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Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 4:30 p.m. 20 17

President Ron Yacobozzi presided. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Ron Yacobozzi, present; Marc Zappa, present; Rex Engle, present; Teresa Gilles, present; Bob Kamnikar, present.

Steven A. Sayers, Superintendent, present; Barbara J. Donohue, Treasurer, 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.

2017-02-06

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Kamnikar to adopt the agenda as presented, including any addendum(s).

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Reports:

Introduction of architect GPD Group for new Pre-K – 3 Powers Elementary

Mr. Sayers introduced GDP and the Board welcomed them aboard.

Mr. Mike May – Marion Steele High School Principal

New course offerings, over the last two years, for all students are at 10:

Forensic Science, AP Biology, Creative Writing, Introduction to Philosophy, History of the Cold War, Civil War, History of Sports, (brought back, Criminal Justice), Speech & Debate, Chemistry II

2017-18: Computer Science & Biomimicry added at Marion L. Steele High School

College Credit Plus has been in existence for two years. I want to reiterate what has happened here is quite amazing for a high school in such a very short time. We have added 6 CCP courses in two years:

Intro to Fiction (ENGL 255)
Intro to Poetry (ENGL 257)
Statistics (MTH 168)
Pre-Calculus (MTH 172)
Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOG 121)
Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOG 122)

Now, for two years, Marion L. Steele High School has led Lorain County and the Southwestern Conference in CCP credits earned by students

2014-15: 1,671 LCCC savings of \$264,586 (provided by LCCC)
2015-16: 2,201 LCCC savings of \$309,900 (provided by LCCC)

We offer 15 CCP courses on-site for a total of 48 credits which is the most in the Southwestern Conference for 2016-17. So, what's forthcoming?

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Two new CCP courses next year;

United States History I (HSTR (161) and
United States History II (HSTR 162)

This will bring the total of CCP courses to 8.

Hearing of the Public: - NONE

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Barb Donohue

- Notes: Munis Update

2017-02-07

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Zappa to approve B, D, E, F, G, and H
It was moved by Engle and seconded by Gilles to approve A
It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Engle to approve C
It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Engle to approve I

- A. The minutes of the January 9, 2017 Organizational Board Meeting.
- B. The minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
- C. The minutes of the February 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting.
- D. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donation(s):
 - **American Legion Post 118** for a \$200 donation to Special Olympics
 - **School Employees Lorain County Credit Union** for a \$240.54 mini-grant to Colene Walker for her classroom project at M.L. Steele High School
 - **Comet Athletic Boosters** for a \$3,827.50 donation to the Hockey Team for ice time and for a \$910 donation to the Boys Golf team.
- E. Acknowledge the receipt of \$5,000 that the Med Tech Program and Steele News Live TV programs have won in a video contest. Their video on domestic violence won first place in the contest held by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program through the Department of Health and Human Services.
- F. Accept the **Project Agreement for Segment One** with the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission as per **Exhibit 8A**
- G. Accept the **Clover TIF Resolution** approving the granting of a tax increment financing exemption along with the **School Compensation Agreement** as per **Exhibit 8B**.
- H. Approve the **Resolution Adopting Agreement** with the City of Amherst, Ohio storm easement at Shupe Elementary School property as part of the turnpike mitigation program as per **Exhibit 8C**.
- I. Approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$9,050,000 for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving buildings and facilities, and preparing, equipping and otherwise improving real estate, for school district purposes and to retire certain notes previously issued for that purpose as per **Exhibit 8D**.

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Roll call vote on Items B,D,E,F,G and H

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

Roll call vote on Item A:

Engle, Abstain; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Yacobozzi, aye;

Roll call vote on Item C:

Gilles, aye, Engle, aye; Zappa, aye; Kamnikar, abstain; Yacobozzi, aye.

Roll call vote on Item I:

Gilles, aye; Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, abstain.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- State of School Report will be held on April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the HS cafetorium.
- Mr. Sayers – excited to work with GPD. The next steps will be visioning process. Next meeting will be March 8, 2017 for Construction Manager Interviews.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Executive Director of Educational Services

Notes:

Amherst unveiled their new partnership with the College Board, SAT, and Kahn Academy. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Amherst will provide the full suite of SAT assessments to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at no cost to parents!

In the fall, during a school day, all freshmen will take the PSAT9, all sophomores will take the PSAT10, and all juniors will take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) to establish a baseline measurement for college readiness before the spring of their junior year. In addition, all juniors will be eligible to compete for recognition and scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship Program and access to over \$180 million in worldwide scholarship opportunities.

And with the Kahn Academy partnership, Amherst students will use their PSAT baseline scores to create an official SAT practice program that is tailored and personalized for each student.

Mr. Marc Zappa questioned "Can a student opt out?"

Mike said, "It is our goal that all students take the test."

Marc, "Can a student take the test more than once?"

Mike, "Yes they could; but, there would be a cost."

Rex, "I would like to see the person responsible, assuming it would be the guidance office, track students to see the development along the way."

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

Competitions are beginning and he will make sure to share the Amherst students that qualify.

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**Other Reports: (Administrative Standing Committees:
Notes:**

Rex indicated that because Amherst Board of Education would like to renovate the Junior Media Center, Mr. Engle shared this with the ASEF trustees and they are very much interested in allotting more funds for the project. They would like the Board to provide them a cost. They also wanted to know when we demolish the buildings, is there a way they can obtain some bricks so they could use for a fundraiser? ASEF also wanted to know, when the new building is built, is there a possibility for the ASEF to sell pavers for a fundraiser. Steve indicated that he spoke with GDP about incorporating history into the new building and Vanessa from Burgess and Burgess had shared with Steve what other districts have done as well. ASEF is having another fundraiser. Mr. Engle believes it is with Chipotle and would like the Board to support it. Information will be coming out soon.

Mr. Engle questioned the email sent to the Board on 2/2/2017 from Mr. Molnar regarding not accepting new open enrollment for next year and whether there was much feedback. Mike indicated, not a lot. He said applications have gone out and they are to be back before spring break.

Mr. Engle, "Has the streaming server been implemented?"
Mr. Molnar said yes and deferred to Wes Spears. Wes indicated that things are operating much better but there are a few issues and he is working with staff one on one to fix this. Mr. Lowry said the streaming is working and all is good.

2017-02-08

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

A. Accept the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

- **Maureen Bruder**, Intervention Specialist and Teacher of the Visually Impaired, M.L. Steele High School, effective 5/30/17
- **Annette Winemiller**, Intervention Specialist, Amherst Jr. High, effective (end of day) 5/26/17.

B. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

- **Nicholas Malakar**, Teacher, M.L. Steele High School, effective end of day 5/26/17
- **Mary Nowak**, classified substitute teacher, effective 1/26/17

C. Accept the notice of retirement, with an interest to be rehired, for Mark Kostur, Technology Supervisor, effective July 31, 2017, as per Attachment 11A.

D. Approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for Kelley Lee, teacher at Harris Elementary, effective 2/22/17 and returning to work 3/6/17.

E. Employ the following individual(s) as indicated on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract for the 2016-2017 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:

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- **James Burns**, 60 day probationary contract, Landscaper, effective 3/10/17
 - **Donald Jankowski**, 60 day probationary contract, FT Bus Driver, effective 2/27/17
- F. Employ the following certified individuals, on a one-year limited contract, as indicated for the 2017-2018 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 Amherst Schools:
- **Yvette Cable**, School Psychologist
- G. Approve the transfer of **Cornelia Engle** from her current position as an Intervention Specialist to the Dean of Students at Nord Middle School, effective 8/21/17.
- H. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2016-2017 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:
- **Michael Beatty**, Bus Driver, Bus Aide, effective 2/27/17
 - **Michael Gargas**, Technology, effective 8/17/16
 - **Anthony Gordon**, Custodian, effective 1/17/17
 - **Jesse Gross**, Teacher (long term-Social Studies), M.L. Steele, effective 2/13/17
 - **Joy Jeffries**, Aide, Monitor, Student Attendant, effective 2/3/17
 - **Kyle Koller**, Technology, 8/17/16
 - **Evangeline McGee**, Cook/Cashier, effective 2/23/17
 - **Julie Pinkerton**, Aide, Media, Aide, Monitor, Student Attendant, effective 1/26/17
 - **Sara Ryan**, Aide, Media Aide, Monitor, Student Attendant, Cook/Cashier, effective 2/27/17
 - **Charlotte Viergutz**, Aide, Monitor, Student Attendant, effective 1/11/17
 - **Kristen Winger**, Aide, Media Aide, Monitor, Bus Attendant, effective 2/23/17
- I. Approve the payment of a \$100 stipend for **Kristi Ory** who has completed the Murray Ridge intensive needs training pending the receipt of documentation for completion of training.
- J. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individual(s) for the spring and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2016-2017 school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to a pupil activity permit, if required for positions, and a BCII and FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate as per **Attachment 11B**.
- K. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the 2016-2017 school, inclusive of summer 2017 if necessary, on an "as needed basis", with compensation at the board approved rate, effective 2/15/17:

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- Taylor Brouse
- Brian Ceasar
- Tiffany Duke
- Kim Malobabic
- Mary Kay Mullen
- Jessica Renfrow

L. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as indicated below:

- Melissa Anderson, from M to M+10 (correction from 1/9/17 Board meeting)
- John Agostinelli, from B+30 to M
- Cornelia Engle, from B+30 to M
- Erica Kaufmann, from M to M+10
- Dean Lowe, from M+10 to M+20
- Sara Mowcomber from B+20 to M
- Erica Stallings from M+10 to M+20

M. Employ the following individuals, as indicated, for the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Girls Basketball Sectional Game hosted on 2/23/17, with compensation reimbursed to the Amherst Schools by OHSSA as per Attachment 11C.

N. Employ the following individuals, as indicated, for the Southwestern Conference (SWC) Middle School Basketball Tournament and Championship Track Meet to be held in March, with compensation reimbursed to the Amherst Schools by SWC:

- Melissa Anderson, announcer (SWC track meet)
- Roberta Difillipo, gate/ticket taker (Middle School basketball tournament and SWC Track meet)
- Brad Draga, tournament manager (Middle School basketball tournament)
- Brian Kelley, scoreboard (Middle School basketball tournament)
- Kristi King, game/meet manager SWC Championship Track Meet
- Mary Nowak, gate/ticket taker (Middle School basketball tournament and SWC Track Meet)
- Lisa Schenk, scorekeeper (Middle School basketball tournament)

O. Approve the job description for Director of Preschool/Early Childhood Program as per Exhibit 11A

Roll call vote:

Gilles, ay; Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye

2017-02-09

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

A. Approve the agreement with the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County for admission of a student for educational purposes for the 2016-2017 school year as per Exhibit 12B.

B. Approve the contract with ABA Outreach Services as per Exhibit 12B.

C. Approve the overnight field trips for the following:

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- AJH 8th grade bus trip to Washington D.C. & Gettysburg, from 10/18/17 through 10/20/17, staying at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4641 Kenmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304 as per Exhibit 12C.
 - MLS theatre students to the Ohio Educational Theatre State Thespian Conference, from 3/24/17 through 3/26/17, staying at the Holiday Inn Express, 5500 Tuttle Crossing Boulevard, Dublin, OH as per Exhibit 12D.
 - MLS Varsity Baseball team and coaches to Big Walnut High School, Sunbury, OH for a double header from 3/24/17 through 3/25/17, staying at Holiday Inn Express, Polaris, OH as per Exhibit 12E.
- D. Approve the Site Agreement for the Ohio High School Athletic Association Girls Sectional Tournament as per Exhibit 12E.
- E. Approve the revised 2017-2018 school calendar as per Attachment 12A.
- F. Approve Jim Park as the new trustee on the Amherst Schools Education Foundation (ASEF) Board. He will be filling the vacancy that Kirsten Hill left.

Roll call vote:

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

2017-02-10

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

- A. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to amend the lease of Shupe School to Great Lakes Church from the current \$1,500 per month to \$800 per month effective 4/1/17 due to the reduced number of hours the church is using the building.
- B. Authorize the Amherst Athletic Association to control the scheduling of non-school activities on the district's softball and baseball fields, with the exception of the varsity fields. Varsity field usage will be managed by the district's Athletic Director and each sport's respective head coach. This will be for the 2017 spring/summer sports season or until such time that the Board decides otherwise.
- C. Approve the agreement with Oberlin Schools for transportation purposes for a student as per Exhibit 13A.
- D. Approve the Transportation In-Lieu-Of recommendation as per Exhibit 13B.
- E. 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 2017-2018 school year as per Exhibit 13C.
- F. Approve a Resolution to reject bids received for a portion of HVAC project and authorize the commencement of bidding including the advertisement and review of bids for that portion of the HVAC project and accepting a bid received for the remaining portion of the HVAC project as per Exhibit 13D.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye

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2017-02-11

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Gilles to adjourn to executive session, to discuss the employment and compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye

2017-02-12

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Kamnikar to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Kamnikar, aye, Engle, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer