/Transportation
  - Helen Mercado – Powers
  - Claudia Schultz – Nord
  - Dr. Rhonda Neuhoﬀ – AJH
  - Maria Tomusko - Steele

Break 6:05 p.m. - Refreshments to celebrate the retirees – meeting continued at 6:18 p.m.

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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 or 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).

- Larry Vincek, 225 S. Lake St. Amherst 44001 – Trespassing issue

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- Brief overview of year-to-date financials

**2023-05-02**

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 4/24/2023 Regular Board meeting.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of March 2023 as per **exhibits 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.**

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of April 2023 as per **exhibits 9E, 9F, 9G, and 9H.**

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

- General Fund 001-0000 from \$34,768,916 to \$36,000,000
- School Safety Grant 499-9221 from \$0 to \$19,753.67
- Ohio K-12 Safety Grant 599-9123 from \$162,000 to \$163,421
- FY23 Auxiliary 401-9222 from \$208,278.05 to \$215,639.81

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following fund to fund transfer, this is the ½ - mill requirement of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission:

- \$352,000 from Permanent Improvement (003 Fund) to Maintenance Fund (034)

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

- Amherst United Methodist Church for a \$400 donation to help pay for school lunches for students when they cannot afford to pay on their own.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. MIKE MOLNAR

Notes:

- No report in order to focus on orchestra and retirees
- Channel 3 – story will be aired about students who spoke at the board meeting about the eclipse – Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
- Softball team playing vs. Lakewood

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Sarah Walker**, Assistant Superintendent

Addressed questions about agenda items

- 13A. contract for TLC Transportation – for a resident student with special needs who resides in the Toledo area.
- 13C. contract for Insight – located in Westlake for extended school year services for students with special needs.

**Mr. Rex Engle**, JVS Representative

- Discussed the recognition for JVS seniors – Thursday

Board Updates/Discussion/Committee Reports

Legislative updates – Dr. Messer

- The State House passed their version of (HB33) with several pro education changes.

Student achievement fair at Capital Conference - Mrs. Wachholz

- Emailed principals regarding student achievement and this information is due Wednesday.
- Trying to submit for choir and orchestra

**2023-05-03**

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

To table the resignation of **Kenneth Fritz**, PE/Health teacher, M.L. Steele.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-05-04**

It was moved Zappa and seconded by Wachholz 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:

- **Tara Egenton**, 5th grade LA Teacher, Nord, effective 6/2/2023
- ~~**Kenneth Fritz**, PE/Health Teacher, M.L. Steele, effective 8/16/2023~~
- **Elaine Heyd**, Teacher Aide, Powers, effective 8/16/2023
- **Stephanie King**, Comet Kids Aide, Powers, effective 5/19/2023
- **Michael Sutton**, Paraprofessional, M.L. Steele, effective 6/2/2023

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B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following certified individuals, on a one-year limited contract, as indicated, for the **2023-2024** 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:

- **Stephanie Mayer**, 2nd Grade Teacher, Powers, effective 8/17/2023

C. 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:

- **Anthony Kywa**, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele, effective 7/1/2023
- **Thomas Strickland**, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele, effective 7/1/2023

D. 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**
  - **Hannah Sayers**, effective 5/16/2023
  - **Rachel Taddeo**, effective 5/2/2023
- **CLASSIFIED**
  - **Rachel Taddeo**, effective 5/2/2023

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the spring and/or year-round extra-curricular 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:

- **Kristi King**, AJH Student Council

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant the following classified personnel a one-year or two-year limited contract as per **attachment 12A**, for the **2023-2024** school year. (See **attachment 12B** for all other classified 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 re-employ the following special needs student attendants on a one-year limited contract for the **2023-2024** school year pending completion of all employment requirements:

- **Kara Coleman**
- **Dana Haney**
- **Terri Mahon**

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for **Katlyn Bailey** effective on or about 5/16/2023 through 6/2/2023.



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I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Weldon Hawk** effective on or about 5/2/2023 through 6/1/2023.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **discretionary funds** for the **2022-2023** school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per **attachment 12C**.

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following as **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and SWC Track & Field workers** as per **attachment 12D**.

L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following individuals to work as **summer help for 2023**, "as needed," at \$10.10 per hour (minimum wage), pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check:

- **Carl Mazze**, Maintenance, Powers, effective 6/5/2023
- **Asa Nicely**, Technology effective 6/5/2023
- **Rocco Palermo**, Maintenance, Powers, effective 6/5/2023
- **Sophia Van Treuren**, Technology, effective 6/5/2023
- **Finn Wakeman**, Technology, effective 6/5/2023
- **Lucas Young**, Technology, effective 6/5/2023

M. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following classified substitutes, to work during the **summer of 2023**, "as needed" with compensation at their regular substitute hourly rate pending completion of all employment requirements:

- **Thom Hall**, Maintenance, effective 6/5/2023
- **Stephanie King**, Maintenance, effective 6/5/2023
- **Anthony Kywa**, Custodian, effective 6/5/2023
- **David Rice**, Maintenance, effective 6/5/2023
- **Jacob Schneider**, Technology, effective 6/5/2023
- **Thomas Strickland**, Custodian, effective 5/30/2023

N. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **John Overdorff** and **Jason Duff** to work additional days, as needed, and to be paid at their regular rate of pay effective 6/5/2023 through 8/22/2023.

O. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the **2022-2023** school year, **inclusive of summer 2023**, if necessary, on an "as needed basis," with compensation at the board approved rate:

- **Lauren Kingsboro**, effective 4/10/2023

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-05-05**

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **TLC Transit, LLC**, for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 13A**.

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B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **ChanceLight K-3 Autism Program** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 13B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement(s) with **Insight Behavioral Consulting** for the **2023-2024** school year, and for **2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Services** as per **exhibits 13C and 13D**.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Comet Kid's Club fees** for the **2023-2024** school year be set at \$7.00 per session. A discounted price of \$3.50 per session will be given for the second child (in the same building) and the third child (in the same building) is free.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-05-06**

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the breakfast and lunch prices for the **2023-2024** school year. There is no price increase for the 2023-2024 school year.

- 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

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the maintenance agreement with **Cincinnati Floor Company, Inc.**, for the main gym floors at the high school and junior high school, as per **exhibit 14A**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the **Resolution Authorizing the School District Board to Apply to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance Program-Additional Segment for the Purpose of Establishing a Position for Future Funding** as per **exhibit 14B**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-05-07**

It was moved by Zappa, seconded by Gilles to move into executive session at 6:58 p.m.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing;
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action;
- D.   X   **preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;**

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E. \_\_\_\_\_ matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statute;

F. \_\_\_\_\_ specialized details of security arrangements.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-05-08**

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

  
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Board President  
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Treasurer/CFO