

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

0213  
Regular  
Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 19148

Held at the M.L. Steele Media Center at 4:30 p.m. on February 23, 2015

President Teresa Gilles presided. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call vote:

Teresa Gilles, present; Ron Yacobozzi, present; Rex Engle, 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.

2015-02-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

## Good News Reports:

### Mr. Ryan Coleman – Amherst Junior High

AJH has been nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School. This is based on overall academic excellence. This nomination further affirms the very hard work of the teachers, families and community. The AJH teachers are very proud and you can feel a buzz in the air! The good news report today isn't about ribbons, it is about a new club at AJH. It is driven 100% by students. The "Agents of Change" add to the positive climate in the building. Mrs. Obbey, Guidance Counselor, and Mary Scott Williams are the facilitators. (Mrs. Willams brought three students to share information about the program.)

### Mr. Mike May – Marion Steele High School Principal

HS Principal, Mike May, highlighted the new and completely revised MSL Program of Studies which can be found on the Steele High School webpage.

He also highlighted four key high school educational programs. New high school course electives, the Medical Health Technological Program, Comet College Campus which is the name of MLS's College Credit Plus Program, and Advance Placement courses. These programs all offer students high rigor to prepare them for higher education.

2015-02-02

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Zappa to adjourn to executive session at 4:44 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees.

Roll call vote:

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

The board returned from Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

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Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Barb Donohue

Notes: Highlights of the Governor's Budget:

- Foundation Funding is recommended to increase 6.1% in 2016 and 4.9% in 2017
- Transportation Funding is proposed to increase 1.3% in 2016 and .1% in 2017
- Early Childhood is proposed to grow 20.4% in 2016 and 2.6% in 2017
- Career Tech funding is proposed to increase .3% each year
- The Straight A fund recommended appropriation drops from \$150M in 2015 to \$100M each year in 16/17
- The TPP and PU replacement payments are proposed to resume phasing-out. The Appropriation actually moves from the ODE budget to the Revenue Distributions budget with the Department of Taxation. The Appropriation would drop from \$510M in 2015 to \$361M in 2016 and \$250M in 2017

2015-02-03

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

- A. The minutes of the January 12, 2015 Organizational Meeting, and the January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting removed to be approved at the March board meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of January, 2015.
- C. That the Amherst E.V. Board of Education accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donation(s):

Mr. & Mrs. James Zilch \$1,000 to the Lach-Zilch scholarship fund

- D. Accept the donation and establish a scholarship fund as per attachment 9A.

Roll call vote:

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

**Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers**

Notes:

- Karen Anderson & Donna Smeltz were selected for staff member of the month. In May when we invite all the retiree's in and recognize them, we can invite the staff members that have received this recognition.
- Congratulated Rex Engle for Receiving the "Difference Maker in Excellence" from Leadership Lorain County. Teresa stated what the Leadership award Lorain County is, how much Mr. Engle is involved in and how he absolutely makes a difference in Lorain County.

**Administrative Committee Reports:**

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

Notes:

- We will be hosting Science Camp again this summer. Julie Hammond will be handling this. Information will be on the website shortly and it is open to all. We had 80 to 90 students the first year.

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- Staff Note; few staff participating in google certification. Four weeks, eight sessions. Hopefully the more people we get certified, the quicker we move to more instruction on line. Can use google to post classroom items, more instruction on line. Can use google to post classroom items, instruction, etc.
- Title I Tutors are going to Columbus to the spring conference in March.
- Our building use permit is now on line. It is under forms or more. It is also under the parent section.
- Core section next year and the college credit plus, Mr. Molnar wanted to thank the staff and Mr. May for coming to Mr. Molnar with ideas and taking charge.
- Mr. Engle would add that Amherst is by far ahead of all our colleagues by leaps and bounds in this area. Mr. Engle thinks that it is important that we tell that story.
- Mr. Sayers said we have been able to add numerous electives without increasing staff. Certainly it is a model that we can say it can be done successfully.

**Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative**

Notes:

- Open house just took place and there was a great turnout.
- The JVS is in the process of upgrading the alarm system in the building.
- The JVS just placed a whole new roof on the building this fall.
- Great things are going to happen in the spring with the competition.
- If you would like a copy of the newsletter, go onto the website and request it.

**Mr. Bob Kamnikar, Board Member (Community Task Force Update)**

Notes:

- February was the month to discuss “Schools” and how the ACTF and the Schools can work together to educate the kids on at risk behaviors.
- Principals, Mr. Sayers and Mrs. Gilles attended the Task Force meeting.
- Everyone gave an update on what the schools were doing for At Risk behavior
- Red Ribbon Week – explains to the kids about drugs and alcohol. This is a great opportunity for the community to support the schools the entire month of October. The police, churches, restaurants, businesses can promote and build up the Red Ribbon Week prior to the week it takes place and then the schools will educate the kids during the week about alcohol, drugs and at risk behaviors. Planning is in the works.
- Since March is “Churches” Month to continue our strategic planning, a few leaders are meeting with Mercy Recreational Center the first week in March to discuss how Mercy, ACTF and the Churches can promote a youth night. The ACTF meetings are at Arabica the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and invites all to join if they would like.

2015-02-04

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

- A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees beginning June 30, 2014 through June 29, 2017 as per **Attachment 12A**.

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

- a. **Tom Grisel**, part-time cook/cashier, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 2/19/15
- b. **Janet Caraballo**, superintendent's secretary, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 2/23/15
- c. **Christine Rider**, human resources secretary, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 2/23/15

C. Approve the salary advancement due to changes in educational training level of certified staff as indicated:

<b>Brian Cesear</b>	<b>from M+30 to M+45</b>
<b>Elaine D'Andrea</b>	<b>from M+30 to M+45</b>
<b>Michael Edwards</b>	<b>from M+10 to M+20</b>
<b>Megan Kalchert</b>	<b>from M to M+10</b>
<b>Holly Miller</b>	<b>from M to M+10</b>

D. Employ the following individual(s) as substitutes, as indicated for the 2014-2015 school year, with the compensation at the appropriate board approved substitute rate pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to a teaching license/certificate (certified employees) and a background check (BCII & FBI) for all substitutes:

**Harold Donovan Belizaire**, substitute teacher, effective 2/23/15

**Kelly Park**, substitute teacher, effective 2/23/15

**Deborah Overman**, substitute bus/van aide, effective 2/4/15

**Eileen Stokowski**, substitute bus/van driver as well as sub bus/van aide including Positive Education Program (PEP) bus aide, effective 2/3/15

E. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individual(s) for the spring and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2014-2015 school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to a pupil activity permit (if needed) and a background check (BCII & FBI):

**Dean Lowe**, yearbook advisor and newspaper advisor

**SWC Wrestling Ticket Taker:**

**Connie Cotton**

**Nick Toney**

**Tammy Klekota**

**SWC Wrestling Scorebook:**

**Dominic Jones**

**Mike Wearsch**

**Jason Bodnar**

**Stephan Moody**

**SWC Wrestling Maintenance:**

**Bill Naso**

**SWC Wrestling Tournament Manager:**

**John Miller**

<b>Anthony Collette</b>	(half contract) Winter Weight Room Advisor
<b>Daniel Makruski</b>	(half contract) Winter Weight Room Advisor
<b>Anthony Collette</b>	(half contract) Spring Weight Room Advisor
<b>Daniel Makruski</b>	(half contract) Spring Weight Room Advisor

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<b>Matt Rositano</b>	Head Baseball Coach
<b>Kevin Collins</b>	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
<b>Zac Broschk</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball/Softball Coach
<b>Dave Rositano</b>	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach (volunteer)
<b>Mark Coughlin</b>	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach (volunteer)
<b>Kirk Hagerich</b>	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach (volunteer)
<b>Lacey Reichert</b>	Varsity Softball Coach
<b>John Rositano</b>	Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
<b>Taylor Muhic</b>	Varsity Assistant Softball Coach (volunteer)
<b>Ashley Mabry</b>	Junior High Softball Coach
<b>Cody Fillingier</b>	Junior High Softball Coach (volunteer)
<b>Greg Stringer</b>	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach
<b>Sara Mowcomber</b>	Assistant Boys Tennis Coach
<b>Rob Glatz</b>	Head Track Coach
<b>Terry Kemp</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach
<b>Joe Colon</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach
<b>Jason Armburger</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach
<b>Alan Roark</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach (half contract)
<b>Mark Kelley</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach (half contract)
<b>Kara Kasper</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach (half contract)
<b>Kelly Breunig</b>	Varsity Assistant Track Coach (half contract)
<b>Dave Anderson</b>	Junior High Track Coach (boys)
<b>Melissa Anderson</b>	Junior High Track Coach (girls)
<b>Scott Pecze</b>	Assistant Junior High Track Coach (half contract)
<b>Jarrod Stevens</b>	Assistant Junior High Track Coach (half contract)
<b>Alan Roark</b>	Assistant Junior High Track Coach (half contract)

F. Grant the following regular employees a supplemental contract as game management personnel and athletic event personnel during the 2014-2015 school year, as indicated, for Amherst Junior High, and Steele High with compensation to be paid from the Athletic fund:

**Lisa Schenk**                      Scoreboard operator for AJH boys basketball Contests, \$10 per game

G. Approve the difference in pay of \$109.82 per day for nine days in January prior to the end of the first semester for **Debra Boroff**, substitute teacher.

H. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

**Frank (Fritz) Grubic**, bus mechanic assistant, effective 6/30/15  
**William Naso**, custodian class III, effective 2/22/15

I. Approve the revised ancillary salary schedule for game management and athletic event personnel during the 2014-2015 school year for the high school and junior high school and to be paid from the athletic fund as per **Attachment 12B**.

J. Authorize amending the contract of Superintendent, Steven Sayers with no changes in compensation or benefits as per **Attachment C**.

K. Grant the following individuals a supplemental contract as tutors, as needed, for the after-school Alternative High School Program at Steele High on an "as needed basis". Compensation will be at the negotiated tutor rate during the 2014-2015 school year:

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**John Agostinelli**, effective 2/24/15

**Kevin Collins**, effective 2/24/15

- L. Employ the following individual(s), 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:

**Kimberly Sayers**, 60-day probationary contract, four hour bus aide for Positive Education Program (PEP), effective 2/24/15

Roll call vote:

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

2015-02-05

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

- A. Approve the **Open Enrollment Program** for the students in any school district in the State of Ohio, on a "space available" basis for the **2015-2016** school year.

- B. Approve the overnight field trips for the following:

**Steele Varsity Softball** to be played at Gahanna Lincoln High School, 140 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, OH 43230 from 5/1/15 through 5/2/15 as per **Exhibit 13A**.

**Steele Indoor Drumline OIPA Competition** at Olentangy Liberty High School, 3584 Home Road, Powell, OH 43065 from 1/31/15 through 2/1/15 as per **Exhibit 13B**.

**Steele Indoor Drumline Dayton Regionals** at Kettering Fairmont High School, 3301 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429 from 2/28/15 through 3/1/15 as per **Exhibit 13C**.

**Steele Indoor Drumline World Championships** at the University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469 from 4/8/15 through 4/10/15 as per **Exhibit 13D**.

**Steele Varsity Track Beach Run Track and Field Meet** in Myrtle Beach, S.C. from 4/1/15 through 4/5/15 at the Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium, 3205 North Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577 as per **Exhibit 13E**.

**Steele High Drama Club** to attend the Ohio Educational Theatre Association State Thespian Conference from 3/27/15 through 3/29/15 at Bexley High School, 326 South Cassingham Road, Bexley, OH 43209 as per **Exhibit 13F**.

**Amherst Marching Comets** to attend the OMEA Competition in Orlando, FL from 3/17/15 through 4/2/15 in Orlando, Florida and the Disney area, as per **Exhibit 13G**.

- C. Approve the **Oberlin College Recreational Department Facility Rental Agreement** as per **Exhibit 13H**.

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- D. Approve the implementation of a **Strings Musical Program** at Nord Middle School beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. The program will continue to be phased in at Amherst Junior High and Marion L. Steele High School in subsequent years.
- E. Approve an invoice in the amount of \$6,679.00 payable to the **Cleveland Sight Center** to cover the cost of creating a textbook in braille for a visually impaired student as per **Exhibit 13I**.

Roll call vote:

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

2015-02-056

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

- A. Approve the participation in the **2015-2016 Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Bus Purchasing Program** as per **Exhibit 14A**
- B. Approve the cost for the **Requisition Approval Manager (RAM)** as per **Exhibit 14B**.
- C. Approve the **Summer 2015 Projects** as listed per **Attachment 14A**
- D. Approve the proposals from **Clark and Post for Architectural and Engineering Services** for Summer Projects as per **Exhibit 14C**.

Roll call vote:

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

2015-02-07

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Teresa Gilles adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer

