

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular

Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting

Held @ M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center @ 5:30 p.m. June 26,
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 5:30 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.

2023-06-05

It was moved by Gilles and 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.

Mr. Molnar presented facilities update and Board discussion followed from 5:31 p.m. – 5:57 p.m. – meeting continued.

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).

- None

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- Discussed fiscal year-end process and requisite Board action for replacement levy.

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

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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 5/15/2023 Regular Board meeting.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 5/24/2023 and 6/14/2023 Special Board Meetings.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of **May 2023** as per **exhibits 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D**.

D. That the Amherst Board of Education approve the FY24 temporary appropriations as per **exhibit 8E**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the Advance to Federal Funds as per **exhibit 8F**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the then-and-now invoice(s), thus certifying that both at the time the contract was made and at the time of the certificate, the amount of the contract was lawfully appropriated for such purposes of the contract. That the appropriation remains unencumbered and the available resources to pay the obligation are on-hand, or in the process of collection to the credit of the appropriate fund, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5705.41 as per **exhibit's 8G, 8H, 8I and 8J**.

- Bon Secours Mercy Health, Inc. - \$5,730; \$4,194; \$3,534; \$4,842 - PO 20230830
- ABA Outreach - \$4,925 - PO 20230830
- Education Alternatives - \$17,622 - PO 20230832
- Ombudsman - \$4,250 - PO 20230832

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

- AJH PTO for a \$7,096 donation towards the recess area project at the junior high school.
- All American Tree Care, LLC for a \$3,200 donation for foul poles on the varsity baseball field.
- Amherst Steele Theatre Boosters for a \$4,500 donation to replenish expenses incurred on behalf of the MLS Theatre Company Troupe, 1422.

Roll call vote:

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

2023-06-07

It was moved by Wachholz and seconded by Gilles not to approve the following:

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO REPLACE AN EXISTING 2.0-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND REQUESTING THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.192 OF THE REVISED CODE** as per **attachment 8A**.

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Roll call vote:

Wachholz, nay; Gilles, nay; Messer, nay; Zappa, nay; Engle, nay

2023-06-08

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

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve A **RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO REPLACE AN EXISTING 2.0-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND INCREASE THAT LEVY BY 0.5 MILL AND REQUESTING THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.192 OF THE REVISED CODE** as per **attachment 8B**.

Roll call vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. MIKE MOLNAR

Notes:

- Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)
- K-5 ELA adoption

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- LCCC Educator Externship event
- Colleen Pete, HS Family/Consumer Science teacher – college/career readiness
- Second Harvest update – the event will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the AJH/Powers Campus
- Finalist-Comprehensive Literacy Grant - \$270,000 adolescent specific literacy coach

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

- The Board has not officially met as of this date but did meet on June 22nd for fiscal year-end reasons.
- Mike Molnar received the Superintendent of the Year award from the School Nutrition Association of Ohio. He was nominated by Deanne Kelbley, Nutrition Services Supervisor.

Board Updates/Discussion/Committee Reports

Legislative Updates

Dr. Messer provided a comprehensive overview of new and pending Ohio Legislation impacting public education, including HB33, the budget bill for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

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

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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:

- **Jacqueline Dutton**, Monitor at Powers to accept a new position, effective 8/17/2023.
- **Dana Haney**, Student Attendant at Powers to accept a new position, effective 8/17/2023.
- **Julie Swift**, Preschool Teacher Aide at Powers to accept a new position, effective 8/16/2023.

B. 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:

- **Haydiee Perkins**, from Records and Benefits Administrative Assistant to Administrative Assistant to the Treasurer, effective 4/1/2023.
- **Lindsay Collins**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, Powers
- **Andrea Dolacki**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, Powers
- **Aleisha Fossie**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, AJH
- **Melissa Hasslage**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, Powers
- **Joan Leibacher**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, MLS
- **Patricia Leuszler**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, Powers
- **Mary Lilly**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, AJH
- **Heather Lopez**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, Nord
- **Cornelia Rivenburg**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, Nord
- **Heidi Sayre**, from Teacher Aide to Intensive Needs Aide, MLS
- **Sharon Arendash**, from a 210 day to a 220-day contract as Building Secretary from AJH to MLS

C. 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:

- **Sarah Trego**, Payroll/Benefits Administrative Assistant, balance of a one-year contract, effective 6/19/2023, and issue a two-year contract effective 7/1/2023.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve (5) five summer evaluation days for **Cornelia Roark**, for the coordination and implementation of Preschool/SPED evaluations this summer.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **Rhianne Olgin-Beard** to be a one-on-one aide for a student with special needs at a camp this summer, 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, effective 6/22/2023.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the revised job descriptions as per **attachments 11A (Intensive Needs Classroom Aide)** and **11B (Administrative Assistant to the Treasurer)**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **Barbara Wolansky** to work up to 45 hours of Orientation and Mobility Services, including evaluations and the potential provision of services as recommended at the rate of \$85/hour, effective for the **2023-2024** school year.

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	<p>H. 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 2023-2024 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Swift, 30-day probationary contract, FT Teacher Aide, Powers, effective 8/16/2023 <p>I. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaunessy Baker, (1.0 FTE) Preschool Teacher, effective 8/17/2023 • Jessica Davis, (08 FTE) Preschool Teacher, effective 8/17/2023 • Jacqueline Dutton, Paraprofessional, Powers, effective 8/17/2023 • Dana Haney, Paraprofessional, Powers, effective 8/17/2023 <p>J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education adopts the tentative agreement reached with OAPSE Local #208 on June 6, 2023, for the period beginning June 30, 2023, through June 29, 2026. as per exhibit 11A.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Gilles, aye; Wachholz, aye; Messer, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle aye</p> <p>2023-06-10</p> <p>It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Wachholz to approve the following:</p> <p>A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following overnight field trip(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Basketball Camp, University of Findlay Athletic Facilities and Residence Hall as per exhibit 12A. • Boys Cross Country Competition, Fortress Obetz, Obetz, OH as per exhibit 12B. • Girls Cross Country Team, team camping trip, Guysville, OH as per exhibit 12C. <p>B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the contract with ABA Outreach Services for Extended School Year Services, Summer of 2023, effective 7/31/2023 - 8/11/2023 as per exhibit 12D.</p> <p>C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio for the Positive Education Program (PEP) Willow Creek, for the 2023-2024 school year, as per exhibit 12E.</p> <p>D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into a contract with Education Alternatives for the purpose of providing day treatment for the 2023-2024 school year as per exhibit 12F.</p>	

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E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Preschool Agreement** between the **Lorain County Board of DD** and Amherst Exempted Village School District for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 12G**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Interagency Agreement with the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities** as per **exhibit 12H**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with the **Ohio Online Learning Program** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 12I**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Comet Academy** handbook for the **2023-2024** school year, as per **exhibit 12J**.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the contract with **ABA Outreach Services** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **exhibit 12K**.

J. That the Amherst Board of Education approve the curriculum adoption of the **Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)** program for grades K-5 beginning with the **2023-2024** school year as recommended by the Literacy Adoption Committee as per **exhibit 12L**.

Roll call vote:

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

2023-06-11

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Certificate of Standards Governing Types of Foods and Beverages** sold on school premises report for the **2022-2023** school year as per **exhibit 13A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Kalahari Resorts & Conventions** for the Amherst Prom 2024, as per **exhibit 13B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the (3) three-month agreement with **Burges and Burges** for continued **Facility Planning** as per **exhibit 13C**.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Master Planning & Pre-Bond Services** agreement with **GPD Group** as per **exhibit 13D**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Connect Service Contract** renewal agreement for a three-year term, as per **exhibit 13E**.

Roll call vote:

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

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Move to executive session as needed - None

- 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. _____ preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;
- E. _____ matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statute;
- F. _____ specialized details of security arrangements.

2023-06-12

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.


Board President
Treasurer/CFO