

Held at the MLSteele Creative Learning Center at 4:30pm on Nov. 2nd 16

President Rex Engle presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Rex Engle, present; Marc Zappa, present; Teresa Gilles, present, 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.

2016-11-03

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; Gilles, aye

Good News Reports:

Mrs. Beth Schwartz – Harris Elementary School

Mrs. Schwartz shared that at Harris school in Mrs. Kalchert's class they were being taught about Democracy. The students learned many facts about becoming the President of the United States and how the electoral vote works. Each class in the school was named a state, and the students voted. When the votes were counted, the map was colored blue or red to show the electoral votes.

Mrs. Debbie Waller – Powers Elementary School

Mrs. Waller shared that Powers Elementary school was happy to have the New Creative Learning Center. They have signed permission slips from the parents and they take a quick trip across the street to the Creative Learning Center. They have used Yosemite National Park's Distance Learning Programs, Author Skype with Kindergarten. The Creative Learning Center has also been used for Powers Elementary Professional Development and Powers PTO November meeting.

The students say the Powers Pledge as part of PBIS – morning announcements daily.

They are doing the paired and shared reading with 5th grade Nord students again this year. The first-grade students released the butterflies into the wild after the life cycle.

Powers students were here with their Art projects, which is a fundraiser for the PTO. The students' art projects will be copied and framed. At the Art Show on November 29, 2016, between 5-7, their art projects can be purchased.

There will be Kindergarten and 2nd grade music programs in December.

Transition planning has started for next year and Powers looks forward to a brighter future.

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Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10143

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center 4:30pm Nov. 21 2016

Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Barb Donohue

Notes:

- Thanked the District for their overwhelming support of the passage of Issue 21
- Financial Plan for the District since the passage of the Bond (Issue 21)
- SERS & STRS Audit
- DS Benefits Group

2016-11-04

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

- A. Approve the board minutes for the October 17, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approve the treasurer’s financial reports for the month of October.
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the “412 certificate”. None
- D. Approve the agreement with **DS Benefits Groups, LLC** for health care consulting services as per **Exhibit 8A**.
- E. Approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of notes of the school district in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,500,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of constructing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, adding to, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving buildings and facilities, and preparing, equipping and otherwise improving real estate, for school district purposes as per **Exhibit 8B**.
- F. Approve the **Pension Examination Engagement Letters** for STRS and SERS as per **Attachments 8A** (STRS) and **8B** (SERS)
- G. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
 - **Brian & Sarah Fisher, IRS Help, LLC** for the purpose of Spheros for Mrs. Beetler’s math class, Nord Middle School in the amount of \$200.00.
 - **Community Foundation of Lorain County** for a donation of \$2,856.10 for the Amherst Schools Endowment Fund.
 - **Ganley Westside Subaru, c/o Carlo A. Matos**, for a donation of books to Powers Elementary and Nord Middle School through their “Subaru Loves Learning” program, valued at \$1,370.
 - The following are donations to Special Olympics in memory of **Lois Tarnowski**:

• Mrs. Helen Boyce	\$500.00
• Mr. & Mrs. David Emerich	\$ 20.00
• Ms. Judy Fortney	\$100.00
• Mr & Mrs. P. Thomas Jasinski	\$ 75.00
• Mrs. Laura Mae Krebs	\$ 50.00
• Ms. Angela LaPlante	\$ 25.00
• Ms. Wendy Marshall	\$ 65.00
• Roberta Messig Family	\$ 20.00
• Ms. S. Elizabeth Miller	\$ 20.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Carl Muthersbaugh Jr	\$ 20.00
• Mr. & Mrs. George Schuman	\$ 20.00
• Mr. David Toukoumidis	\$300.00
• Mr. & Mrs. George Vollmer II	\$100.00

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Roll Call Vote:

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

Superintendent Report – Mr. Steve Sayers

Mr. Sayers thanked the community for their support in the passage of Issue 21. Amherst Exempted Village Schools Facility Update presentation -- which will be on the school's website.

Teresa wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped with the levy campaign.

Rex stated that the original plan was a k-5 building and heard the public about wanting a k-3 and the Board of Education listened to the community.

Steve -- may have need for a special board meeting December 7th or 8th, to consider the contract of **Clark and Post** for the HVAC projects in the District.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Executive Director of Educational Services

Steve, Ryan and Bill received the 2016 Momentum Award, which recognizes districts that have received A's on every value-added measure included on the 2016 Ohio School Report Cards.

Mr. Molnar attended a rally at the State House when in Columbus for Capital Conference.

Juniors are going to need around 18 points – based on State test. There is a concern for the students that may not get the 18 points. Committees are discussing about decreasing the points to 15 points and then gradually raise them each year. We have fewer than 5% of students that are at risk at Amherst. We will continue to work with our students to keep them on track to graduate.

Creative Learning Center – is being utilized to the max and it is great. Mark and Mike gave a tour to the area curriculum directors because they are very interested in what we are doing. Mike wanted to thank the Board and ASEF for their support for the Creative Learning Center.

Rex indicated that he spoke to a couple of Board members from the ASEF and they are so pleased that they were able to give dollars to the Creative Learning Center.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Thanked Amherst voters for their help of the passage of the JVS renewal levy.

Enrollment as of November 14, 2016 is as follows:

9 th graders	89
10 th graders	94
11 th graders	427
12 th graders	386
Satelite students	434

Larger project is in the works for next summer and quotes have been sent out to see if the project is feasible.

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Regular Meeting

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10149

Held at the M.L. Steele Creative Learning Center at 4:30pm Nov 21 2016
2016-11-05

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

A. Accept the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

- **Kamille Cocco**, Clinic Aide, Harris Elementary/AJH, effective 5/31/17
- **Elaine D'Andrea**, Teacher, 1st grade, Powers Elementary, effective end of day 5/26/17
- **Beverly Kalivoda**, TeacherAide, Harris Elementary, effective 2/28/17
- **U. Linda Koch**, Teacher Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 1/17/17
- **Jeanine Walton**, Teacher Aide, Harris Elementary, effective 2/28/17

B. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

- **Laura Survance**, Technology Technician, effective end of day 9/16/16
- **Kristen Vrooman**, Cook/Cashier (part-time) and Comet Kids Monitor (part-time) at Powers, effective end of day, 11/18/2016 (accepting another position within the district).
- **Annette Allison**, Comet Kids Monitor (part-time) at Powers, effective end of day, 11/18/16 (accepting another position within the district).

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:

- **Annette Allison**, 30-day probationary contract, Comet Kids Supervisor, Powers Elementary, effective 11/21/16
- **Jeremy Horning**, 60-day probationary contract, Assistant Bus Mechanic, effective 10/25/16
- **Kristen Vrooman**, 30-day probationary contract, Teacher Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 11/21/16

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:

- **Robert Armburger**, Bus/Van Driver, effective 8/17/16
- **Heather Buga**, Van Driver, effective 8/17/16
- **Natalie Kurucz**, Aide, Monitor, Media Aide, Cook/Cashier, effective 11/21/16
- **Marilyn Lasky-Garn**, Aide, Monitor, Media Aide, Cook/Cashier, effective 10/31/16
- **Evangeline McGee**, Aide, Monitor, Media Aide, Cook/Cashier, effective 11/15/16
- **Andrew Menner, Jr.** Aide, Monitor, Media Aide, Cook/Cashier, Comet Kids Aide, effective 10/21/16
- **Michaela Rider**, Aide, Monitor, Media Aide, Cook/Cashier, Secretary, effective 11/21/16

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- **Daniel Romo**, Aide, Monitor, Media Aide, Cook/Cashier, Bus/Van Aide, effective 11/04/16
 - **Kimberly Sayers**, Bus/Van Driver, effective 11/3/16
 - **John Schmitkons**, Bus/Van Driver, effective 11/3/16
 - **Deborah West**, Cook/Cashier, effective 11/15/16
- E. Approve the unpaid parental leave of absence for **Jennifer Ramsdell**, 2nd grade teacher, Powers Elementary, effective November 8, 2016 and returning on or about December 19, 2016.
- F. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- **Kyle Fitch**, Custodian II Cleaner, Powers/Nord, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 11/24/16
 - **Laurel Florek**, Part-time Cook/Cashier, Harris, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 11/10/16
 - **Amy McCown**, Bus Driver, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 11/8/16
 - **Gail St. Clair**, Bus Driver, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 11/8/16
 - **Eileen Stowkowski**, Bus Driver, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 11/8/16
 - **Diane Syrowski**, Accounts Payable, (balance of a one-year contract) effective 11/1/16
- G. Approve the administrative contract renewals as indicated:
- **William Fishleigh**, M.L. Steele High School Assistant Principal, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/17
 - **Michael Molnar**, Executive Director of Educational Services, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/17
 - **Rhonda Neuhoff**, Amherst Junior High School Assistant Principal, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/17
 - **Sarah Walker**, Director of Special Education, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/17
- H. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2016-2017 school year as indicated:
- **Annette Allison**, Cook (part-time), Powers Elementary, from 3.5 hours/day to 3 hours/day, effective 11/21/16
 - **Georgeane Poplar**, Teacher-Intervention Specialist, AJH, from .75 to 1 FTE, effective 1/3/17
 - **Maria Tomusko**, corrected her position to Teacher Aide, M.L. Steele. (Incorrectly stated her position as Student Attendant at AJH on the 10/17/16 board agenda).
- I. Approve **Anthony Gordan** and **Andrew Kirschner**, Landscapers, to work at their hourly rate in December 2016 and January 2017 to fulfill the remaining days of their 180 day contract.

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Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014H

Held at the M.L.Steele Creative Learning Center at 4:30pm Nov. 212016

J. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the winter 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:

- **Tim Croy**, Assistant Varsity Swim Coach, (1/2 contract)
- **William Fishleigh**, Head Football Coach, (2017-2018)
- **Christopher Lash**, Pep Band Director
- **Mary Lilly**, Washington D.C. Chaperone (no stipend)
- **Steven Morris**, Head Hockey Coach
- **Dominic Pecze**, Volunteer Swim Coach
- **Daniel Shinsky**, Percussion Advisor
- **Jarrold Stevens**, Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach (girls) (1/2 contract)
- **Kirsten Wengerd**, Assistant Varsity Swim Coach (1/2 contract)

K. Recognize **Christopher Lash** and **Daniel Shinsky** as volunteer advisors for the Amherst Indoor Drumline for the 2016-2017 school year.

L. Approve **Bethany Diamond** and **LaTessa Ruebensaal** as trainers for hockey for the 2016-2017 season.

M. Approve **Thomas Krevinko** as a student worker, to be paid at minimum wage, for the 2016-2017 school year for custodial help, effective 11/17/16.

Roll call vote:

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

2016-11-06

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

- A. Approve the resolution for **District Support Organizations**, including **Booster Organizations** as per **Attachment 12A**.
- B. Enter into an agreement with the **Avon Local School District** for the purpose of sharing a psychologist for the 2016-2017 school year as per **Exhibit 12A**.

Mr. Yacobozzi – contract had a 60/40 split, there are two. Sarah will check to see what one is correct.

Teresa – does all the groups conform to the 501(c)3? Yes

Roll call vote:

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

2016-11-07

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

- A. Approve the maintenance agreements with **Northern Refrigeration Systems, Inc.** for annual preventative maintenance at all school buildings as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- B. Approve the contract with **Irvin’s Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC.** for snow and ice management services during the 2016-2017 school year as per **Exhibit 13B**.

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C. Approve the agreement with **Rockmill Financial Consultants, LLC** for Municipal Advisory Services as per **Exhibit 13C**.

D. Approve the demolition of Powers, Harris and Shupe Elementary schools as part of our state funding offer.

Roll call vote:

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

2016-11-08

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Gilles to adjourn to executive session at 5:39 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees, and prepare for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees.

Roll call vote:

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

Returned from Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

2016-11-09

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer