

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10142

September 19

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 4:30 p.m. 20 16

Board President Rex Engle presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

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

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.

2016-09-01

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

Roll call vote:

Zappa, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Gilles, aye; Engle, aye

Good News Reports

Mr. Mike May, M.L. Steele High School principal spoke of students' efforts to honor Trooper Kenneth Velez at Friday's football game. The students led plans for a balloon launch at the game and contacted each other on social media. Then they all worked to make it happen.

Mr. Casey Wolf, Athletic Director shared information about athletics:

2015-2016 Athletic Year

- 55 student athletes were 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Southwestern Conference
- 6 student athletes were an All-Ohio Mention
- 5 student athletes were Southwestern Conference Player of the Year
- 2 coaches were Southwestern Conference Coach of the Year
- Girls Cross Country continued their tradition of being a Regional Qualifier
- Boys Swimmer, Nathan Moore, qualified for State
- 2 wrestlers, Todd Hastings (6<sup>th</sup> at 225 lbs) and Matt Lee (285 lbs), qualified for State
- 6 girls represented Steele at the State Track & Field Meet
- Baseball made it to the Sweet Sixteen
- Softball represented us in the Final Four in Akron

2016-2017 Athletic Year

Started the Amherst Athletic Hall of Fame, the inaugural class will be announced on September 30<sup>th</sup> and will be made up of 7 individuals and 1 team.

Thank you for the Student Support that has grown each year that Mr. May and I have been here. We have tried to empower them to take ownership of it and they have done a tremendous job with that. Specifically, our student crowds have been great at Girls Soccer, Volleyball versus Avon (Pink Week Game) and Varsity Football Games this year.

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Thank you everyone who played a role in the Trooper Velez remembrance and our opportunity to support his son, sophomore football player, **Christian Velez**, on Friday night. Specifically, our students (lead by Chad Jones) taking ownership of the balloon release that we did as part of the moment of silence. Chad and his father (Jeff) reached out to AirGas to get the donation of a large helium tank that filled up about 600 balloons. Thanks to Sliman's Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, and Ram, the Snodgrass family, Giant Eagle, and Dollar Tree for their contributions to this balloon launch. Chad organized an army of students to spend the afternoon getting the balloons inflated for the evening. Our students were the group who helped to distribute the 1000 balloons to the fans as they entered the game Friday night.

Mr. Zappa thanked Casey, Mike and all that were involved. Mr. Zappa said that it meant a lot to his family and him and he wanted to make sure they knew that.

Mr. Engle thanked all that was involved to execute the ceremony for Officer Velez.

Mr. Kamnikar stated that he also wanted to thank everyone and was glad to hear how positive it was.

Mrs. Gilles also said she appreciated it and thanks to everyone.

#### 2016-09-02

It was moved by Zappa and seconded by Gilles to approve 8A.

- A. The board minutes for the 8/8/16 Regular Board Meeting and the 8/25/16 Special Board Meeting.
- B. The treasurer's financial reports for the month of August, 2016
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate". NONE
- D. Approve the FY 2017 Permanent Appropriations (under financials).
- E. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

**Stormee Heyd** (mother of Jon Heyd) in memory of her mother **Betty Underwood**, for an Acrobat enhanced vision LCD screen with a camera that magnifies materials placed below onto a 25" screen that is valued at \$2,300. This item will be used in our schools to help our visually impaired students.

**Sliman's Sales and Service** for a \$100 donation to M.L. Steele High School student council to be used for "Pink Week".

**Mr. & Mrs. Scott Vilagi** for a \$2,500 donation to M.L. Steele High School for the Advanced Placement Program.

**Amherst Choral Boosters Inc.**, for the donation of a refrigerator, candy and snack display stands for the refurbished south gym concession stand at M.L. Steele High School, valued at \$1,000.

Roll call vote:

Kamnikar, abstain; Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Engle, aye

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**2016-09-03**

Moved by Gilles, seconded by Zappa to approve 8B through 8E above.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye, Kammikar, aye; Engle, aye

**Superintendent's Report: - Steve Sayers**

Last year in orchestra there were 85-90 students - 35 of them were fifth graders and this year there are 77 fifth graders.

Last year there were 204 students in the first year of all-day every-day kindergarten and this year we have 244 students.

Issue 21 – there will be an informational forum on October 5<sup>th</sup> here in the Creative Learning Center.

Rex commented last Wednesday night, Teresa and he attended the **Issue 21** meeting and said that the group is doing an excellent job. There will be a news article coming out, the group is doing fundraising activities, and have been doing phone banks. Teresa said they have a great group of people working for this issue. They will be having a canvassing day on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will meet in the cafetorium at 8:00.

**Administrative Committee Reports:**

**Executive Director of Educational Services – Mike Molnar**

Report card was released. Amherst EVSD had more "A's" in the county. Mr. Molnar said that he believes that the report cards are not calculated correctly. The State report card itself proves there are errors in the report card. It is a shame that the State reports the report card when it is not reliable or valid. We do believe in accountability for our students and will be using other methods.

**Mr. May** shares every day how the Creative Learning Center is being used every day.

**Laura Brogan** shared a brief video (spur of the moment) showing collaboration among students.

**JVS Representative – Rex Engle**

**Mr. Lowry** sent an e-mail to the Board about Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (the Emmy people) sponsors the Regional Student Awards in each of its 20 regions across the country. From 2003-08 NATAS rejudged the Regional Awards and picked one National Award Winner in each category. The Steele News Live students won the National Student Award in News in 2003; the National Student Award in News in 2006; and were the National Student Award winner in Sports in 2007.

The national portion of the competition then went away due to funding, but this year they brought the national level back! NATAS announced four nationwide nominees in each entry category and they will announce the National Student Award Winners on LIVE from the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

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The SNL Class of 2016 has received two nominations! One is for the story produced by Erica Zichi and Hannah Gannelli on the Violent Intruder Drill. The other, Accepting Transgender Students, was done by Tia Deshuk, Taylor Schultz, Denver Voss, and Sarah Urbanik.

I have reserved the main area of the Creative Learning Center to view the LIVE broadcast of the winners. I hope you all can attend.

JVS is finishing up the construction project and looking at next year's project.

This Saturday evening is the horse races, the only fundraiser the parents group does. Amherst is going to have a horse in the race which was going to be 21 but all the horses were sold.

JVS is going to have a renewal on the ballot (**Issue 26**) and would appreciate the support.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the annual craft show.

#### 2016-09-04

It was moved by Kamnikar and seconded by Gilles to accept the following personnel recommendations:

A. Accept the following resignations for retirement purposes as indicated:

- **Anna Alecia**, teacher aide, Powers Elementary, effective 9/30/16

B. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

**Martha Broud**, monitor, Powers Elementary, effective 8/31/16

C. 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:

**Andrea Dolacki**, 60-day probationary contract, teacher aide, Nord Middle, effective 9/12/16

**Kyle Fitch**, 60-day probationary contract, class II cleaner, Powers Elementary/Nord Middle, effective 9/1/16

**Trina Maskell**, 60-day probationary period, student attendant, Harris Elementary, effective 9/14/16

**Yvonne Voros**, 30-day probationary period, FT bus aide, effective 8/30/16

D. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified 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:

**Martha Broud**, aide, monitor, media aide, effective 9/1/16

**Bethany Buckosh**, secretary, aide, monitor, cook, special ed aide, effective 9/9/16

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**Megan Carlson**, teacher, effective 8/26/16  
**Tyler Filiaggi**, aide, student attendant, monitor, media aide, effective 8/29/16  
**Maureen Marshall**, aide, monitor, media aide, cook, effective 9/13/16  
**Catherine Pennington**, aide, monitor, media aide, effective 9/13/16  
**Linda Rourke**, aide, monitor, media aide, cook, mail run, effective 9/9/16  
**Beth Strawn**, aide, monitor, media aide, cook, effective 9/13/16  
**Heidy Walsh**, secretary, effective 9/2/16

- E. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2016-2017 school year as indicated:

**Michelle Almady**, Title I Tutor, increase in hours from 3 hr/day to 5.75 hr/day, effective 8/29/16  
**Samantha Jones**, teacher aide, Nord Middle, increase hours from 7 hr/day to 7.25 hr/day, effective 9/19/16  
**Narcedalia Rodriguez-Martinez**, monitor at Nord Middle School, decrease in hours from 3.5 hr/day to 2.5 hr/day, effective 8/17/16.

- 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 compensation at the board approved rate as per **Attachment 11A**.

- G. Approve **Elizabeth Schwartz**, Harris Principal, for the supervision and administration of the **Comet Kid's Club Before and After School Program** for the 2016-2017 school year. Upon completion of the 2016-2017 school year she will receive a stipend of \$3,000 paid through the Comet Kid's Club funds.

- H. Approve the following administrators as credentialed **Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System (OSCES) evaluators**:

**William Fishleigh**  
**Jeanne Kornick**  
**Michael May**  
**William Miller**  
**Michael Molnar**  
**Rhonda Neuhoff**  
**Elizabeth Schwartz**  
**Deborah Waller**

- I. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the 2016-2017 school year, inclusive of summer 2017 if necessary, on an "as needed basis", with compensation at the board approved rate, effective 9/9/16, as per **Attachment 11B**.
- J. Approve **Andrea Dolacki** and **Samantha Jones** for extra duty hours "as needed" to supervise a student during the 2016-2017 school year.
- K. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as per **Attachment 11C**.

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- L. Grant the following personnel a stipend for services as **Wellness Representatives** as indicated for the 2016-2017 school year, paid through wellness funds provided by LERC.

**Laura Brogan**, Steele, \$100.00  
**Kimberly Haney**, Steele, \$100.00  
**Jessica Glatz**, AJH, \$100.00  
**Kelley Funderburg and Michelle Opel**, Nord, \$50.00 each  
**Matthew Schillinger**, Harris, \$100  
**Diane Carpenter**, Powers, \$100  
**Micheline Krause**, Transportation, \$100.00  
**Regina Zaborski**, BOE

- M. Grant **Kimberly Haney** a stipend of \$1,000.00 for services as the **Wellness Coordinator** during the 2016-2017 school year, paid through wellness funds provided by LERC.

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

**Maria Tomusko**, teacher aide, M.L. Steele, balance of a one-year contract, effective 9/23/16.

- O. Grant the following individuals a supplemental contract to be paid at \$22/hr on an "as needed" basis, beginning 10/3/16 for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year for the **Nord Middle School Homework Lab Program**. Payment is to be made at the end of each month.

**Carly Morrison** (Coordinator)  
**Kelly Funderburg**  
**Erin Kinser**  
**Hope Watkin**  
**Diana Beetler** (substitute)  
**Joseph Mullen** (substitute)

- P. Approve the following 3 aides for extra duty compensation at their hourly rate for attending training on 9/12/16 for up to 3 hours.

**Ember Kucirek**  
**Kristi Perna**  
**Julie Swith**

- Q. Grant **Chad DiFranco** and **Anthony Trunzo** a supplemental contract to teach an additional class during the first and second semesters of the 2016-2017 school year. Compensation will be at their regular hourly rate per the negotiated salary schedule and will not exceed 135 hours per semester.

Roll call vote:

Kamnikar, aye; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye

Mr. Engle, art department is creating a sign for the Board of Education for the Homecoming parade (which is on the 30<sup>th</sup>).

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2016-09-05

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

- A. Approve the contract with **Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (LCADA)** for prevention services for the 2016-2017 school year, as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Enter into a contract with **Music Therapy Enrichment Center, Inc. (MTEC)** to provide music therapy services for the 2016-2017 school year as per **Exhibit 12B**.
- C. Enter into an agreement with **Great Midwest Sports** for the 2016-2017 school year as per **Exhibit 12C**.
- D. Enter into a contract with **Education Alternatives** for the purpose of providing day treatment and transportation for students with special needs for the 2016-2017 school year as per **Exhibit 12D**.
- E. Approve the service agreement amendment with **The Educational Service Center of Medina County** as per **Exhibit 12E**
- F. Approve a new policy regarding **Standard Based School Counselor Evaluation** as per **Exhibit 12F**.
- G. Approve the **Mercy Health & Recreation Center Swim Lane Agreements** as per **Exhibit 12G & 12H**.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye

2016-09-06

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Zappa to adjourn to executive session at 5:10 p.m., if necessary, to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, with no action to be taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Engle, aye

Returned to regular session at 5:33 p.m.

2016-09-07

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Zappa to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye; Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer