

Held at the M.L. Steele Media Center at 4:30 p.m. on Feb 22, 2016

President Rex Engle presided.

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Roll call vote:

Rex Engle, present; Marc Zappa, present, Teresa Gilles, present; Bob Kamnikar, present; Rob 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.

2016-03-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Reports:

**Mr. Mike May** – M.L. Steele High School – Student Video

We always want to build the sense of community in the High School. The video the kids have put together is all about them. It has students and community involved. Encompasses everything in the school and the community

**Mr. Casey Wolf** – Athletic Director:

Baseball, Softball and JVS Students partnered with the JVS to get 4 new dugouts built. Mr. Wolf presented a plaque to JVS for the project.

Presentation by **Mr. David Conley** of **Rockmill Consultants**.

David Conley gave a presentation on Amherst Exempted Village School Bond Finance Options.

2016-03-02

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

- A. The minutes of the 1/11/16 Organizational Meeting, the 1/11/16 Regular Board Meeting
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of January, 2016.
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412" certificate". - None
- D. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:
  - **American Legion Post 118** for a \$500 donation to Special Olympics.
  - **M.L. Steele Staff** for a \$25 donation to Special Olympics in memory of Mr. James Valenti, father of Gina Welch, MLS staff member.
  - **Mr. Michael Smith**, Giant Eagle Manager for donating 3 large cartons of books to Powers Elementary School library valued at approximately \$1,200.
  - **The Lorain County Board of Mental Retardation (LCBMH)** for awarding AJH with the "You Belong" mini-grant for the

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2016 academic year. The mini-grant award of \$2,500 will support the Youth Led initiative working to decrease the number of students experiencing isolation and alienation.

- **Amherst Steele High School PTO** for a donation of \$451 for the Steele Snow Sports Club

Roll call vote:

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

2016-03-03

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

A. Approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$10,985,00 for the purpose of refunding at a lower interest cost certain of the school district's outstanding school improvement refunding bonds, series 2006, dated August 30, 2006; authorizing the call for optional redemption of refunding bonds, and the refunding of the refunded bonds, authorizing and approving certain documents relating to the issuance of the refunding bonds and the refunding of the refunded bonds, and authorizing and approving related matters, per **Exhibit 9A.**

B. Approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of tax anticipation notes, series 2016, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 as per **Exhibit 9B.**

Roll call vote:

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

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

Notes: Special Board meeting February 29, 2016 to consider the contract for M.L. Steele South Lobby renovation and possibly a few personnel items.

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

Notes: Resident Educator Update (16) – John Agostinelli, Anna Balmer, Kara Kasper, and Jen Brown.

High School ELA – 9-12 Comp Classes, Advanced, and AP – Janet Grissinger, Brett Thompson, and Brian Rubinski.

Personal Finance – Financial Literacy Course – online course – Everfi sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank.

Math Mania, Comet Conversation – 11 out of 16 and 7 out of 8 were Amherst students.

Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Contest – every group received a Superior Rating – Chris Barbara, Christy Perry, and Anna Ballmer.

**Mr. Rex Engle** – JVS Representative

Notes: JVS Open House was successful. Discussions have been happening concerning plumbing and pipe fitting courses being eliminated. The Board has made no decisions on this yet. Some of the program was combined into the HVAC program. JVS is looking to put bids out to renew space to accommodate the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The class size has expanded.

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2016-03-04

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

A. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

**Cory Thomas**, Summer Recreation Program Director, effective 1/11/16  
**Kathleen Behra**, substitute teacher, effective 2/22/16

B. Accept the following resignations as indicated for **retirement purposes**:

**Georgeanne Matthews**, teacher, M.L. Steele, **amending effective date** from **6/30/16 to 5/31/16**.

C. Employ the following individual(s) as indicated on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the 2015-2016 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:

**John Powell**, 60 day probationary contract, Custodian II, Nord/Powers, effective 2/1/16.

D. Employee the following individual(s), as federally grant funded **Title I Tutors** for the 2015-2016 school year with proper placement on the negotiated contract schedule pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper ODE teaching licensure.

**Lyndsey Faulk**, Harris Elementary, 5 hours per day, effective 1/20/16  
**Peggy Vale**, Harris Elementary, 5 hours per day, effective 1/20/16

E. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year, as indicated, with compensation at the board approved rates pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure/certification (if required) and a BCII & FBI background check:

**Kristen Hayden**, long term substitute, PE teacher, Powers Elementary, effective 1/19/16  
**Deborah Morse**, Cook/Cashier, Aide, Monitor, effective 2/18/16  
**Brian Stawicki**, Custodian, effective 1/21/16  
**Karen Stawicki**, Aide, Monitor, Bus Monitor/Aide, Custodian, effective 1/19/16

F. Approve the changes in contracted hours for the following **Title I Tutors** for the 2015-2016 school year as indicated:

Powers Elementary – from 3.0 to 4.5 hours, effective 1/19/16:

**Haley Bednarski**  
**Colleen Burman**  
**Megan Carlson**  
**Abigail Dailey**  
**Elizabeth Dlugosz**

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Meeting

Minutes of the Amherst-Exempted-Village-Board-of-Education

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

**Elena Kelley**  
**Kelly Park** at the M.L. Steele Media Center  
**Michael Rutar** at 4:30 p.m. on February 20,  
**Logann Sweet**  
**Dominique Yancy**

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Harris Elementary – from 3.0 to 5.0 hours, effective 1/19/16;

**Tiffany Duke**  
**Katey Karpinski**

G. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for:

**Sue Mihalcik**, Cook/Cashier, M.L. Steele, effective 2/1/16 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

**Deborah Miller**, Accounts Payable, effective 3/8/16 for a period of two to three weeks and returning to work on or about 3/29/16

**Nora Pavlov**, Intervention Specialist, Nord Middle, effective 3/15/16 through 3/24/16 and return to work on or about 4/5/16 (includes spring break).

H. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the 2015-2016 school year, inclusive of summer 2016 if necessary, on an “as needed basis”, with compensation at the board approved rate:

**Jacob Wachholz**, effective 1/25/16

I. Grant the following individual(s) a supplemental contract for the Nord Middle School Homework Lab Program, beginning 1/29/16 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Employment is on a “pay as you go” basis and compensation will be at \$22.00 per hour with payment made at the end of each month.

**Dianna Beetler**, Substitute Teacher/Supervisor

J. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as per **Attachment 12A**.

K. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the spring and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2015-2016 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 12B**.

L. Grant the following individual(s), who have completed their probationary contract a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated.

**Robert Giacobbe**, Assistant Maintenance (balance of a one-year contract), effective 2/12/16.

M. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, for the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Girls Basketball Sectional Championship, with compensation reimbursed to the Amherst Schools by OHSAA:

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Tickets – **Connie Cotton** and **Tammy Klekota**  
 Official Scorebook – **Brian Kelley**  
 PA Announcer – **Gary Reiner**  
 Scoreboard – **Linda Bray** and **Dean Lowe**  
 Trainer – **Kayla West**  
 Secretary – **Claudia Schultz**  
 Site Administrator – **Casey Wolf**

- N. Approve a supplemental contract in the amount of \$5,000 for **Ryan Coleman** to serve as the Amherst Schools Educational Foundation Liaison, effective 7/1/16 through 6/30/17, with responsibilities as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- O. Approve the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the Amherst E.V. Board of Education (Board) and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local #208 (**OAPSE**) as per **Attachment 12C**.
- P. Approve the revised Ancillary salary schedule for game management and athletic event personnel during the 2015-2016 school year for the high school and junior high school to be paid from the athletic fund as per **Attachment 12D**
- Q. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according the approved 2015-2016 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund:

**Roberta Difilippo** – gate/ticket taker (boys basketball tournament)  
**Brad Draga** – tournament manager (boys basketball tournament)  
**Brian Kelley** – scoreboard operator/scorekeeper (boys basketball tournament)  
**Lisa Schenk** – scoreboard operator ((boys basketball tournament)  
**Annette Winemiller** – announcer/scorekeeper – volunteer position (track meets)

Roll call vote:

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

2016-03-05

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

- A. Approve the **Open Enrollment Program** for students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a “space available” basis for the 2016-2017 school year.
- B. Approve the overnight field trips for the following:
- AJH 8<sup>th</sup> grade bus trip to Washington D.C. & Gettysburg**, from 10/19/16 through 10/21/16, staying at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4641 Kenmore Ave. Alexandria, VA 22304 as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- MLS theatre students to the Ohio Educational Theatre State Thespian Conference**, from 3/11/16 through 3/13/16, staying at the Cloverleaf Residence Suites, 4130 Tuller Rd. Dublin, OH as per **Exhibit 13B**.
- C. Approve the update Program of Studies for M.L. Steele High School as per **Exhibit 13C**.

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- D. Approve the **License Agreement with Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University**, for the purpose of holding the 2016 Amherst M.L. Steele Commencement Ceremony as per **Exhibit 14D**.

Roll call vote:

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

2016-03-06

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

- A. Approve the participation in the 20162017 **Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Bus Purchasing Program** as per **Exhibit 14A**.
- B. Approve the **Transportation In-Lieu-Of** recommendation as per **Exhibit 14B**.
- C. Approve the **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Tournament Site Availability Agreement** for both boys and girls basketball as per **Exhibit 14C**.
- D. Enter into an agreement with **SWISSuite**, a web-based information system designed to help school personnel design school-wide and individual student interventions for the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions Support) program, as per **Exhibit 14D**.
- E. That the Board upon completion of bid documents, advertise and seek bids for the following project in accordance with law:

**M.L. Steele High School Parking lot**

- F. Approve the contract **Clark and Post** for services needed to update building floor plans to comply with safety plan requirements, as per **Exhibit 14E**.
- G. Approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Treasurer and legal counsel to explore incursion of eligible Board of Education real estate property in the city of Amherst turnpike mitigation fund project as per **Exhibit 14F**.

Roll call vote:

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

2016-03-07

It was moved by Zappa and seconded by Yacobozzi to adjourn to executive session at 5:30 p.m. for conference with an attorney concerning disputes involving pending or imminent court action and to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees.

Roll call vote:

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

Teresa Gilles left at 6:00 P.M.

Returned from executive session at 6:54 p.m.

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

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It was moved by Zappa, seconded by Kamnikar to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Rex Engle adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer