

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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., March 16, 2015

President Teresa Gilles presided.

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.

2015-03-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good News Reports:

Mrs. Beth Schwartz - Harris Elementary School

Mrs. Schwartz presented a preview of the third grade spring program that is going to be at Steele High School on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm, the "Wizard of Oz". The program is collaboration between the Art and Music program. Mrs. Renner's art class worked on the displays and Mrs. Perry's music classes will be singing. This program preparation has been very exciting.

Mrs. Barbara Donohue - Treasurer's Report:

Notes: ASEF Update of the meeting that was held on March 4, 2015. The Trustees will be awarding \$73,409.00 for scholarships/grants from the Endowment Fund and \$7,940.00 dollars for the Fine Arts scholarships.

Tax year reappraisal year is 2015 and it looks like, based on sales to appraised from the last update, Amherst will see no increase. The Lorain County Auditor will look at Lorain County as a whole and this could be a little different.

2015-03-02

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

- A. The minutes of the 1/12/15 Organizational Meeting, the 1/12/15 Regular Board Meeting, the 1/20/15 Special Board Meeting and the 2/23/15 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of February, 2015.
- C. Approve the transfer of funds from the Marion L. Steele (MLS) student council account to the junior class account in the amount of \$4,000.
- D. Establish a fund at Nord Middle School for Nord Student Council.

Roll call vote:

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

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Steve Sayers - Superintendent's Report:

Notes: Currently we have 110 students enrolled in kindergarten. We have a number of students that have open enrolled for kindergarten, but we are holding them to see where we are with our resident students.

Staff process – as of today we have eleven teacher retirements for this year. As we go through staffing, we will consider all options to take our declining enrollment into consideration. Looking at the State of Ohio over the last ten years, 73% of school districts have had declining enrollment. Countywide in the State of Ohio, 11 out of 88 counties have had increased enrollment in the last 10 years.

Reminder to the Board of Education, the May Board meeting is May 11th, the third Monday is Senior Awards Program.

Preschool – there are three classes with a few on the wait list.

Mr. Mike Molnar – Executive Director of Educational Services

Notes: ASEF – Paper guideline and applications will be on the website tomorrow. Tomorrow I will be going to Columbus with 12 Title Tutors for professional development. They also help with sub positions, home instruction and preschool.

Next week we are hosting an internal interview day to give them an early start to share credentials, resumes, etc.

Testing – Third through Eighth grade finished testing and makeups are finished. High School started their testing today. Schools that have block scheduling were fortunate to move their testing to a later date. Mr. May did a great job of scheduling all test in one week. Mr. May indicated the testing is going very well. We only had a few students that were in the wrong room but with 1,300 students, this is wonderful. Administration has done all they can to make this as stress free as possible. For report card data, we should receive by January 2016 and all other data February 2016.

Mr. Rex Engle – JVS Representative

Notes: Competition – Skills USA Regional Contests

Amherst had two winners: **James Goodson** – Gold Team Works

Jason Fisher – placed a silver in promotional bulletin board.

FFA week was celebrated.

Blood drive was held 2/24/2015 and 2/25/2015

Spring break – April 3rd through April 10th

Student enrollment – 11th grade – 465 and 12th grade – 439 with a total of 904

March 18th – the school will be holding “dining to donate” at Applebees

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

Notes: Task Force is still in Strategic Planning; March 26th meeting with youth leaders around the community and polling the kids to see what events can be planned.

2015-03-03

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

- A. Approve the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Amherst E.V. Board of Education and the Amherst Teachers Association beginning June 30, 2014 through June 29, 2017 as per **Attachment 11A**

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- B. Accept the recommendation of **Joseph Todd** as the First Robotics Liaison for the 2014-2015 school year and approve a stipend of \$1,500 for his services.
- C. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract, a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated:
- Laura Survance**, technology technician, (balance of a one year contract), effective 3/2/15.
- D. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 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:
- Jacob Hritsko**, custodian II cleaner, assigned to Steele High, effective 3/17/15.
- E. 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:
- Sarah Andrews**, aide, intensive needs aide, student attendant, media aide and monitor, effective 3/11/15
Elizabeth Bailey, aide, intensive needs aide, cook, effective 2/25/15
Megan Lardie, teacher, effective 3/2/15
Christine McCourt, teacher, effective 3/16/15
Erin Mick, teacher, effective 2/24/15
Martha Santos, aide, intensive needs aide, student attendant, media aide and monitor, effective 3/17/15
Logann Sweet, teacher, effective 3/17/15
Denise Theisen, aide, intensive needs aide, effective 2/25/15
Jacob Wachholz, teacher, effective 1/22/15
Matthew Willard, teacher, effective 1/30/15
- F. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals 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 required for positions, and a BCII and FBI background check:
- David Leonard**, assistant junior high track coach (half contract)
- G. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the 2014-2015 school year, inclusive of summer 2015 if necessary, with compensation at the board approve rate:
- Christine McCourt**, effective 3/16/15
Ashley Michael, effective 2/23/15
- H. Accept the following resignations as indicated:
- Mary Ellen (Tina) Flock**, teacher, effective 6/30/15, for retirement purposes
Joshua Longo, substitute teacher, effective 2/28/15
Kimberly Obbey, guidance counselor, effective 6/30/15, for retirement purposes

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Regular Meeting

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Christine Rarric, speech-language pathologist, effective 6/30/15
Nancy Reichert, media aide, effective 6/30/15, for retirement purposes
Janet Reynolds, intervention specialist and tutor, effective 6/30/15, for retirement purposes
Narcedalia Rodriguez Martinez, part-time monitor, effective 1/31/15
Maryellen Sasso, BOE secretary, effective 6/30/15, for retirement purposes

- I. Approve the change in assignment for Edwin Saegert, custodian, from Harris Elementary to Steele High, effective 2/25/15.
J. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Sue Mihalcik, part-time cook/cashier at Steele High, beginning 3/2/15 and ending on or around 4/1/15.
K. Approve the unpaid leave of absence for Domenica McKinney for the 2015-2016 school year for personal reasons, per the negotiated agreement.
L. Approve the legal firms of Smith, Peters and Kalail Co., LPA and Ennis, Britton Co., LPA retroactive to March 2, 2015.
M. Approve the administrative contract renewals as indicated:

Ryan Coleman, Amherst Junior High School Principal, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/16
Jeanne Kornick, Steele High School Associate Principal, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/15
Mark Kostur, Technology Supervisor, a two-year contract, effective 8/1/15
Michael May, Steele High School Principal, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/16
Elizabeth Schwartz, Harris Elementary Principal, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/16
Casey Wolf, Athletic Director, a three-year contract, effective 8/1/16

Roll call vote:
Yacobozzi, aye; Zappa, aye; Gilles, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Engle, aye

2015-03-04

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

- A. Approve the overnight field trips for the following:
Girls High School Cross Country Team to attend team camp at the Elkhorn Valley Service Camp in Bergholz, OH from 7/29/15 through 8/1/15 as per Exhibit 12A.
Amherst Jr. High 8th grade bus trip to Washington D.C. & Gettysburg from 10/21/15 through 10/23/15 as per Exhibit 12B.
B. Enter into a service contract with the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) for the 2015-2016 school year for the provision of school-age services as needed, as per Exhibit 12C.

Roll call vote:
Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Yacobozzi, aye; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10140

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

- A. Approve the contract proposal with **West Roofing Systems, Inc.** as per Exhibit 13A, under state term pricing.-
- B. Advertise and seek bids for the following projects in accordance with law:

Renovation of Steele High School tennis courts
Paving of the north parking lot at Powers Elementary
Renovation of Steele High School south lobby restrooms

- C. Approve the contract with the **Oberlin Golf Club Co.** for the yearly Amherst Invitational Golf tournament to be held on 8/10/15 as per **Exhibit 13B.**

Roll call vote:

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

2015-03-06

It was moved by Yacobozzi and seconded by Engle to adjourn to executive session at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the employment of public employees, and to conference with attorney concerning disputes involving pending or imminent court action.

Roll call vote:

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

Returned from executive session at 6:31 p.m.


It was move by Engle, seconded by Kamnikar to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Teresa Gilles adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.


Board President


Treasurer