

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT****Regular  
Meeting****Feb. 27****Held at M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center @ 5:30 p.m.****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, Sarah Walker, Assistant Superintendent, present; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO present.

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.

**2023-02-04**

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.

**Good News Report**

- Mr. Joe Tellier, MLS Principal
  - Joyce Kasnyik, Foreign Language Teacher– Honduras Trip
  - Holly Miller, Intervention Specialist – Comet Academy

**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 of administrator.

Individual statements should not exceed five (5) minutes and total time shall be a maximum of thirty (30) minutes.

1. Dennis Musilla, Shadow Creek, HOA, 751 Shadow Creek Trail, Amherst – regarding the recreation area at AJH.
2. Patricia McDermott, 769 Shadow Creek Trail, Amherst – concerned about the noise and unsupervised use of recreation area.

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3. Tim Andrew, 715 Shadow Creek Trail, Amherst – Gargas Park (city) basketball courts are no longer there because of trouble and fighting.
4. Sam Bradley, 747 Shadow Creek Trail, Amherst – regarding concerns about the location of the basketball court near his property and escape routes from the proposed basketball court.
5. Unidentified – concerning the logic of splitting up sporting facilities.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo

**2023-02-05**

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 1/23/2023 Regular Board meeting.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education amend and/or approve the board minutes for the 2/9/2023 Special Board meeting.

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

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

- 200-9141 Steele Snow Sports: from \$0 to \$13,330
- 200-9159 Steele Academic Team: from \$0 to 385.19
- 200-9161 Steele Orchestra: from \$0 to 2,500
- 200-9202 AJH Ski Club: from \$5,200 to \$22,700
- 507-9223 ARP ESSER: from \$1,940,735.33 to \$2,128,347.50
- 516-9223 Title VI-B: from \$873,471.76 to \$870,153.50
- 572-9223 Title I: from \$382,073.97 to \$381,906.06
- 587-9223 ECSE: \$20,298.53 to \$20,288.59
- 590-9223 Title II-A: \$70,651.04 to \$71,594.86
- 018-9015 Powers Principal Fund: \$16,500

E. 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 8E.**

- The ESC of Lorain County - PO 20230576 \$3,019.50

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

- 2023 SNL Telethon donation of \$50 - Kelly Donohue
- 2023 SNL Telethon donation of \$50 - Larissa McNeal
- 2023 SNL Telethon anonymous donation of \$50
- Comet Athletic Boosters, \$6,544 for cheer mats
- Comet Athletic Boosters, \$3,827 for boys golf tournament
- Comet Athletic Boosters, \$500 for softball - batting cages
- Steel Home Run Boosters, Inc. \$1,300 for batting cages

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- A donation of playground balls for Powers Elementary school from Aaron Coleman valued at \$100.
- Academic Team donation of \$56 - Matt Messer

Roll call vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. MIKE MOLNAR

Notes:

- AJH recreation area update
- 4/8/2024 – Eclipse – students, Cameron Gilboy and Jude Palos, read their letters of persuasion. Nord teachers asked students to research the eclipse and write letters to argue why school should be cancelled or not.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Mrs. Sarah Walker**, Assistant Superintendent

- Little Comets Preschool update – needs for additional space.

**Mr. Rex Engle**, JVS Representative

- Retreat soon with new Board members.

**Board Updates/Discussion/Committee Reports**

- Legislation Update – Amanda Messer – None
- Facility Advisory Meeting Committee Update – Teresa Gilles – provided an update on the first meeting held.
- April board meeting date – Rex will get dates of availability for the meeting at JVS.
- Preschool expansion

**2023-02-06**

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Wachholz 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:

- **Margaret Settle**, PT Monitor at Powers and Bus Aide, effective 5/31/2023

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:

- **Michelle Barb**, PT Monitor, AJH, 2/19/2023
- **Vanessa Leighty**, Paraprofessional, Powers, effective 2/24/2023
- **David Melendez**, Bus Driver, effective 2/16/2023
- **Linnet Melendez**, Bus/Van Aide, effective 2/10/2023

C. 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**

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- **Tiffany Spinks**, effective 2/8/2023
- **CLASSIFIED**
  - **Michelle Barb**, effective 2/27/23
  - **Beth Dendorfer**, effective 2/22/2023
  - **Marsha Fundak**, effective 2/8/2023
  - **Colleen Kessler**, effective 2/22/2023

D. 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 as per **attachment 11A**.

E. 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:

- **Natasha Berry**, Student Attendant, Murray Ridge School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 1/31/2023
- **Carine Bryda**, PT Monitor, Powers, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/21/2022
- **Terri Mahon**, Student Attendant, Murray Ridge School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 2/11/2023
- **Rhianne Olgin-Beard**, FT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 2/8/2023
- **Brad Sprague**, FT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/17/2022

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Brenda Reaser**, effective on or about 1/17/2023 through 6/2/2023.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the unpaid medical leave/parental leave of absence for **Brooke Hennes**, effective on or about 3/9/2023 through 5/16/2023.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education employ **Laura Breese**, Ice Hockey Trainer, as a winter event worker, effective 1/23/023.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the termination of **Mechelle Barnard's** position as a bus driver, for abandonment of position, effective 2/7/2023.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **Deanna Sauer** as a **Saturday School Monitor** effective 2/25/2023.

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following as **SWC 7th grade basketball tournament workers**:

- **Linda Bray** - Scorekeeper
- **Brad Draga** - Tournament Manager
- **Brian Kelley** - Scoreboard
- **Lisa Schenk** - Scorebook
- **Camden Simo** - Scoreboard
- **Michele Sturgeon** - Ticket Sales
- **Aiden Workman** - Scorebook



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L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **Kristin Mackowski** as a **Track Announcer** to be paid from the 2022-2023 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund.

M. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accepts the resignation of teacher Alex Baldwin, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-23 contract year and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute necessary documents relating to Mr. Baldwin's separation from employment.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-02-07**

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve **April 8, 2024, as a calamity day** as requested by the **State of Ohio Emergency Management Agency** due to the upcoming solar eclipse, as per **attachment 12A**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-02-08**

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

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **revised school calendar** for the **2023-2024** school year as per **attachment 12B**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-02-09**

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

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the following overnight field trip requests:

- **Track & Field**, Eastern Indoors Track & Field Meet, Louisville, KY - 2/10/2023 to 2/11/2023 as per **exhibit 12A**.
- **AJH 2023 Eighth Grade Washington D.C.** trip as per **exhibit 12B**.
- **Educational and Cultural Travel Experience**, with Mrs. Lisa Volzer, World Language teacher and students, **3/21/2024 - 3/29/2024** as per **exhibit 12C**.
- **Concert Choir, New York City** trip 3/24/2023 - 3/26/2023 as per **exhibit 12D**.

D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 resolution for the **District Support Organizations**, including **Booster Organizations**, as per **attachment 12C**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESCLC)** to provide a shared

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**English Learner (EL) Teacher** for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, as per **exhibit 12E**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESCLC)** to provide a **Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)** to work with a preschool student, February through May 2023, as per **exhibit 12F**.

G. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with **Lorain County Public Health** regarding Mass Points of Dispensing as per **exhibit 12G**.

H. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU) with **Cuyahoga County Community College (Tri-C)** for the **College Credit Plus (CCP) program** for the 2023-2024 school year as per **exhibit 12H**.

I. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU) with **Kent State University (KSU)** for the **College Credit Plus (CCP) program** for the 2023-2024 school year as per **exhibit 12I**.

J. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into affiliation agreement with the **University of Akron**, to establish a continuing educational relationship to assist in the education of student teachers for one (1) year, as per **exhibits 12J**.

K. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Hometown Ticket Site** for the 2022-2023 school year, as per **exhibit 12K**.

L. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Track & Field Site Agreement** as per **exhibit 12L**.

M. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education enter into an agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESCLC)** two (2) Wellness Coordinators, for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, as per **exhibit 12M**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-02-10**

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

A. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the **Consulting and Agronomic Services Agreement** with **Gary D'Andrea**, Independent Consultant, effective 3/1/2023 to 11/30/2023, as per **exhibit 13A**.

B. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the agreement with **Rock the House Entertainment Group, Inc.** to provide music for the senior prom, as per **exhibit 13B**.

C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the **Weston Hurd Engagement Letter**, allowing the firm to represent us, as per **exhibit 13C**.

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D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept the contract with **German's Villa** for the senior awards banquet as per **exhibit 13D**.

E. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the agreement with **Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University** for the purpose of holding the 2023 M.L. Steele commencement ceremony on May 27, 2023, as per **exhibit 13E**.

F. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education approve the contract with **Jostens, Inc.**, for the yearbook, as per **exhibit 13F**.

Roll call vote:

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

**2023-02-11**

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Wachholz to move into executive session at 7:01 p.m. with no action taken to discuss:

A. The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, 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.

D. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.

Roll call vote:

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

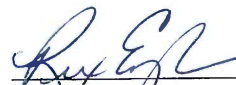
**2023-02-12**

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 8:28 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Treasurer/CFO