

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular

Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting

Held @ M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center @ 5:30 p.m.Oct. 16,
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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.

Meeting called to order by President, Rex Engle at 5:30 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.

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.

2023-10-04

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.

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).

- None

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- None
- An in-depth review of the Five-Year Forecast will be presented at the November 2023 meeting.

2023-10-05

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

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A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 9/25/2023, 9/27/2023 and 10/10/2023 Special Board Meetings.

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

- Nord Principal's Fund: 018-9013 from \$82,500 to \$82,765
- Powers Principal's Fund: 018-9015 from \$7,000 to \$11,000

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

- Kelly Waldon for a \$245 donation to Powers Elementary for school lunches.
- John and Molly Gaudry for a \$21,800 donation for the M.L. Steele training room.
- True North Energy, LLC for a \$558.88 donation from the Giving Pump program.
- Charities Aid Foundation America (CAF) - C/O CyberGrants, LLC for a \$70 donation to Nord through an employee matching gift program.
- Carl E. Ondraka for a donation of stained glass with an approximate value of \$300 and additional equipment and supplies worth approximately \$75, to the high school art rooms.

Roll call vote:

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

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Superintendent

Notes:

- Provided a reminder for the upcoming school events.
 - There will be a choir concert at Steele 10/16 at 7:30 p.m.
 - On 10/17 there are two playoff games – boys' soccer at home and girls' volleyball at Strongsville.
 - 10/18 is the Strategic Planning meeting will be held at Steele.
 - 10/19 orchestra concert at 7:00 p.m. at Steele.
 - 10/20 is the last football game of the season at North Ridgeville.
- 2023 District Report Card Presentation – Mrs. Mackenzie Hall, Director of Curriculum

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

The Second Harvest Food Bank distribution will be held next week. There is a flyer that will be available for registration.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

- The JVS Culinary program was featured on Fox 8 – *Good Day Cleveland* show October 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
- On September 29th – 99 students at the JVS were recognized for their summer internship program. These students completed their programs at 83 companies. The students were paid for these internships and earned a combined total of \$380,000.00.
- The Buckeye Room and the JVS bakery is now open.

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- On 10/21 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. homecoming will take place. Alumni will be present, and all are invited. This is a chance for all to view programs. Last year over 5,000 people attended.

Board Updates/Discussion/Committee Reports**Committee Report**

Legislative:

Dr. Messer provided an overview of all legislation that is moving or has passed through the Ohio House and Senate.

Discussion:

- Mr. Engle inquired about the status of the meeting regarding the scholarships from The Community Foundation of Lorain County. He was made aware of a meeting that will be held to discuss the promotion of scholarships. Mr. Molnar and Mrs. Walker will follow up with the president of that organization to gather more information about the upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Engle personally thanked the Board's negotiation team and the teachers' negotiation teams for all the effort that they have made over the past few months for positive results in the negotiations that have taken place during this time.

2023-10-06

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 for the **purpose of retirement** and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:

- **John Schmitkons**, Head Custodian, AJH, effective 12/29/2023

B. 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:

- **Lyndsey Donat**, PT Preschool Aide, Powers, effective 10/26/2023
- **Jennifer Ludwig**, Technical Consultant, effective, 10/26/2023

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 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:

- **Lyndsey Donat**, 30-day probationary contract, Student Attendant, M.L. Steele, effective 10/26/2023

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 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** - effective 10/26/2023

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- **Mary Addi**
- **Carolyn Dular**
- **Kelly Ferchen**
- **Gregory Pizzuli**
- **Susan Smith**
- **Christie Tchompalov**
- **Chloe Yuhasz**

E. 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:

- **Heidy Walsh**, Monitor, AJH, from 6.5 to 6.75 hours/day, effective 10/11/2023

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the 2023-2024 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:

- **Joseph Dubbert**, Assistant Band Director, M.L. Steele
- **Keith Whitman**, Cross Country Coach - Volunteer
- **Casey Wolf**, All Fall Sports - Volunteer

G. 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:

- **Jaiden Dampier**, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele, balance of a one-year contract, effective, 10/18/2023

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ **Alexandra Charles** on a supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year for service in the **Comet Kids Club Before & After School Care Program** as an aide at Nord. Compensation will be at the board approved Comet Kid's Club salary schedule, effective 10/26/2023.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) regarding **Resident Educator Mentor Supplemental Contract** positions, as per **exhibit 10A**.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the fall event and OHSAA Tournament workers as per **attachment 10A**.

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following personnel for extra duty pay for completion of **Non-Violent Crisis intervention training (CPI)** hours:

- **Lisa Kaplan**, effective 9/26/2023 and to be paid at the PD rate.
- **Lisa Tilk**, effective 9/26/2023 and to be paid at the PD rate.

L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their service as a **home instruction tutor** for the **2023-2024 school year, inclusive of summer 2024**, if necessary, on an "as needed basis," with compensation at the board approved rate:

- **Brynn Born**, effective 10/16/2023
- **Brian Cesear**, effective 10/16/2023
- **Jessica Davis**, effective 9/29/2023
- **Lisa Harcula**, effective 10/16/2023

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- **Wendi Lowe**, effective 10/16/2023
- **Heather Zehel**, effective 10/16/2023

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

2023-10-07

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the new and/or revised board policies as per **exhibits 11A through 11Y**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the \$15 book fee associated with the AJH Life Skills course for the 2023-2024 school year.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **EverDriven Technologies, LLC** for transportation needs as per **exhibit 11Z**.

Roll call vote:

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

2023-10-08

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University** for the purpose of holding the 2024 M.L. Steele commencement ceremony on May 25, 2024, as per **exhibit 12A**.

Roll call vote:

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


2023-10-09

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.



Board President



Treasurer/CFO