

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSMinutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular
Meeting**

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. May 24,
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President, Ron Yacobozzi presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

Ron Yacobozzi, present; Marc Zappa, Present; Rex Engle, present; Teresa Gilles, present; Valerie Neidert, present.

Steven A. Sayers, Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO, present.

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.

2021-05-01

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

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye;

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).

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

- Finance /Audit Committee met Thursday, May 20, 2021 to review FY20 audit.
- 5-year forecast.

2021-05-02

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

- A. Amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 4-26-2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of April 2021 (**see Exhibits 7A, 7B, 7C**).

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C. Approve the 5-yr forecast.

D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate."

- 019-9002 E-rate from \$0 to \$56,270.42
- 467-9220 Student Wellness from \$447,495.09 to \$531,577.22
- 401-9220 Auxiliary Fund from \$188,900 to \$204,900

E. Approve the following fund to fund transfer(s):

- \$275,000 from PI 003 fund to 034 Maintenance Fund

F. Approve the **2021-2022 medical and dental rates** as per **Attachment 7A.**

G. Approve the agreement with **Sedgwick Group-Retrospective-Rating Program** enrollment for FY2021 as per **exhibit 7D.**

H. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

- Office supplies and three (3) music stands from the family of the late Mr. Stanley R. Perine, Amherst resident.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Engle, aye; Neidert, aye Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- Retiring staff – thank you video
Mike played the video
- Thank you to all the staff
- Commencement went well

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

- Covid changed things:
 - Virtual field trips
 - Comets Live – 120 kids showed up to meeting.
Doug at commencement
 - Comets Live will be invited to Monsters Game.
 - Summer Expense – about 5%
 - 3 staff – Literacy & Math coaches

Mrs. Sarah Walker, Director of Student Services
 Not present at Board Meeting

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Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

- JVS is on the home stretch.
- Black River on Friday – commencement
- School Board – 1st in person meeting was last Thursday
- Some retirements at JVS
- No COVID shutdown @ Amherst – commended!

Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees)

Notes: - None

2021-05-03

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Neidert to approve the following:

- A. 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:
 - **Sue Mihalcik**, PT Cook at M.L. Steele, effective 7/31/2021
- B. Accept the following resignations as indicated and authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to execute any necessary documents relating to separation of employment:
 - **Kevin Collins**, Intervention Specialist, M.L. Steele, effective 8/16/21
 - **Kristi Perna**, Teacher Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 5/31/2021
- C. Employ the following certified individuals, on a one-year limited contract, as indicated, for the **2021-2022** 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:
 - **Katherine Santos Garcia**, M.L. Steele Guidance Counselor, effective 8/4/2021 (Including 15 extended days)
 - **Lelauni McKee**, AJH Orchestra, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Courtney Rua**, 5th Grade teacher, effective 8/17/2021
 - **Jenna Westgate**, 5th Grade Teacher, effective 8/17/2021
- D. Employ the following individual(s) as **certified** and/or classified substitutes for the **2020-2021** 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:
 - **Constance Lynch**, Bus Driver, effective 5/12/2021

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E. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the **2021-2022** school year as indicated:

- **Sharon Arendash**, from Teacher Aide at AJH to 210 Building Secretary at AJH, effective 8/2/2021
- **Donna Baker**, PT Cook/Cashier at M.L. Steele to 3.5 hour/day Monitor at AJH, effective 8/19/2021
- **Breanna Carden**, 1st Grade Teacher to Literacy Instructional Coach, effective 8/17/2021
- **Connie Cotton**, High School Monitor, from a 180-day contract to a 184-day contract, effective for the 2021-2022 school year
- **Sandra Dobias**, High School Monitor, from a 180-day contract to a 184-day contract, effective for the 2021-2022 school year
- **Elaine Heyd**, PT Monitor/PT Teacher Aide at Nord to 5.0 PT Teacher Aide at Nord
- **Erica Kaufmann**, Intervention Specialist to Literacy Instructional Coach, effective 8/17/2021
- **Christopher Korek**, Intervention Specialist at AJH to Intervention Specialist at Nord, effective 8/17/2021
- **Evangeline McGee**, PT Monitor/PT Teacher Aide at Nord to 5.0 PT Teacher Aide at Nord
- **Sandra Pack**, PT Cook/Cashier at M.L. Steele to Powers, effective 8/19/2021
- **Kourtney Samuelson**, 4th Grade Teacher at Nord to Science Teacher at AJH, effective 8/17/2021
- **Kathy Smith**, PT Cook/Cashier at M.L. Steele to 3.5 hour/day at Powers, effective 8/19/2021
- **Maureen Wolfe**, PT Math Teacher at AJH to FT Math Instructional Coach, effective 8/17/2021

F. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the **2021-2022** school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to Pupil Activity Permit, if required for positions, and a BCII and FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate as per **attachment 10A**.

G. Grant the following classified personnel a one-year or two-year limited contract as per **attachment 10B**, for the **2021-2022** school year. (See **attachment 10C** for all other classified employees who are presently under contract for the **2021-2022** school year and will be issued a salary notice.)

H. Approve the **discretionary funds** for the **2020-2021** school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per **Attachment 10D**.

I. Approve the following rate of pay for the substitute certified teaching staff and special needs paraprofessionals with a teaching license effective **8/1/21**:

- \$105 per day
- \$120 per day for retired Amherst teachers

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- J. Approve the following rate of pay for substitute classified staff effective **8/1/21:**

\$11.00 per hour:

- secretary
- aide: teacher; media; regular van and/or bus
- student attendant (mild/moderate needs assignment)
- cafeteria, cook/cashier
- monitor; study hall & lunchroom
- van driver
- custodial/cleaner

\$13.00 per hour:

- assistant maintenance
- assistant mechanic
- intensive needs bus and/or van aide

\$13.00 per hour:

- van driver - special needs

\$15.00 per hour:

- student attendant (moderate/intensive needs assignment)
- aide: (moderate/intensive needs assignment)

\$22.00 per hour:

- bus driver

- K. Approve the hourly rate for Saturday School monitor positions to be set at \$18.00 per hour for the **2021-2022** school year.
- L. Grant a supplemental contract to the individuals from the **Transportation Department** to work on an "as needed basis" during the **summer of 2021** as per **attachment 10E**.
- M. Approve up to four (4) additional workdays (June 1-4, 2021), for **Sharon Arendash, AJH Teacher Aide**, to be paid at her per diem rate.

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N. Employ the following **classified substitutes**, to work during the **summer of 2021**, "as needed", with compensation at their regular substitute hourly rate pending completion of all employment requirements:

- **Edward Delumba**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Thom Hall**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Bobbie Kiser**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Tyler Neuhoft**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Brian Obbey**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **John Overdorff**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Nicholas Pagenstecher**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **David Rice**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Jack Rider**, Custodial/Maintenance
- **Kyle Koller**, Technology

O. Employ the following individuals to work as **summer help for 2021**, "as needed", at \$8.80 per hour (minimum wage), pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check:

- **Jacob Mantin**, Custodial, effective 5/28/21
- **James P'Simer**, Student Worker Custodial, effective 5/28/21
- **Jacob Schneider**, Student Worker Technology, effective 5/28/21
- **Tyler Strauser**, Student Worker Custodial, effective 5/28/21
- **Nathan Yonts**, Student Worker Custodial, effective 5/28/21

P. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the **2020-2021** school year, inclusive of **summer 2021** if necessary, on an "as needed basis," with compensation at the board approved rate, all will be effective 5/11/2021:

- **Rachel Case**
- **Kimberly Koller**
- **Mary Jane Loushin**
- **Mary Kay Mullen**
- **Matthew Schillinger**
- **Brittany Schwass**
- **Kelly Simenson**

Q. Approve the following as **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)** and **SWC Track & Field workers** as per **attachment 10F**.

R. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Shelley Varouh**, Art Teacher, Powers, on or about 5/3/2021 through 5/28/2021.

S. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Jean Evanko**, Bus Driver, on or about 5/10/2021 through 5/27/2021.

T. Approve the unpaid non-professional leave of absence for **Nicholas Quarando**, PE Teacher, Powers for the **2021-2022** school year.

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- U. Approve up to twenty (20) additional hours for **Courtney McMullen**, and up to ten (10) additional hours each for **Molly Haley** and **Rebecca McArthur**, for the completion of summer preschool evaluations.
- V. Approve up to twelve (12) additional hours each for **Holly Miller** and **Colene Walker**, for summer curriculum development.
- W. Grant a supplemental contract to **Emily Wenzel** (Teacher) and **Joan Leibacher** (Classroom Aide) for the provision of summer Extended School Year "Jump Start" program to occur **August 2-13, 2021**.
- X. Approve **Dawn Karnik** and **Victor Garcia**, as intensive needs aides to work throughout the **summer of 2021**, on an as needed basis to help support students receiving extended school year services. To be paid at the \$14/hour intensive needs rate.

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye; Neidert, aye; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

2021-05-04

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

- A. Approve the updated school calendar for **2021-2022** as per **attachment 11A**.
- B. Approve the **school fees** for the **2021-2022 school year** as per **attachment 11B**.
- D. Approve the contract with **ABA Outreach Services** for **Extended School Year Services**, effective **6/1/2021 - 8/18/2021** as per **exhibit 11A**.
- E. Approve the Comet Kid's Club fees for the **2021-2022 school year** be set at \$6.00 per session. A discounted price of \$3.00 per session will be given for the second child (in the same building) and the third child (in the same building) is free.
- F. Enter into a contract with **Great Lakes Biomedical** to provide random drug testing for athletes, students involved with extracurricular activities and students that drive to school during the **2021-2022 school year** as per **exhibit 11B**.
- G. Approve the contract with **Applewood Centers** for Special Education and certain related services for specific student(s) as per **exhibit 11C**.
- H. Authorize membership in the **Ohio High School Athletic Association** (OHSAA) for M.L. Steele High School and Amherst Junior High School for the **2021-2022 school year** as per **exhibit 11D**.

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I. Approve the following overnight field trip(s):

- Cross Country Team Camping Trip - Mohican Cabins, **June 21-23, 2021**, as per **exhibit 11E**.
- Girls Team Soccer Camp - Edinboro University - **July 7 - July 10, 2021**, as per **exhibit 11F**.
- Girls Cross Country Team Camp - Guysville, OH - **July 29 - August 1, 2021**, as per **exhibit 11G**.
- Girls Cross Country Senior Leadership Camp - Guysville, OH - **June 7 - June 9, 2021**, as per **exhibit 11H**.

Roll call vote:

Zappa, aye; Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Yacobozzi

2021-05-05

It was moved by Engle seconded by Gilles to approve the following:

A. Approve the **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Track and Field Regional Facility Agreement as per exhibit 12A.**

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

2021-05-06

It was moved by Neidert, seconded by Gilles to adjourn to executive session, to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll Call vote:

Neidert aye; Gilles, aye; Engle, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

The board returned from executive session at 6:45 p.m.

2021-05-07

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Gilles to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; , aye; Neidert, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye.

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Board President_____
Treasurer/CFO