

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK REC. FORM NO. 10149

Held at the Amherst ~~Public~~ Junior High Media Center at 4:30 p.m. Aug 8, 2016

President Rex Engle presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Rex Engle, present; Marc Zappa, present; Teresa Gilles, absent; Bob Kamnikar, present; Ron Yacobozzi, 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.

2016-08-01

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

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi aye; Kamnikar, aye; Engle, aye; Zappa, aye

2016-08-02

It was moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Kamnikar to appoint Marc Zappa as the delegate for the Amherst Schools to the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association to be held on 11/13/16.

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye, Kamnikar, aye; Engle, aye

2016-08-03

It was moved by Engle, seconded by Zappa to appoint Teresa Gilles as the Alternate Delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association to be held on 11/13/16.

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye, Zappa, aye, Yacobozzi, aye, Kamnikar, aye

2016-08-04

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

- A. Approve the board minutes for the 7/18/16 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer's financial reports for the month of July, 2016

Roll call vote:

Kamnikar, aye; Zappa, aye, Engle, aye, Yacobozzi, aye

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

Notes:

- Summer projects are going well. Media Center is putting the furniture together today. By the end of the week, the Media Center should be good to go.

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- South Lobby is still moving along. I have received a number of compliments.
- Paving project is done.
- The buildings are ready to go.
- All-day every-day kindergarten program is doing very well. We have 27 students more this year than last year.
- We still are in a declining enrollment simply because we are graduating more students than we have enrolling in the lower grades.
- Reminder – District in-service, next Tuesday, August 16th at 7:30 a.m. The meeting should be wrapped up by 8:30 a.m.
- May need to have a short special board meeting, August 25th at 4:30 p.m. at the Steele Creative Learning Center for personnel.
- Open House for the Creative Learning Center – August 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Executive Director of Educational Services

Notes:

- Everything is in the details, making sure we are up to speed with everything.
- Band camp is winding down and went very well.
- Orchestra is going to be at Amherst Junior High this year.
- Seventy-six elementary supply kits were sold this year with our on-line ordering.
- K-8 English Language Arts and Steele Science will be our focus this year.
- Rex wanted to know about the literature that went out about filling a bus, “How is this going to benefit Amherst students?” Rex thought that maybe we could have a drop off somewhere here in Amherst instead of Elyria or somewhere else so this could benefit Amherst students.
- Rex asked, “Why do parents believe that bus routes should have been out already?” Mike indicated that there was a date on the website of August 5th but it should have been the 9th. This has been corrected.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

- Getting ready to start school, it starts after the fair.
- Last minute hiring and construction projects.
- JVS and Lake Erie Crushers night – can buy tickets online if interested
- JVS Board meeting has been changed for this event.

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Other Reports – Administrative Standing Committees

Notes:

Policy Committee meeting - Had a conference call on July 27, 2016 for about 45 minutes. They discussed the transgender issue. OSBA, BASA, Legal Counsel solicited feedback from other districts in the Southwest Conference. Everyone is doing what we are doing (nothing), they are handling it on a case by case basis. No recommendation to change anything at this point.

Mr. Yacobozzi indicated that the information he had received from Washington DC, which is handling case by case. Virginia took the first step and we will have to see how it goes.

Mr. Sayers said that the Supreme Court was involved and the legal representation said we should continue to do what we have been doing. No need for a policy change at this time.

Mr. Kamnikar was to state to the people that have a concern that they have the right to go to the office and this will be handled case by case.

Mr. Engle stated that the Board has taken this issue to heart and the Amherst Board of Education does work in committees and has tirelessly worked on this issue.

Mr. Yacobozzi stated that the Board has always dealt with issues that are in the best interest of all students. Although the transgender issue is very sensitive, the Board has dealt with it at this time.

Mr. Engle stated that he felt that personal views of each Board member is exactly that, it is their personal view, NOT the Board's view. Mr. Engle stated that he has never told a Board member that they cannot speak; but, one's personal view is not the Board's view.

Mr. Yacobozzi stated that the Board President and the Superintendent are the spokespersons for the Board. Every Board of Education has a spokesperson which is the Board President.

Mr. Engle wanted it to be known that he has never told any Board member that they cannot speak.

Mr. Sayers stated that we have not changed anything. We have been accommodating transgender students for the last few years and nothing has changed.

Mr. Engle has received a few calls stating that they hope the Board does not change anything.

Mr. Kamnikar thinks moving forward that we should think out of the box and think about how we are going to handle things.

Mr. Yacobbozi – we have been doing that.

Mr. Engle – We have as many positive as we do negative situations. We have been in touch with legal all along to make sure we are doing what we need to do.

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2016-08-05

It was moved Yacobbozi, seconded by Kanikar to accept the following recommendations:

- A. Accept the following resignations for the **purpose of retirement** as indicated:
- **Larry Handley**, Bus driver, effective 7/1/16
 - **Shirley Friedman**, Title One Tutor, effective 8/1/16 (corrected from previous board motion to state retirement purposes and amend date)
 - **Donna Smeltz**, Comet Kids Supervisor, effective 11 /18/16
- B. Accept the following resignations as indicated:
- **Daniel Makruski**, Fall Weight Room Advisor, effective 7/28/16 due to pending military deployment.
 - **Joel Melvin**, Intervention Specialist at AJH, effective 7/31/16.
 - **Maria Tomusko**, Student Attendant at AJH, effective 8/11/16 to accept another position in the district.
- C. Approve the request for a non-professional leave of absence for **Tammy Percival**, Monitor at M.L. Steele, for the 2016-2017 school year.
- D. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the 2016-2017 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:
- **Amy McCown**, 60-day probationary contract, fulltime bus driver, effective 8/3/16
 - **Eileen Stokowski**, 60-day probationary contract, fulltime bus driver, effective 8/3/16
 - **Diane Syrowski**, 60-day probationary contract, Accounts Payable/Payroll Secretary, effective 8/9/16
 - **Maria Tomusko**, 30-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide at M.L. Steele, effective 8/12/16
 - **Lori Walter**, 60-day probationary contract, fulltime bus driver, effective 8/3/16
- E. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2016-2017 school year as indicated:
- **Char Yohn**, Student Attendant, from Powers Elementary to Amherst Junior High.
- F. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year-round extra-curricular activities during the 2016-2017 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 the compensation at the board approved rate as per **Attachment 11A**.

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- G. Employ the following individuals as Title I Tutors for the 2016-2017 school year with proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper ODE teaching licensure per **Attachment 11B**.
- H. Employ the following individual(s) as certified substitutes for the 2016-2017 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 as per **Attachment 11C**.
- I. Grant the following retired/rehired teacher(s), a one-year contract for the 2016-2017 school year as indicated per the negotiated agreement, Article 3.05:
 - **Georgeane Poplar**, 0.75 FTE, Intervention Specialist assigned to Amherst Junior High School.
- J. Approve **Maria Tomosku** as a summer ESY aide for up to 15 hours, effective 7/19/16.
- K. Approve two additional work days, (8/10/16 and 8/11/16) for **Sharon Arendash**, Teacher Aide, Amherst Junior High, to be paid at her regular hourly rate.
- L. Approve the following staff members to be paid \$14.29 per hour as per the negotiated contract, upon completion of the Special Education Training program to be held on August 8, 2016:

Kelly Baon	Courtney McMullen
Kelly Breunig	Sandra Mellott
Paula Brooks	Holly Miller
Maureen Bruder	Sara Mowcomber
Kevin Collins	Mary Kay Mullen
Michael Edwards	Beth Naro
Jennifer Forthofer	Rebecca Nielsen
Jill Galloway	Myra Pecora
Gia Hober	Jennifer Rush
Thomasina Houston	Erica Stallings
Erica Kaufmann	Lisa Tilk
Pat Keberle	Colene Walker
Tiffany Leavitt	Gina Welch
Betty Lehman	Annette Winemiller
Kaye Long	Wendy Zimmerman
Jodi Magers	

- M. Authorize the superintendent to hire all certified substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year from the approved list provided by the Lorain County Educational Service Center.

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

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2016-08-06

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

- A. Approve the payment of **College Credit Plus (CCP)** textbooks from last spring in the amount of \$5,100.35.
- B. Accept the agreement with the **Lorain County Board of Mental Health** as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- C. Approve the following overnight field trips:
 - Varsity Boys Golf Team as per **Attachment 12A**
 - Boys Cross Country as per **Attachment 12B**
- D. Approve the **Preschool Student Handbook** as per **Exhibit 12B**.

Roll call vote:

Engle, aye; Zappa, aye Yacobozzi, aye; Kamnikar, aye;

2016-08-07

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

- A. Approve the renewal agreement with **West Interactive Services Corporation dba SchoolMessenger**, for online communications as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- B. Approve the bus routes/stops for Powers Elementary, Harris Elementary, Nord Middle and Amherst Jr. High for the 2016-2017 school year as presented in **Exhibit 13B** and authorize the transportation supervisor to make adjustments to routes/stops as needed throughout the 2016-2017 school year.
- C. Approve the 60% down payment to **Wagner Electronic Sign Company**, in the amount of \$2,829 for a work order to be started. Mr. Kamnikar stated that this is typical for sign companies.
- D. Approve payment of \$5,313.16 to **Ohio Schools Council** for participation of programs for the 2016-2017 school year.
- E. Approve the **Transportation Manual** as per **Exhibit 13C**.

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye, Kamnikar, aye; Engle, aye

Mr. Engle and Mr. Kamnikar attended the kick off meeting for the levy. Mr. Engle feels that they are very organized and have things in place. If something is put on the Facebook page, please share. Mr. Engle would hope that the Board members would consider making a personal donation to the levy committee. Valerie Neidert is still the treasurer. Mr. Kamnikar said that they are organized.

Mr. Yacobozzi said there are dead trees at the high school and need to be removed. Some of the property is a little weedy.

Mr. Engle talked to Mike and Steve about the huge pot hole at Nord and one by the band room at M.L. Steele.

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

Roll call vote:

Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Engle, aye

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer