

# 2020-01-13 Regular Board Meeting

## Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

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Regular Board Meeting - Monday, January 13, 2020

Immediately following the Organization Meeting

M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center

450 Washington St.

Amherst, OH 44001

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.

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by:

Time:

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Mr. Rex Engle - **Present / Absent**

Mrs. Teresa Gilles, Board Member - **Present / Absent**

Mrs. Valerie Neidert, Board Member - **Present / Absent**

Mr. Ron Yacobozzi, Board Member - **Present / Absent**

Mr. Marc Zappa - **Present / Absent**

4. Recommendation to adopt the agenda as presented, including any addendum(s).

Roll call vote:

Mr. Engle \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Gilles \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Neidert \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Yacobozzi \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Zappa \_\_\_\_\_

5. 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 minutes (30) minutes.

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

**Notes:**

6. Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

**Notes:**

7. Treasurer's Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 12/16/19 Regular Board meeting.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of December 2019. (*see exhibits 7A, 7B, 7C*)

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the tax budget for the 2020-2021 school year. (*see exhibit 7D*)

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

- 300-9011 Athletics Fund from \$121,000 to \$140,000
- 010-9310 OFCC State Share Interest from \$0 to \$154,263.98
- 010-9300 OFCC State Share from \$864,320.10 to \$1,114,320.10
- 010-9200 OFCC Local Share Interest from \$627,869.21 to \$1,091,036.94

E. The request for transfer of funds from 010-9310 OFCC State Share Interest to 010-9300 OFCC State Share in the amount of \$154,263.98.

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 7E**:

- **Laminating and Binding Solutions, Inc. August 2018 - \$130.44 - PO 20190630**

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the amendment to the 403(b) Retirement Plan regarding Hardship and Eligibility as per **exhibit 7F**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the amendment to the 457(b) Retirement Plan regarding Hardship as per **exhibit 7G**.

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

- **Steele Home Run Boosters, Inc.** for a donation of \$18,153 for the baseball score board.
- **Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club** for a donation of \$2,760 to replenish expenses incurred on behalf of the MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422. The donation is the amount of ticket sales from the fall production of Arsenic and Old Lace.
- **Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club** for a donation of \$1,500 to pay for Jennifer Ludwig, an independent contractor used in the Winter production by the MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422.
- **Marc Zappa** for a \$150 gift card to Target and a \$150 gift card to Giant Eagle to the Amherst Schools to be used to purchase items for families in need for Christmas.
- **Staff members from Nord** for a donation of \$140 to be used to purchase books for the Nord or Powers Library in memory of Sarah Walker's mother, Mrs. Butler.
- **Pastor Josh Smith on behalf of Grow Point Church** for a \$500 donation to pay off any meal debt that our students have.

**Roll call vote:**

**Mr. Engle** \_\_\_\_\_, **Mrs. Gilles** \_\_\_\_\_, **Mrs. Neidert** \_\_\_\_\_, **Mr. Yacobozzi** \_\_\_\_\_, **Mr. Zappa** \_\_\_\_\_

9. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

**Notes:**

10. Administrative Committee Reports:

A. Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

**Notes:**

B. Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

**Notes:**

C. Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

**Notes:**

11. Personnel Recommendations:

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:

- **Joanne O'Connor**, Comet Kids Aide at Powers, effective 1/2/20
- **Brianna Schnur**, Title 1 Tutor, effective 1/2/20 (to accept a full time preschool position)

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 2019-2020 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:

- **Krista Brown**, 60-day probationary contract, Benefits Secretary, effective 1/6/20

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2019-2020 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:

- **John Overdorff**, Classified, effective 2/3/20
- **Jessica Sullivan**, Classified, effective 1/6/20

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated:

- **Brianna Schnur**, Powers Preschool Teacher, from PT to FT, effective 12/20/19
- **Amanda Skiddle**, Nord monitor, decrease in hours, from 5.25/day to 2.5/day, effective 1/2/20

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education adjust the **State of Ohio minimum wage** from \$8.55 per hour to \$8.70 per hour to appropriate employees, effective 1/1/20.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved 2019-2020 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund:

- **Nevaeh Pasela**, Basketball Scorebook

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

- **Peter Alston Jr.**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/14/20
- **Christopher Perdue**, PT Monitor, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/27/20
- **Candace Ziegler**, Assistant Cook, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/18/20

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Eileen Stokowski**, FT Bus Driver, effective 1/20/20 and returning on or about 4/21/20.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the extended unpaid parental leave of absence for **Sara Bulea**, Title Teacher at Nord, effective 1/5/20 through 3/16/20.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid leave of absence for **Kristi Perna**, Teacher Aide, Powers, effective 1/2/20 through 1/14/20.

**Roll call vote:**

**Mr. Engle \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Gilles \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Neidert \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Yacobozzi \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Zappa \_\_\_\_\_**

12. Educational Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept a **RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM** as per **exhibit 12A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU) with **Lorain County Community College (LCCC)** for the **College Credit Plus (CCP) program** for the 2020-2021 school year as per **exhibit 12B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Open Enrollment Program** for students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a "space available" basis for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Roll call vote:**

**Mr. Engle \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Gilles \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Neidert \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Yacobozzi \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Zappa \_\_\_\_\_**

13. Business Recommendations:

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the contract with **Irvin's Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC** for snow and ice management services during the 2019-2020 school year as per **exhibit 13A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the bid of \$529,950 from **Classical Construction, LLC** for the M.L. Steele High School Concession/Restroom project as per **exhibit 13B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the quote o \$22,153 (\$18,153 paid by Steele Home Run Boosters) from **Daktronics** for the new baseball scoreboard as per **exhibit 13C**.

**Roll call vote:**

**Mr. Engle \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Gilles \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Neidert \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Yacobozzi \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Zappa \_\_\_\_\_**

14. Adjournment.

**Roll call vote:**

**Mr. Engle \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Gilles \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. Neidert \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Yacobozzi \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Zappa \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDRESSING THE BOARD:**

School patrons are reminded when addressing the Board, statements about school employees, students or parents must be accurate and that all remarks made at a public board meeting are subject to the libel and slander laws of the State of Ohio.

Patrons wishing to meet privately with the school board are asked to contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting so that the agenda may be adjusted and a time can be arranged.

**MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

This meeting and 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.

Board of Education members receive their copies of the agenda 72 hours prior to each meeting. This provides them with time to review all items, request additional information, if needed, and establish a position prior to the call for a vote.