

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular

Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m. Mar 19,
20 18

President Teresa Gilles presided. Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

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

2018-03-01

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Engle to adopt the agenda as
presented and including any addendums.

Roll call vote:

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

Presentations:

GPD Group – update on new building project

- Talked about the abatement/demolition for Harris and Shupe.
- Harris is complete and Shupe has sidewalks to finish and the shed to take down.
- Shared the interior renderings with the Board and indicated the bids are due in April.

Good News Reports:

Mr. Casey Wolf – Athletic Director

Thank you to the Board for having athletics here today.

I am proud to share some great performances from our athletic teams and individuals from this current school year.

Through the Winter Sport Season, we have won:

- 4 Southwestern Conference Championships
- A Baron Cup 2 Championship in Hockey
- We have had 7 student athletes qualify for Ohio High School Athletic Association state competitions.

This evening I am joined here by representatives from these programs:

- A. I would like to bring forward our **competition cheer team**. For the first time since 2005, our cheerleaders won the Southwestern Conference Championship. Following that great performance in November, they entered the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators Regional Cheer Competition. After receiving a state qualifying score, they finished 2nd in their division at the state competition in Columbus in early March.

Congratulations to these cheerleaders on a great 2017-18 season!

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- B. I would like to recognize Boys Cross County runner, Junior, **Josh Hill**. This past fall, Josh competed in and won many events entered. These events include:

The Southwestern Conference Meet where he was the Boys Champion and was named conference MVP.

This lead into the OHSAA Season where Josh finished 2nd at both Districts and Regionals, which allowed him to qualify for the state championships for the second year in a row.

At the state meet he moved from 17th place at the mile to 11th place at the 2 mile, eventually passing 4 more runners down the stretch to finish 7th in the state. This performance qualified him for the Nike Midwest Regional Meet in Terre Haute, Indiana where he finished 15th.

Josh has only continued to excel as we move into the spring track season. Over the winter, he had a tremendous indoor season that qualified him for indoor nationals a couple of weeks ago in New York City where he finished 11th overall in the emerging elite category in the 5k.

Congratulations Josh on a great fall and winter season!

- C. I would like to bring forward our Hockey Team. In only their second year back, this program took us on an awesome ride. They competed in 5 regular season tournaments...and won...all 5 tournaments. This included the Southwestern Conference Tournament and the Baron Cup 2 Tournament. They finished the season with a 30 and 3 record.

A special thank you to the School Board and District for supporting this program's return.

Congratulations to our Hockey Team on a tremendous 2017-18 season!

- D. I would like to bring forward our Boys Swimmers. Back in late January this group of young men completely dominated the Southwestern Conference meet. They won 10 of 12 events, with the 12th being diving...we do not have a diver. So not only did they win 10 of 11 events entered, they also finished 2nd in 6 of 11 events entered...and 5 times they took both of the top 2 spots at this meet. This conference championship is their 3rd straight championship! After dominating the SWC, we had 5 boys qualify for the state swim meet at the end of February. **Kevin Heyd, Jake Kiska, Max Mlincek, Nathan Moore, and Sam Parker** represented Steele HS in Canton.

Sam, Max, Jake, and Nathan finished 17th in the 200 Medley Relay.

Jake, Max, Kevin, and Nathan finished 18th in the 200 Free Relay.

Nathan finished 20th in the 100 Free

Nathan qualified for Championship Saturday in the 200 Free where he finished 13th.

Congratulations to our boy swimmers on a great winter season!

- E. I would like to recognize our Volleyball Program. The Volleyball Team competed in the extremely tough Southwestern Conference. After 18 conference games, they finished with a 17-1 record and a Southwestern Conference Championship ...make that Back to Back Conference Championships! This season, the program also achieved a pretty cool feat...the program won its 500th game during Coach Cogan's tenure as head coach.

Congratulations to our Volleyball program on winning its 14th Southwestern Conference Championship!

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F. I would like to recognize **Matt Lee**. He is unable to be here today, but his accomplishments as a wrestler deserve to be recognized. He achieved many records throughout his career. He's the school record holder in the following categories:

- Single season pins with 40 pins (which was achieved this season)
- Career Pins leader with 128 pins
- He's the single season wins record holder with 48 wins (which he achieved this season)
- He's the all-time career wins leader with 153 wins.
- He holds the state record for fastest pin at the state meet.....11 seconds (which he did last year as a junior)
- He was a state placer as a junior finishing 5th
- He was a state placer this year finishing 3rd....9 days ago in Columbus!

Congratulations to Matt on a tremendous wrestling career!

Mr. Andrew Gibson, Amherst Junior High Principal

Notes:

- A. **Mary Scott Williams** presented with several Junior High Students – Student Advocacy.
- B. **Mrs. Carnabucci**, Guidance Counselor at the Junior High shared the need to be mindful and that the mindfulness app is very good.

2018-03-02

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

- A. The board minutes for the 2/12/18 Regular Board meeting.
- B. The board minutes for the 2/27/18 Special Board meeting.
- C. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of February 2018.
- D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate". – None
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
 - **Mr. & Mrs. Guillermo Diaz** for their donation to support the Powers Spring Musical.
 - **Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Group** for a \$6,000 donation to pay for independent contractors used in the Spring production by the MLS Theatre Company, Troupe 1422.

Roll call vote:

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

Steve Sayers - Superintendent's Report:

Notes:

Amherst students have earned 3012 credits, which equates to \$494,000 savings to Amherst families. Mr. Sayers believes that it helps tremendously to offer the courses here in Amherst Schools with our staff.

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There is a meeting tonight at AJH regarding the traffic plan. Immediately following spring break the entrance off Lake Road will be closed.

Mr. Mike Molnar – Assistant Superintendent

Notes:

Mr. Molnar talked about the plan for the AJH Creative Learning Center. He shared that the ASEF is donating \$120,000 (40,00 a year for three years). The bids are out and will be due April 10th. The committee has picked out the color scheme and design. They hope they can obtain individual donations to help purchase some of the items needed for the AJH Creative Learning Center.

Mr. Rex Engle – JVS Representative

Notes:

It is competition time at the JVS and the students are all working very hard. JVS is looking at a couple of larger projects, running into HVAC, etc. issues. Looking at a possible Permanent Improvement levy to help with this.

2018-03-03

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

- A. Accept the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:
 - **Roswitha Betchker**, Media Aide, Nord, effective end of day 5/31/18.
 - **Linda Dolan**, Teacher, Amherst Jr. High, effective end of day 5/31/18.

- B. 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:
 - **James Keressi**, 60-day probationary contract, Landscaper, effective 3/26/18.

- C. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year, as indicated, with compensation at the board approve substitute rates pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure/certification (if required) and a BCI & FBI background check:
 - **Laurel Florek**, Classified, effective 3/14/18
 - **Donald Landman**, Bus Driver, effective 2/22/18
 - **Ashley Young**, Teacher, effective 3/19/18

- D. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2017-2018 school year as indicated:
 - **Anthony Karnik**, PT Bus Driver to FT Bus Driver. Effective 4/2/18
 - **Kristina Valentino**, PT Bus Driver to FT Bus Driver, effective 4/2/18

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- E. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for spring 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:
- **Mark Coughlin** – Baseball Volunteer Coach
 - **Erin Kasper** - Assistant Jr. High Track Coach, (1/2 contract)
 - **Katie Orseno** – Assistant Boys Tennis Coach
 - **Alan Roark** - Assistant Jr. High Track Coach (1/2 contract)
 - **Alan Roark** – Varsity Assistant Track Coach (1/2 contract)
 - **David Rositano** – Baseball Volunteer Coach
- F. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for spring and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the 2018-2019 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:
- **Kaitlyn Bauer**, Varsity Cheerleader Advisor
 - **Morgan Glowacki**, 9th Grade Cheerleader Advisor
- G. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **James Clifford**, Head Mechanic, Bus Garage (balance of a one-year contract), effective 3/2/18
- H. Approve a resolution regarding the elimination of the Associate Principal position at M.L. Steele High School for the purposes of reorganization as per Exhibit 12A.
- I. Employ the following individuals, as indicated, for the Southwest Conference (SWC) boys basketball tournament, with compensation reimbursed to the Amherst Schools by OHSAA:
- **Roberta DiFilippo** – ticket sales
 - **Brad Draga** – tournament manager
 - **Brian Kelley** – scoreboard operator
 - **Lisa Schenk** - scorebook
- J. Employ the following individuals, as indicated, for the OHSAA Sectional girls basketball and Comet Relays with compensation reimbursed to the Amherst Schools by OHSAA:
- **Brian Kelley** – Comet Relays Announcer
 - **Lacey Reichert** – Scorebook (OHSAA Sectionals)
- K. Grant approval for the following staff to attend out of state conferences:
- Barbara Donohue**, Treasurer, to attend Tyler Connect in Boston, MA 4/22/18 through 4/25/18.
- Jenna Porotosky**, EMIS Secretary, to attend the 2018 Midwest PowerSchool User Group (PSUG) conference in Michigan City, IN 3/18/18 through 3/21/18.
- Sarah Walker**, Director of Student Services, to attend the Special Education Legislative Summit in Alexandria, VA 7/8/18 through 7/11/18.

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- L. Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for **Haydiee Burkes**, Secretary, Board of Education, effective on or about 3/27/18 to on or about 3/30/18.
- M. Approve **Mary Scott Williams**, Guidance Counselor at AJH, to be paid a stipend of \$1,000 from the You Belong Grant, for her work after school to fulfill the requirements of the grant.
- N. Approve the **revised Assistant Principal job description as per Attachment 12A.**

Roll call vote:

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

2018-03-04

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

- A. Approve a **resolution on School Safety** as per **Attachment 13A.**
- B. Approve the **resolution regarding HB 512** as per **Attachment 13B.**
- C. Approve the overnight field trips:
 - Yearbook Journalism class, to the Buckeye Yearbook Workshop at Kenyon College, 7/23/18 through 7/25/18 as per **Exhibit 13A.**

Roll call vote:

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

2018-03-05

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

- A. Approve the agreement with **Bus Movers and More LLC/Ohio School Broker** as per **Exhibit 14A.**
- B. Approve the contract with **Connect** for internet service as per **Exhibit 14B.**
- C. Approve the contract with **Consulting and Agronomic Services Agreement** with **Gary D'Andrea**, Independent Consultant as per **Exhibit 14C.**
- D. Accept the **GMP#2 recommendation for award and final bid tab for the site package for the new Powers Elementary School** as per **Exhibit 14D.**

Roll call vote:

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

2018-03-06

It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Zappa to adjourn to executive session at 6:28 p.m. to discuss the employment, discipline, and compensation of public employees with no action to be taken.

Roll call vote:

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

The board returned from executive session at 7:31 p.m.

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It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Zappa to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Teresa Gilles adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer