

October 16

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, absent;
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.

2017-10-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Report:

Mr. Andrew Gibson – Amherst Junior High School

- 6th grade trip to Camp Fitch
- 8th grade leaving for DC Wednesday
- Hats for Hurricanes fundraiser by Paula Brooks
- We recently had our “Stellar Student” breakfast
- Good News Calls of the Week

Mr. Casey Wolf – Athletics

The second class of the Amherst Athletic Hall of Fame was announced on September 29th in conjunction with Homecoming. Six individuals and one team make up this class. Inductees are: Dick Elsasser, Jake Percival, Lacey Reichert, Christine (Thompson) Detweiler, Brian Tutkovics, Sonny Wilburn, and the 1977 Boys Cross Country Team. Induction weekend is February 9th and 10th.

Fall Sports Season Highlights:

- Volleyball just repeated as SWC Champions, finishing the season with a 21-1 overall record and a 17-1 SWC record.
- Josh Hill won the SWC Boys Cross Country Championship this past Saturday.
- Girls Soccer finished the season with an 12-1-3 Overall record and a 5-1-3 SWC record. Of note, the girls outscored their opponents 42-5 in Varsity Action and between the Varsity and JV a total of 7 goals were allowed this fall (in 32 total games).
- Boys and Girls Golf each had District Qualifiers. Adam Cook and Nick Hamilton represented the boys and Elena Zaborniak represented the girls program.
- Girls Tennis finished 2nd in the Lorain County Tournament and we had all 3 singles players and a doubles team reach the 3rd round of sectionals.

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- OHSAA Tournament Play starts this week for Boys & Girls Soccer and Volleyball. Boys Soccer is at North Ridgeville on Wednesday, Girls Soccer plays at home on Thursday against the Midview/Elyria Winner, and Volleyball plays the Elyria/Lorain Winner on Saturday at Midview. Cross Country starts their OHSAA Season this Saturday at Lorain County Community College for the District Championship.
- Lastly, football is heading into week 9 in the playoff race. We finish the season at Avon this Friday and home to Westlake next Friday for Senior Night.

Hearing of the Public: None

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Barb Donohue

- Five Year Forecast
- Pre-Audit Meeting
- Lorain County Board appreciation dinner
- OSBA Capital Conference

2017-10-02

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Zappa to approve A

It was moved by Gilles to approve B, C, D & E, seconded by Zappa to approve the following:

- A. The minutes of the September 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. (Mr. Kamnikar was absent)
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of September 2017
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate" NONE
- D. Approve the Five-Year Forecast and Five-Year Forecast assumptions for fiscal year 2017-2018 (under financials).
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donation to the Amherst Schools:
 - **Mr. Dave Cotton** for donating a collection of 450 play scripts, valued at approximately \$4,000, to the drama class at M.L. Steele High School.

Roll call vote A:

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

Roll call vote B, C, D & E.

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

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

- Demolition started for both Shupe and Harris Schools. Demolition should be completed in three weeks.
- Design process continues. The architects were at Powers Elementary October 12th for the full day. The design process is now moving into more specifics.

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Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

The first PSAT testing began from the partnership with the College Board. Just under 1000 9th, 10th and 11th grade students took the test. Staff and students will get the results back in December. This will help design individualized plans for students to prepare for the ACT. Mr. Molnar wanted to thank the Marion L. Steele Guidance Department and staff for all the hard work that went into this testing. Amanda Sears is starting a Computer Science Club at Powers Elementary for second graders. This stemmed from the computer coding session she offered in the summer.

Mr. Kamnikar mentioned that in researching College Credit plus for his son, and learning that the course and textbooks are paid for by the school, he was wondering how we could incorporate some reduction in pay to participate for the students in activities?

Mr. Sayers stated that College Credit is a State mandated program and Amherst has been ranked number one in the county. Mr. Sayers believes this happens because we offer on-site classes which are less expensive.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

None – Mr. Engle, absent

Other Reports: Administrative Standing Committees

Notes:

None

2017-10-03

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

- A. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the 2017-2018 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:
- **Beth Dendorfer**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Comet Kids Club Aide, Nord School, effective 10/11/17
 - **Alexandria Jones**, 60-day probationary contract, Paraprofessional, Nord School, effective 10/16/17 (scheduled hours 7:15 AM – 3 PM)
 - **Neil Kirshner**, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord School, effective 10/30/2017
 - **Bobbie Kiser**, 30-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide, Nord School, effective 10/11/17 (1.5 hrs/day)
 - **Narcedalia Rodriguez-Martinez**, 30-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide, Nord School, effective 10/11/17 (1.5 hrs/day)
 - **Megan Socha**, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele High School effective 10/30/17
 - **Carol Wagner**, 30-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide, Nord School, effective 10/11/17 (1.5 hrs/day)

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B. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2017-2018 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 BCII & FBI background check:

- Susan Groves, Classified, effective 10/5/17
- Barbara Heimer, Certified, effective 10/6/17
- Alexis Kaczay, Certified, effective 10/6/17
- Brooke Kobasher, Certified, effective 10/9/17
- Makenzie Patton, Certified, effective 10/16/17
- Shawn Simmons, Certified, effective 10/12/17
- Jenna Stack, Certified, effective 10/16/17
- Cathleen Zitek, Certified, effective 10/12/17

C. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2017-2018 school year as indicated:

- Joy Jeffries, Student Attendant, Powers Elementary, **increase** from PT-4 hrs/day to FT – 7.25 hrs/day effective 9/28/17 (new hours are 8:05 AM – 3:50 PM).
- Ann Marie Meyer, Assistant Cook, Amherst Junior High, **increase** from 7.0 to 7.5 hours/day effective 10/11/17 (new hours are 6:00 AM – 1:30 PM).

D. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the winter and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the 2017-2018 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 11A**.

E. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved 2017-2018 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund.

- Roberta DeFilippo, AJH, ticket seller, boys/girls basketball and wrestling
- Kirk Hagerich, AJH, game management
- Steve Latto, AJH, game management
- Mary Nowak, AJH, ticket seller, boys/girls basketball and wrestling
- Lisa Schenk, AJH, boys/girls, basketball scoreboard

F. Approve the 3-day unpaid personal leave of absence for **Maria Tomusko**, Teacher Aide, M.L. Steele High School, effective 10/25/17 through 10/27/17.

G. Approve the following as Ohio High School Athletic Association ((OHSAA) Girls Sectional/District soccer game workers:

- Tammy Klekota** – Ticket Seller
- Claudia Schultz** – Game Secretary
- Casey Wolf** – Site Director
- Dave Zvara** – Site Administrator
- Bill Walker** - Game Management
- Tiffany Rathwell** – Trainer
- Mark Lowrie** – Scoreboard Operator

Roll call vote:

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

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10111

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2017-10-04

Moved by Zappa, seconded by Gilles to approve the following:

- A. Approve the resolution for **District Support Organizations**, including Booster Organizations as per **Attachment 12A**.
- B. Approve the **school calendar** for the 2018-2019 school year as per **Attachment 12B**.

Roll call vote:

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

2017-10-05

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

- A. Enter into an agreement with **Oberlin City Schools** for the purpose of transporting students to PEP Willow Creek in Grafton Ohio.
- B. Approve the contract with **Irvin's Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC** for snow and ice management services during the 2017-2018 school year as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- C. Approve the contract award recommendation from **Clark & Post** for **HVAC improvements at M.L. Steele high school** as per **Exhibit 13B**.

Roll call vote:

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

Mrs. Gilles asked why Harris Elementary was on the Irwin's contract for snow plowing. Mr. Sayers indicated because the busses are still going to enter that way. Mr. Yacobozzi commented that Powers was not on the contract. Mr. Sayers indicated that our staff plows Powers.

Mr. Kamnikar wanted Mr. Sayers to explain why we only received one bid last time for HVAC for Marion L. Steele. Mr. Sayers indicated that it was timing. When we were able to go out for bid, it was later in the season and he believes that most contractors had already lined up their jobs.

2017-10-06

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Kamnikar to adjourn the meeting

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye, Kamnikar, aye, Zappa, aye, Yacobozzi, aye, Engle, absent

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer