

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular  
Meeting

Nov 19  
20 18

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 5:30 p.m.  
President Teresa Gilles presided. 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; Amelia Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO, present. Also, in attendance were Steve Latto and Maureen Wolfe.

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.

2018-11-04

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

Roll Call vote:

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

Good News Reports:

- Mr. Andrew Gibson, Amherst Jr. High Principal, Steve Latto, Math Teacher and Maureen Wolfe, Paraprofessional.
- Ms. Jill Jiovanzzo, Nord School Principal
- Mrs. Beth Schwartz, Powers Elementary School Principal

Treasurers' Report – Mrs. Amelia Gioffredo – Five-year Forecast

2018-11-05

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

- A. Approve the board minutes for the October Regular Board Meeting with correction to 10-02 A – Engle made the motion not Neidert.
- B. Approve the board minutes for the Special Board Meetings held on 10/29/18 and 11/11/18.
- C. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of October. (See Exhibits 8A, 8B & 8C)
- D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate" (see Exhibit 8D)
- E. Approve the following transfers:
  - from the 003 PI to the 034 Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$275,000
  - from the 022 Tournament Fund to the 300 Athletic Fund in the amount of \$9,972.
- F. Approve the payment of "after the fact" invoices to US Bank debt service.

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- G. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:  
Amherst Steele Theatre Booster Club for donations of \$1,500 and \$1,000 to pay for independent contractors for the fall and winter productions.

Roll call vote:

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

Superintendent's Report:

**Mr. Steve Sayers, Superintendent**

- Forecast
- Administrative Team – Looking to improve

Administrative Committee Reports:

**Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent**

- K-6 reading assessment changed to MAP Assessments K-6 – 3 times a year.
- Educational Tours – Education First
- Website – perhaps an App.

**Mr. Rex Engle JVS Representative**

Thanked the Amherst residents for voting for the JVS Levy.

Update on fundraisers - Cookie Form & poinsettia, greenery still available.

Other Reports (Administrative Standing Committees)

- Valerie Neidert/Ron Yacobozzi will review policy for the December board agenda.

2018-11-06

Moved by Neidert, seconded by Yacobozzi to approve the following:

A. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

- Effective date is corrected to 10/26/18 (end of day), for the resignation of **Kathleen Bennett**, Student Attendant, Murray Ridge.
- **Darrell Shumpert**, Assistant Football Coach, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, effective 10/29/18

B. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract for the 2018-2019 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.

- **Dana Haney**, 60-day probationary contract, Student Attendant, Powers Elementary, effective 11/12/18.
- **Ramon Lopez**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Bus Driver, effective 11/15/18.

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- **Sandra Petrillo**, 60-day probationary contract, PT Van Driver, effective 11/16/18.
  - **Stephen Prior**, 60-day probationary contract, Student Attendant, Murray Ridge, effective 11/19/18.
- C. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2018-2019 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 as per attachment 11A.
- D. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall 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:
- **Bryan DeRuchie**, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
  - **Alexander Funderburg**, Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
  - **Kelly Funderburg**, Ski Club Advisor, Nord
  - **Kelly Gutfranski**, Volunteer Gymnastics
  - **Erin Kinsler**, Ski Club Advisor, MLS
  - **Steven Latto**, Ski club Advisor, AJH
  - **Brett Thompson**, Robotics Advisor (.5 contract)
  - **Ben Baldwin**, Robotics (.5 contract)
  - **Doug Holly**, Robotics Volunteer
  - **Victor Offering**, Robotics Volunteer
- E. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **Ashley Florek**, Cook/Cashier, M.L. Steele High School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/14/18.
  - **Sarah Herold**, PT Monitor, Nord School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/14/18.
  - **Sarah Herold**, PT Teacher Aide, Nord School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/8/18.
  - **Elaine Heyd**, PT Monitor, Nord School, balance of a one-year contract, 11/14/18.
  - **Elaine Heyd**, PT Teacher Aide, Nord School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/18.
  - **Donald Landman**, Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/18.
  - **Tod Locher**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/18.
  - **Evangeline McGee**, PT Teacher Aide, Nord School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/8/18.
  - **Evangeline McGee**, PT Monitor, Nord School, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/14/18.
  - **Catherine Ody**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/18.
  - **Jennifer Reffner**, FT Van Aide, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/18.
  - **Bethzida Rivera**, PT Bus Driver, balance of a one-year contract, effective 11/9/18.

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- F. Approve the unpaid parent leave of absence for Rebecca **McArthur**, Powers Elementary, Preschool teacher, effective 11/17/18 through 12/2/18.
- G. Approve the following as Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Girls Sectional/District soccer game workers:
- Tammy Klekota – Ticket Seller
  - Mark Lowrie – Scoreboard Operator
  - Tiffany Rathwell – Trainer
  - Claudia Schultz – Game Secretary
  - Bill Walker – Game Management
  - Casey Wolf – Site Director
  - Dave Zvara – Site Administrator
- H. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the 2018-2019 school year, inclusive of summer 2019 if necessary, on an “as needed basis”, with compensation at the board approved rate:
- Jacob Wachholz**, effective 11/1/18
- I. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved 2018-2019 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund as per **attachment 11B**.
- J. Approve **LaTessa Ruebensaal** and **Tiffany Rathwell**, trainers for Ice Hockey for the 2018-2019 season.
- K. Approve **Matt Eichenlaub** and **Michael Fairbanks** as security for Ice Hockey for the 2018-2019 season.

Roll call vote:

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

2018-11-07

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

- A. Approve the **Agreement with Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University**, for the purpose of holding the 2019 Amherst M.L. Steele Commencement Ceremony on May 25, 2019 at 3 p.m. as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Approve a modification to the Amherst Jr. High School handbook regarding Academic Recognition. Modification is as follows:
- At the end of each grading period, the guidance office publishes an Honor Roll, which lists students who have distinguished themselves by academic achievement. The breakdown is as follows:
    - Straight A’s – all A’s
    - High Honors – 3.50 – 3.99
    - Honors – 3.00 – 3.49

Roll call vote:

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

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2018-11-08

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

- A. Approve the products and service five-year agreement with **CenturyLink Sales Solutions, Inc.** as per **Exhibit 13A.**
- B. Approve the planned maintenance agreement with **Bay Mechanical & Electrical Corp.** as per **Exhibit 13B.**
- C. Approve students from Firelands Local School District to participate in the Robotics Club at M.L. Steele High School effective 12/1/18.

2018-11-09

It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Neidert to adjourn to executive session at 6:29 p.m. to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, rules, or state statues.

Roll call vote:  
Yacobozzi, aye; Neidert, aye; Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye.

The board returned from executive session at 7:01 p.m.

2018-11-10

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

Roll call vote:  
Zappa, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye.

Board President, Teresa Gilles adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer