

ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 6, 2014

2014-01-01

Teresa Gilles nominated Ron Yacobozzi for President Pro Tempore.

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Zappa to close the nominations.

Roll call vote:

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

President Pro tempore Ron Yacobozzi presided.

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.

The Treasurer, Barbara Donohue, administers the OATH OF OFFICE to appointed, reelected, or newly elected Board Members, Ron Yacobozzi, Teresa Gilles, and Robert Kamnikar.

Roll call vote:

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

President Pro Tempore Ron Yacobozzi conducts the election of officers for 2014.

Election of President of the Board of Education

Mrs. Gilles nominated Mr. Yacobozzi for the office of President. Mr. Engle seconded and closed the nomination.

2014-01-02

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Engle to elect Ron Yacobozzi president.

Roll call vote:

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

Election of Vice-President of the Board of Education

Mr. Zappa nominated Mr. Engle for the office of Vice-President. Mrs. Gilles seconded and closed the nomination.

2014-01-03

It was moved by Zappa and seconded by Gilles to elect Rex Engle vice-president.

Roll call vote:

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

Oath of Office

The OATH OF OFFICE was administered to **President Ron Yacobozzi** and **Vice President Rex Engle** by **Barbara J. Donohue, Treasurer**, on January 6, 2014. The newly elected Board President, Ron Yacobozzi, will preside at the remainder of the meeting.

The Board took a short break at 4:38 p.m. to conduct the Budget Hearing and returned to the Organizational Meeting at 4:52 p.m.

2014-01-04

It was move by Engle and seconded by Gilles to approve the dates, times, and location in the Steele Media Center, unless otherwise noted, for Regular Board Meetings in 2014. Mr. Kamnikar asked that the Board consider a couple of meetings at a later time to see if the public responds.

January 6, 2014	1 st Monday, Organizational Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
January 27, 2014*	4 th Monday @ Powers. Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
February 24, 2014*	4 th Monday @ Harris, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
March 17, 2014*	3 rd Monday @ Nord, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
April 14, 2014*	2 nd Monday @ AJH, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
May 15, 2014	3 rd Thursday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
June 16, 2014	3 rd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
July 21, 2014	3 rd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
August 11, 2014	2 nd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
September 15, 2014	3 rd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
October 20, 2014	3 rd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
November 17, 2014	3 rd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
December 15, 2014	3 rd Monday, Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the M. L. Steele Media Center, 450 Washington Street, Amherst, Ohio, 44001, on the third Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted, and the suggested location changes in January, 4th Monday (Powers), February, 4th Monday (Harris), March (Nord) and April (AJH), 2nd Monday, May, 3rd Thursday, August, 2nd Monday.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-01-05

It was moved by Kamnikar and seconded by Mrs. Gilles to change the meeting times for the January and February 2014 meetings to 5:30 p.m.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-01-06

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

Superintendent's Standing Committees for 2014

Amherst Schools Educational Foundation: Mr. Engle

Board Policies: Mr. Kamnikar and Mr. Yacobozzi

Board/Booster Partnership Committee: Mr. Yacobozzi

Building & Grounds: Mrs. Gilles and Mr. Yacobozzi

Community Relations/Scholarships/Awards: Mrs. Gilles and Mr. Zappa

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development: Mrs. Gilles and Mr. Kamnikar

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities: Mrs. Gilles and Mr. Zappa

Finance/Audit/Records: Mr. Engle and Mr. Yacobozzi

Negotiations and Grievance: Mr. Engle and Mr. Zappa

Technology: Mr. Kamnikar and Mr. Zappa

Transportation: Mrs. Gilles and Mr. Kamnikar

Roll call vote:

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

2014-01-07

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Zappa to approve the following Treasurer's recommendations:

- A. Approve the tax budget for the 2014/15 school year
- B. Approve **Squires, Sanders, & Dempsey; Roetzel & Address; Hoover Six; and Britton, Smith, Peters, & Kalail** law firms to provide legal counsel, as needed, for 2014.
- C. Authorize to renew membership in OASBO (Ohio Association of School Board Officials) for Fiscal Year 2015 with dues paid in full.
- D. Approve to establish a Board Member Service Fund of no more than \$20,000 as provided in the Ohio Revised Code pursuant to O. R. C. 3315.15.
- E. Approve the distribution of monthly interest earnings on investments to Food Service Fund, Auxiliary Service Fund, General Fund, and any other fund required by O.R.C. for Fiscal Year 2015.
- F. Approve the board member compensation at the maximum amount allowable by law pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.12.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-01-08

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Engle that the following standing authorizations are approved for calendar year 2014:

- A. That the Treasurer and Board President be authorized to borrow funds as needed.
- B. That the Treasurer be authorized to secure advances from the county auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.
- C. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills within the funds appropriations resolution as bills are received, and when services and/or merchandise are received in good condition.
- D. That the Treasurer be authorized to invest interim funds when available and that the Board authorizes using one signature on all checks.
- E. That the Treasurer be authorized to transfer within financial accounts, as needed, without Board action.
- F. That the Superintendent be authorized to employ such personnel, as needed, for emergency situations, with such employment to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting.
- G. That the Superintendent be authorized to accept resignations, which have been submitted by employees, subject to Board approval at the next meeting. Upon approval by the Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

- H. That the Superintendent be the purchasing agent for the Amherst Schools.
- I. That the Superintendent be authorized to enter into agreements to implement student placements, including transportation arrangements, in accordance with federal and state statutes and for student I.E.P.s (Individual Education Plans).
- J. That the Superintendent be authorized to enter into settlement agreements regarding services provided to students with I.E.P.s (Individual Education Plans).
- K. That the Superintendent be authorized to approve and sign routine contracts on behalf of the Board of Education in amounts not to exceed \$25,000. The Board of Education will be made aware of these contracts prior to the Superintendent's approval. These contracts will then be placed on a future board meeting agenda for final ratification/approval.
- L. That the Superintendent has authority to approve policies, proposals, and transfers within the student activity funds.
- M. That the Superintendent be authorized to apply and participate in any federal, state, or local project or program and to make application for such funds as are available from federal, state, and other sources.
- N. That the Superintendent be authorized to approve payment of Professional Development expenses and/or stipends, as outlined in the negotiated agreements. The Superintendent be further authorized to approve registration, overnight lodging, mileage, and meals, which may exceed the negotiated agreements' approved amounts, when requested to attend by the Superintendent or designee.
- O. That the Board continues to purchase liability insurance.
- P. That the Superintendent be authorized to renew membership in BASA (Buckeye Association of School Administrators), with dues paid in full, for FY 2015.
- Q. That the Treasurer be authorized to renew membership in OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) for FY 2015 and to renew subscriptions to the *Briefcase* and *Negotiator*, and the OSBA Legal Defense Fund for FY 2015.
- R. Set Public Official Bond for Treasurer at \$100,000, Board President at \$20,000, and authorize Superintendent and others, as necessary, to acquire the same.
- S. That the Board hereby directs the Treasurer to deposit \$10,000 into the Amherst Educational Foundation Fund (Endowment), as authorized under O.R.C. 3315.40. The total of funds shall be transferred to the trust or "endowment account" established under the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County.
- T. That the Board directs the Treasurer to deduct fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month from each board member's pay during the 2014 calendar year. The deducted funds are to be placed in a Board of Education Scholarship Fund, and used to award a \$900 scholarship at the Senior Awards Banquet in the spring of 2015.

U. That the Board directs the Treasurer to be the board members' designee, thus being appointed to receive the Public Records training on the elected officials' behalf, as per the Ohio Revised Code 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1). The O.R.C. states that officials elected to statewide or local office receive three (3) hours of Public Records training for each term of office.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-01-09

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer