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Regular
Meeting

Minutes of the Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held at the M.L. Steele Media Center at 4:30 p.m. on July 14, 2014

President Ron Yacobozzi presided.

Roll call vote:

Ron Yacobozzi, present; Rex Engle, present (left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.); Teresa Gilles, present; Bob Kamnikar, present; Marc Zappa, 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.

2014-07-01

It was moved by Engle and seconded by Gilles to approve the recommendation to adopt the agenda as presented, including any addendums.

Roll call vote:

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

Presentation by Mr. Mike Molnar, Executive Director of Educational Services on Common Core

Hearing of the public --

Jacob Shalkhauser spoke on Drug Policy Opposition
Sharon Kelly spoke on Common Core Math concerns
Miranda Cluff spoke on Common Core concerns
Steve Bukous spoke on Drug Policy/Meeting Time

2014-07-02

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

- A. The minutes of the June 3, 2014 Special Board Meeting, the June 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and the June 27, 2014 Special Board Meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of June, 2014.
- C. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donation(s) to the Amherst Schools:

Harris Elementary PTO (Pamela Tremaine, Treasurer) donated \$5,580.00 to purchase ten (10) iPads and ten (10) iPad covers.

Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc. (Annette Stoyka, Vice President) donated \$1,000.00 to support the Girls' Soccer Team.

Florencio Yuzon donated \$100.00 to support the Girls' Soccer Team

Roll call vote:

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

2014-07-03

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

- A. Accept the following resignation(s) for retirement purposes, as indicated:

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Held **M. Elizabeth Giacobbe**, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, retiring having served the past 26 years in education all served in the Amherst Schools, effective 12/31/14.

B. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

Samantha Jones, part-time cook/cashier and part-time van driver (in order to accept another Amherst full-time position), effective 8/17/14

Lindsay Ludlow, Title 1 tutor, effective 6/30/14

Molli Machovina, Title 1 tutor, effective 6/30/14

Kara Rosso, Title 1 tutor, effective 8/15/14

C. Grant the following individuals a leave of absence, as indicated during the 2014-2015 school year:

Domenica McKinney, 3rd grade teacher assigned to Harris Elementary, an unpaid leave of absence effective for the 2014-2015 school year:

D. Employ the following certified individuals, as indicated, on a one-year limited contract, for the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper certification/licensure. Proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all education training and prior experience:

Rebecca Nielsen, preschool teacher (.8 contract/148 days) assigned to Powers Elementary, effective 8/15/14

E. Employ **Katheryn Hart**, school psychologist, on a one year leave of absence contract, for the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a background check and proper certification/licensure. Proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule pending verification of all education training and prior experience.

F. Employ the following individuals, as indicated, on a 30 or 60 day probationary contract, for the 2014-2015 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:

Barbara Everling, full-time teacher aide assigned to Harris Elementary, 60-day probationary contract (will receive the balance of a one-year contract), effective 8/18/14

Samantha Jones, full-time teacher aide (SPED unit) assigned to Harris Elementary, 30-day probationary contract (will return to a continuing contract), effective 8/18/14

Nick Toney, full-time media aide assigned to Steele High, 60-day probationary contract (will receive the balance of a one-year contract), effective 8/18/14

G. Re-employ **Daniel Novotny** as a guidance counselor assigned to Amherst Jr. High, on a one-year limited, 184 day contract effective 9/1/14 with

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compensation set at Step 3 and training as per the negotiated certified salary schedule.

- H. Grant the following individuals a supplemental contract for the Extended School Year Program from 7/28/14 through 8/14/14 (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., with compensation at the negotiated agreement rate (including earned training level for the teacher):

Katherine Barmann, ESY teacher from 8/4/14 through 8/14/14

Corrie Engle, to fulfill the duties of ESY teacher from 7/28/14 through 7/31/14

- I. Grant **Connie Cotton** a supplemental contract for services as a monitor for the Saturday School Program at Steele High during the 2014-2015 school year, on an "as needed basis" with compensation at the Board approved rate (board approved 6/16/14).
- J. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2014-2015 school year, pending completion or all employment requirements, including but not limited to a Pupil Activity Permit, if required for positions, and a BCII and FBI background check:):

Janet Grissinger, English Department Chair (10 members)

Scott Haber, Social Studies Department Chair (10 .5 members)

Wendy Holland-Lowe, Science Department Chair (11 members)

Joyce Kasynik, World Language Department Chair (4.5 members)

Pat Keberle, Special Education Department Chair (9 members)

Beth Kovach, outdoor education advisor (Camp Mohican)

John Pielschalski, varsity football assistant coach

Scott Rakar, boys' soccer assistant coach

Rich Robbins, girls' tennis head coach

Mark Skladan, Music, Business, Health/PE Department Chair (6 members)

Erica Stallings, outdoor education advisor (Camp Fitch)

Tim Sumser, Math Department Chair (10 members)

Tony Trunzo, Art, Family & Consumer Science, Med Tech, TV Department Chair (6 members)

- K. Acknowledge the following volunteers for the fall and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2014-2015 school year, pending completion of all volunteer requirements, including, but not limited to ODE licensure/certification (if needed) and background check (BCII & FBI):

Jeff Keron, girls' assistant tennis coach

- L. Grant **Dan Novotny** a supplemental contract for extended school year services as a guidance counselor (12 days) during the 2014-2015 school year as per the negotiated agreement.

- M. Approve the increase in hours by 15 minutes or 45 minutes, as indicated, for the following individuals for the 2014-2015 school year as indicated:

Anna Alicea, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Linda Bray, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

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Chris Derricotte, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Tammy Klekota, monitor aide assigned to Amherst Jr. High, increase hours per day to 3(45 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Patty Leuszler, teacher aide (SPED Unit) assigned to Harris Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Helen Mercado, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Lee Ann Northeim, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Julie Peltz, Preschool aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Cornelia Rivenburg, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Julie Swift, preschool aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

Dani White, teacher aide assigned to Powers Elementary, increase hours per day to 7.25 (15 minutes), effective 8/18/14

N. Approve the reimbursement of \$50.00 to **Patti Killen** for membership dues to the Ohio Association of EMIS Professionals for the 2014-2015 school year.

O. Implement a Reduction-in-Force suspension of **Bethany DeFelice's** sign interpreter contract as per the negotiated agreement, effective 8/1/14 due to a student graduation.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-07-04

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

- A. Approve the **Senior TV Class** overnight field trip to New York from 1/17/15 through 1/20/15 and approve the contract with **Discovery Tours** as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- B. Enter into a contract with **ABA Outreach Services** to provide direct instruction for two students using ABA Methodology as outlined in each student's individualized education plan throughout the summer of 2014 as per **Exhibit 12B**.
- C. Enter into an agreement with **Burges & Burges Strategists, Inc.** to provide communication services during the 2014-2015 school year as per **Exhibit 12C**.
- D. Enter into a contract with **Education Alternatives** to provide services for students with special needs for the 2014-2015 school year, effective 7/1/14 as per **Exhibit 12D**.
- E. Enter into a contract with the **Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County** to provide services for students with special needs through the Positive Education Program for the 2014-2015 school year as per **Exhibit 12E**.

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- F. Enter into a contract with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County** to provide Occupational Therapy Services for students with special needs during the 2014-2015 school year as per **Exhibit 12F**.
- G. Enter into a contract with **Great Lakes Biomedical** to provide random drug testing for athletes, students involved in extracurricular activities and students that drive to school during the 2014-2015 school year as per **Exhibit 12G**.
- H. Enter into a contract with **Lakeshore Speech Therapy, LLC**. for the balance of the 2013-2014 school year and for the 2014-2015 school year for speech consultation services provided to a student with special needs as per **Exhibit 12H**.
- I. Renew a contract with the **Lorain County of Board of Mental Health** to provide brief, solution-focused mental-health related services during the 2014-2015 school year as per **Exhibit 12I**.
- J. Enter into a contract with the **Lorain County General Health District (LCGHD)** to provide a Registered Nurse during the 2014-2015 school year as her **Exhibit 12J**.
- K. Enter into a contract with **MCB Speech Pathology Services** to provide speech therapy for two students as outlined in each student's individualized education plan (IEP) for students with special needs during summer 2014 as per **Exhibit 12K**.
- L. Enter into a contract with **North Coast Council** to provide Core Services-including fiscal services, student services, EMIS services and library services. Also to process the license costs for PowerSchool and USAS/USPS/EIS license, Capital Improvement fee and provide internet services during the 2014-2015 school year as pr **Exhibit 12L**.
- M. Approve notification to **North Coast Council** stating the intent of the Amherst Exempted Village School District to withdraw from North Coast Council effective 6/30/15.
- N. Enter into an agreement with **Avon Local School District** for the purpose of sharing a psychologist for the 2014-2015 school year as per **Exhibit 12M**.
- O. Approve the **volleyball team** overnight field trip to the Volleyball Tournament held on the Owens Community College campus in Findlay, Ohio as per **Exhibit 12N**.

Roll call vote:

Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Neidert, aye; Engle, absent

2014-07-05

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

- A. Enter into an agreement with **Holland Computer** to dispose of outdated computer equipment by way of selling the equipment through eBay consignment, with unsold property to be disposed as scrap, and for all net proceeds from the sale/scrap to be deposited by the Amherst Board of Education as per **Exhibit 13A**.

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- B. Approve the purchase of a Blue Bird bus from **Cardinal Bus Sales** at a price of \$85,145, which includes a \$2,400 trade-in of Bus 19. The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to execute any documents or contracts necessary to complete this purchase.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-07-06

It was moved by Gilles and seconded by Zappa to:

Approve the re-employment of Superintendent **Steve Sayers**, beginning 1/5/15 through 7/31/19 as per **Exhibit 14A**. Annual salary shall be \$97,500 with fringe benefits in accordance with the administrative handbook.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-07-07

It was moved by Gilles, seconded by Zappa to:

Have a special board meeting July 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Board Work Session.

Roll call vote:

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

2014-07-08

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Ron Yacobozzi adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer