

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of AMHERST EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular  
Meeting

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 4:49 p.m. January 14,  
20 19

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, Rex Engle at 4:49 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; Amelia R. Gioffredo, Treasurer/CFO present. Also, in attendance were: Aaron Rodebaugh (GPD), Tim Rini (Icon), Rudy Breglia, Cindy Reid, Mr. Mark Costilow, Mr. Chase Ritenauer.

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.

2019-01-03

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; Engle, aye; Gilles, aye; Neidert, aye

Hearing of the Public:

1. Rudy Breglia, PhD – Current Ohio School bus safety features are inadequate to protect children.  
8-10% added to cost of bus for seatbelts.
2. Cindy Reid, 980 Redtail Lane, Coopers Run, Amherst, OH – “Annex” school district. Re-district - Counsel – OSBA – ODE what is the procedure? Superintendent Sayers suggested Mrs. Reid inquire with the mentioned organizations.

Mayors expressed appreciation to the Board:

Mr. Mark Costilow, Amherst Mayor, - Thank you proclamation  
Mr. Chase Ritenauer, Lorain Mayor – Proclamation

Aaron Rodebaugh (GPD) & Tim Rini (Icon) presented a Power Point on the new Powers Elementary School Project.

Tim Rini expressed his appreciation of the administrative staff and project team.

2019-01-04

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

- A. The minutes of the December 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of December 2018 per Exhibit 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D.

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- C. Approve the tax budget for the 2019-2010 school year per Exhibit 8E.
- D. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate":
  - Powers 018 Principal Fund increase from \$9,500 to \$30,000
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
  - Steve Sayers and family for a \$6,000 donation to be used for the purpose of providing merit-based scholarships to graduating seniors and to provide assistance to students who are not able to pay for pay to participate or field trip fees.
  - Thank you to Mr. Sayers and family from Mr. Ron Yacobozzi.

Roll call vote:

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

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

Notes:

- Board appreciation – letters from Nord and Powers.
- Transition Team – Mrs. Neidert, administration, parents, teachers.
- Two listening sessions – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents 1/30/19 and 1/31/19

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Mike Molnar, Assistant Superintendent  
HS Schedule – no major changes although some tweaks.  
Always looking to make things better  
AP Studio Art – rigorous curriculum.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative  
Organizational Meeting – January 17<sup>th</sup>.

2019-01-05

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

- A. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

Ryan Coleman, Preschool Supervisor, effective 7/31/19  
Donald Jankowski, Bus Driver, effective 1/14/19  
Mark Kostur, Technology Supervisor, effective 7/31/19  
Steven Meggitt, Interim Assistant Principal, effective 5/30/19  
Jennifer Reffner, Van Aide, effective end of day 1/18/19  
Christine Walker, Van Aide, effective 12/26/18

- 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:

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Anthony N. Jordan, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II, effective 2/1/19.

Christopher Taylor, 60-day probationary contract, Custodian II, effective 2/1/19.

- 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 BCII & FBI background check:
- Jasmine Hood, Bus Driver, effective 1/14/19
  - Carol Kolenda, Classified, effective 1/3/19
  - Katherine Kuncel, Certified, effective 1/11/19
  - Amanda Kiddle, Classified, Van Driver and Bus and/or Van Aide, effective 1/3/19
- D. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the winter 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:
- Shane Derricotte, Volunteer Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
  - Catherine Flaherty, Volunteer Swim Coach
  - Christopher Lash, Pep Band Director
- E. Adjust the State of Ohio minimum wage from \$8.30 per hour to \$8.55 per hour to appropriate employees, effective 1/1/19.
- F. Approve payment of professional development hours that occurred during non-contractual time, at the negotiated rate of \$14.29 per hour for Nord teachers as per Attachment 11A.
- G. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as indicated:
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| • Lindsey Gullett | from B to B+10     |
| • Melinda Krase   | from M+10 to M+20  |
| • Tiffany Leavitt | from M+30 to M+45  |
| • Russell Marty   | from M to M+10     |
| • Mnry Mullen     | from M +20 to M+30 |
| • Kelly Park      | from B+20 to B+30  |
| • Jessica Renfrow | from B to B+20     |
- H. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- Lindsey Dotson, PT Monitor, AJH, balance of a one-year contract, effective 12/15/18.
  - Tyler Spears, Custodian II/Cleaner, M.L. Steele High, balance of a one-year contract, effective 9/22/18.

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- I. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2018-2019 school year as indicated:

Erik Faust, Custodian II/Cleaner, moving from Amherst Jr. High to Powers Elementary, effective 2/1/19.

Roll call vote:

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

2019-01-06

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

- A. Approve the contract with Ombudsman Program Alternative Education Service Agreement Third Amendment as per Exhibit 12A.
- B. Approve the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as per Attachment 12A.
- C. Approve the Open Enrollment Program for students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a "space available" basis for the 2019-2020 school year.
- D. Accept the Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU) with Kent State University for the College Credit Plus (CCP) program for the 2019-2020 school year as per Exhibit 12B.
- E. Approve the agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lorain County to provide a Vision Intervention Academic Home Instruction Tutor effective January 2, 2019 through June 7, 2019 as per Exhibit 12C.

Roll call vote:

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

2019-01-07

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

- A. Approve the 2019 PI Summer Projects as per Attachment 13A.
- B. Approve the products and service three (3) year agreement with CenturyLink Sales Solutions, Inc. as per Exhibit 13A.

Roll call vote:

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

Mr. Yacobozzi read a "Thank You"

Proper Boards of Education run for the "right reason". To make crucial decisions, such as administrators. (Steve, Mike and Amelia)

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer