

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**Regular  
MeetingHeld at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 8,  
2018

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, Teresa Gilles at 4:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Rex Engle, present; Teresa Gilles, present; Valerie Neidert, 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.

2018-01-10

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

Roll call vote:

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

Hearing of statements by school patrons – NONE

Hearing of previously requested board audiences – NONE

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Barb Donohue – NONE

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

- A. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate"
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| 029 Fund increase | \$56,559.00  |
| 010 Fund increase | \$226,098.00 |
| 020 Fund increase | \$14,912.00  |
- B. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
- **M. L. Steele PTO** for a donation of \$8,000 to pay for a Goggle Chromebook cart for M.L. Steele High School.

Roll call vote:

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: MR. STEVE SAYERS**

Notes:

- January is Board of Education appreciation month. Mr. Sayers handed out certificates of appreciation to the Board members.
- Architects will be at the next Board meeting.
- Open enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year – will be looking at new open enrollment for AJH and Marion L. Steele.

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Mr. Engle asked, "If the orchestra is moving to Marion L. Steele this next school year, what room are they going to be in?"

Mr. Sayers indicated they are looking at the room across from Steele News live and it is the intent to schedule orchestra at the same time as band and choir (two-hour lunch block).

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Mr. Mike Molnar**, Assistant Superintendent

- Stated that the Principal and Sarah Walker have done a great job preparing staff with changes for back to school tomorrow, January 9, 2018.
- Examine schedule will be done differently next year. The examines will be complete before winter break.

**Mr. Rex Engle**, JVS Representative

- No reports, the JVS has not met yet this month.

**Administrative Standing Committees:**

- No Notes

2018-01-11

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

## A. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

- **Beth Dendorfer**, Comet Kids Aide, Nord School, effective 12/20/17.

## B. Employ the following individuals 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:

- **Priscella Fowler**, 30-day probationary contract, Monitor, Nord School, effective 1/2/18

## 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 approved substitute rates pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure/certification (if required) and a BCI &amp; FBI background check:

- **Lindsey Gullet**, Teacher, effective 1/2/18
- **Gregg Roberts**, Classified, effective 12/20/17

D. Approve a return to a regular teaching contract for **Jarrod Stevens** as PE teacher at Nord School effective 1/2/18, as per the Memorandum of Understanding regarding permanent substitutes.

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E. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:

- Neil Kirshner, Custodian II/Cleaner, Nord School, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 1/20/18
- Megan Socha, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele High School, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 1/20/18

F. Adjust the State of Ohio minimum wage from \$8.15 per hour to \$8.30 per hour to appropriate employees, effective 1/1/18.

Roll call vote:

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

2018-01-12

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Engle to approve the Open Enrollment Program for students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a "space available" basis for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll call vote:

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

2018-01-13

It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Engle the following:

A. Approve the 2018 PI Summer Projects as follows:

AJH CLC	\$225,000
Nord Roof	\$415,000
Paving/Sealing	\$ 50,000
Mower	\$ 15,000
Nord Upgrades	\$ 25,000
Landscaping	\$ 25,000
Used Van	\$ 10,000
Misc. Maintenance Equipment	\$ 5,000
Orchestra Room/Equipment	\$ 50,000
Technology	\$180,000
(Scanning, Server Upgrade, Backup generator)	
TOTAL	\$1,000,000

B. Approve the agreement with Lakefront Lines – Cleveland for the M. L. Steele High School, New York choir trip as per Exhibit 12A.

C. Authorize the seeking of bids for the Amherst Junior High School Creative Learning Center once the design and specs are completed.

Roll call vote:

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

Mrs. Gilles wanted to know since Mr. Wolf was scheduled in December for the good news report and it was canceled, is he rescheduled to come back?

Mr. Sayers stated that Mr. Wolf would be back in March and talk about fall and winter sports.

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It was moved by Neidert, seconded by Yacobozzi to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Teresa Gilles adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer