

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education

Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held at the M.L. Steele Media Center at 4:30 p.m. on April 20, 2015

President Teresa Gilles presided.

Roll call vote:

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

Steven Sayers, Superintendent, present; Barbara J. Donohue, Treasurer, present

Pledge of Allegiance

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.

2015-04-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Good New Reports:

Mr. Bill Miller – Nord Middle School – Children for Change held a penny drive because they wanted to do something for the homeless. They gave the money to “Family Promise of Lorain”. The money went for food, blankets, clothes, etc. The students enjoyed doing this project.

Mrs. Debbie Waller – Powers Elementary School
Right to Read Week – Super Hero Theme, assembly today at the High School

Book fair open at Powers. Family shopping nights open to the community on Tuesday and Thursday night 5-7:30 p.m.

Spring Music Program next Tuesday and Thursday evenings Gr. 1 Music Rocks & Gr. 2 Patriotic America.

March 25 Art Show Gr. 1 & 2 proceeds donated to Rainbow Baby and Children’s Hospital.

Also, in March, Kindergarten hosted the Reading Café. All parents attend, student serves them three books to read along with cookies & punch.

New student registration is in progress for full day tuition free kindergarten. We are currently taking appointments along with hosting a registration night on May 14 from 4-7:30 p.m.

Academically we’re moving into the last 6 weeks of school. It is a great time of year because you can see the academic growth students have worked to achieve all year in all subjects.

Introduce Mrs. Tellier’s creative authors -- each of them read the page they composed of their class book. Students worked through all the steps in the writing process and every student contributed to a page. The book was published so all families could have a copy as a keepsake.

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Recognition of **Micheline Krause**, winner of the ODE Transportation Secretary of the Year award.

Public hearing on the following Federal Grant Program applications:

IDEA-B	Special Education
IDEA-ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
RttT	Race to the Top
Title I	
Title II-A	
Title III	Limited English Proficiency

Hearing of the Public:

Millie Bengele spoke about the Common Core. She would like to know about this program. Mike Molnar spoke about the program. Millie also shared her concern about Yoga and would encourage people to read about where it comes from.

Mrs. Barb Donohue

Notes: The Treasurer gave an update at where the budget was in the process. With the Governor's proposal, the district would decrease around \$343,000 in FY 2016 and \$125,000 in FY 2017. Under the House Substitute Proposal, the district will receive the same funding as it did in FY 2015. The Substitute Proposal also goes back to the charge off. Instead of the charge off being 23 mills, it is now a floating charge off from 10.5 to 23.15 (maximum) and 23.78 (maximum) in 2017. The funding level for both FY2016 and FY2017 will be 2015 funding levels and the cap growth is 7.5% instead of 10%. The per pupil funding amounts are the same as in the Governor's proposal, up by \$100.00 on the base each year; \$5,900 in FY 2016 and \$6,000 in FY2017. The budget still has to make its way through the legislative process and more than likely will change.

2015-04-02

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

- A. Treasurer's financial reports for the month of March, 2015
- B. Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor as per **Exhibit 10A**.

Roll call vote:

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

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Steve Sayers:

Notes: Mr. Sayers wanted to state that Mr. May did an excellent job at bringing the prom closer to home. It is great to be local and save \$35 to \$40 each.

HS scheduling – most of the students have entered their schedules. AP Biology and Forensic Science, some of our new electives have a lot of interest.

Senior Awards – will be May 11th. Our Board of Education meeting will be May 18, 2015 and all the retirees will be invited back to this meeting.

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Special Board meeting will be held April 27, 2015 for the purpose to consider summer bids, miscellaneous personnel items and executive session to discuss public employees.

Wizard of Oz will be this weekend and wanted everyone to know that there are a few performances and it should fill up pretty quickly.

Mr. Kamnikar wanted to know about the College Courses, are there any for students that are not at the top level? Mr. Sayers indicated that Mr. May did look at different options when he chose the 10 courses that would meet as many needs as possible.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Executive Director of Educational Services

Notes: Looking at staffing for next year. Have done some internal interviews. Looking at candidates, internal and outside, and have some great applicants. Looking for candidates for the strings program at Nord next year. Four years ago the State started the Resident Educator program and this is the first year that the ones originally started this program will be done and will be applying for the 5 year license.

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

Notes:

Library Wing of ACTF

Library (Victoria Vogal) heading up a book study about Jack Gantos who made an illegal at risk decision, got arrested and wrote this book while in jail to help others not go down the same path that he did.

When: Tuesday, May 12th
Time: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Amherst Library Room DeLoyd

Churches Wing of ACTF

Churches are meeting to continue discussions of summer planning of safe events for youth at Amherst Pool, swimming, music and food.

Four local churches have stepped up to unit for this event. We continue to meet to rally interest in other churches to do the same thing so not one individual church has to pay for the event. By having multiple churches involved will afford the opportunity to have multiple events.

Next Meeting with churches

When: Thursday, April 30th
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Mercy Rec Center

Next ACTF Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 5th
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Arabica

Todd Walts is stepping down as President.

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2015-04-03

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

A. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

Nicholas Toney, media aide and home instruction tutor at SHS, effective 3/31/15

Daniel Novotny, guidance counselor at AJH, effective 6/30/15

B. Non-renew the following Title I Tutor contracts at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as per negotiated agreement pending funding and/or changes in the Title I Program:

Ashley Michael
Ashley Quarando
Bridget Patten
Caitlin Market
Colleen Burman
Courtney Collins
Elena Kelley
Jeanette Holp

Joanna Hoffman
Kelly Park
Kendra Santoro
Megan Murphy
Michael Rutar
Shirley Friedman
Victoria Ljubi

C. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for **William Dickey**, bus driver, beginning 3/17/15 and ending on or around 4/15/15.

D. Non-renew the following long term sub contracts, per the negotiated agreement, at the end of the 2014-2015 school year:

Kathryn Hart
Kelly Patton
Rachel Strinka

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:

Sandra Dobias, monitor for Saturday school, effective 4//15

Dawn Karnik, aide, intensive needs aide, monitor, student attendant, cafeteria, effective 3/25/15

Narcedalia Rodriguez Martinez, monitor, aide, media aide and student attendant, effective 4/7/15

Amy McCown, bus driver, van driver, bus aide, van aide, effective 4/16/15

Melissa Palmer, teacher, effective 3/23/15

Tammy Percival, aide, monitor, student attendant and intensive needs, effective 4/9/15

Yvonne Tinney, teacher, effective 4/21/15

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

Narcedalia Rodriguez Martinez, part time monitor, effective 4/13/15.

G. Non-renew all supplemental and extra-curricular contracts at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as per the negotiated agreement.

H. Non-renew all substitute contracts at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as per the negotiated agreement.

I. Accept the recommendation for the following certified personnel to receive a continuing contract beginning with the 2015-2016 school year:

Jayson Lima
Joel Melvin
Mary Scott Williams

J. Approve the personnel changes, as indicated, for the 2015-2016 school year:

Michael Edwards, Intervention Specialist, transfer from Steele High to Amherst Junior High

Thomasina Houstin, Intervention Specialist, transfer from Nord Middle to Amherst Junior High

Melinda Krase, Intervention Specialist, transfer to Music teacher, remaining at Harris Elementary

Brittney LeGrand, Intervention Specialist transfer to Kindergarten, remaining at Powers Elementary

Rebecca Nielsen, Preschool teacher, transfer from part-time at Powers Elementary to full-time at Nord Middle

Nora Pavlov, Intervention Specialist, transfer from Harris Elementary to Nord Middle

Scott Pecze, Math teacher, transfer from Amherst Junior High to Nord Middle

Christy Perry, Music teacher, transfer from Harris Elementary to Nord Middle and Amherst Junior High

Kelly Waldon, Preschool teacher, transfer to an Intervention Specialist, remaining at Powers Elementary

Joyce West, Preschool teacher, transfer to an Intervention Specialist, remaining at Powers Elementary

Mary Scott Williams, Intervention Specialist, Amherst Junior High, transfer to Guidance Counselor, Amherst Junior High and Nord Middle

K. Grant the following certified personnel a supplemental contract for their services as a home instruction tutor for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, inclusive of summer 2015, if necessary, with compensation at the board approved rate:

Russ Marty, effective 3/27/15

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L. Grant the following certified personnel a limited contract for the 2015-2016 school year as per Attachment 13A. (See Attachment 13B for all other certified employees who are presently under contract for the 2015-2016 school year and will be issued a salary notice.)

M. Re-employ the following special needs paraprofessionals for the 2015-2016 as per the negotiated agreement pending completion of all employment requirements being met, i.e., proper licensure/ESEA qualification from ODE:

Deborah Albrecht
Cheryl Costilow
Carol Daniels
Victoria Essi
Heather Gerhardinger
Beth Gilliam
Barry Kaufman

Kim Koller
Kathleen Mount
Mark Murphy
Christina Schiltz
Michele Sturgeon
Michelle Wesley

N. Grant the following retired/rehired teachers, a one-year contract for the 2015-2016 school year as indicated per the negotiated agreement, Article 3.05E

Karen Anderson, half-time teacher assigned to Harris Elementary
Georgeane Poplar, Intervention Specialist assigned to Powers Elementary

O. Grant the following supplemental contracts for extended service for certified personnel in the 2015-2016 school year.

Robert Harcula, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
Mary Jane Loushin, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
Mary Scott Williams, Guidance Counselor, 12 days
Sarah Rigda-Biggert, Guidance Counselor, 15 days
Andrea Massie, Psychologist, 10 days
Mark Lowrie, TV Productions, 20 days

P. Approve the discretionary funds supplemental contracts for the 2014-2015 school year as per the negotiated agreement and as indicated per Attachment 13D.

Q. Approve **Elizabeth Dailey**, **Denise Theisen** and **Dawn Karnik** for a \$75.00 stipend, for the participation and completion of a mandatory three-day paraprofessional training (April 7-9, 2015).

Roll call vote:

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

2015-04-04

Moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Zappa to approve the following:

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- A. Approve the **Multi-Service Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Lorain County** for the 2015-2016 school year, as per **Exhibit 14A**.
- B. Approve the contract with **Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (LCADA)** for prevention services for the 2015-2016 school year, as per **Exhibit 14B**.
- C. Approve the overnight field trip for the Yearbook Journalism class to attend the **Buckeye Yearbook Workshop at Kenyon College, Gambier, Oh.**, as per **Exhibit 14C**.
- D. Approve the amended **Student Activity Program Purpose, Goals and Budget** statement for Nord Middle school choir and general music, as per **Attachment 14A**.
- E. Enter into a contract with **Murray Ridge Center, Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities** for the 2015-2016 school year, for preschool, as per **Exhibit 14D**.
- F. Enter into a contract with the **Lorain County General Health District** for the 2015-2016 school year, for school nursing services, as per **Exhibit 14E**.
- G. Approve the swim lane use agreement with **Mercy Health & Recreation Center** as per **Exhibit 14F**.
- H. Approve the contract agreement with the **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)** for the **Tournament Site Agreement**, for track and field as per **Exhibit 14G**.
- I. Approve the following allocations from the **Recreation Funds**:
 - Summer Baseball/Softball - \$5,000.00
 - Sandstone Summer Theatre - \$4,000.00
 - Swimming - \$2,000.00

Mr. Kamnikar asked if it would be possible if someone from Administration can come and speak at the next Task Force about the details of LCADA and maybe the school and the Task Force can work together on this.

Roll call vote:

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

2015-04-05

Moved by Yacobozzi, seconded by Kamnikar to declare transportation unnecessary, unreasonable and/or impractical, thereby granting the following parents/guardians eligible to receive "in lieu of transportation" reimbursement from the State of Ohio through the Amherst Board of Education during the 2014-2015 school year. Payment to be made at the state minimum, pending receipt of proper documentation:

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Tricia Beach – Lake Ridge Academy

Roll call vote:

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

2015-04-06

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

Roll call vote:

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

Board President Teresa Gilles adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer