

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Amherst Board of Education

0287
Regular
Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 101148

Held at the Steele Media Center at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 26, 2015

President Teresa Gilles presided.

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.

2015-10-01

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

Roll call vote:

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

Presentation by Mary Kaminski, ESC, Young Authors Program

Good News Report:

- Mrs. Beth Schwartz – Harris Elementary School – Shared with the Board about a program that she started at Harris; Comet Pride. This teaches the students good behavior patterns. Comet Pride stands for; Positivity, Respect, Initiative, Diligence and Etiquette. Mrs. Schwartz shared a video that was made with a teacher portraying bad behavior and then good behavior.
- Mr. Bill Miller – Nord Middle School – the orchestra/strings program was here and performed.

Hearing of the Public: None

2015-10-02

It was moved by Kamnikar, seconded by Mr. Yacobozzi to approve the following:

- A. The minutes of the September 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- B. The Treasurer's financial reports for the month of September, 2015
- C. Approve the revision of appropriations and the "412 certificate" (none)
- D. Approve the Five-Year Forecast and Five Year Forecast assumptions for fiscal 2015-2016 (under financials).
- E. Approve a resolution designating depositories of public monies of the Amherst E.V. School District (under financials).
- F. Approve to extend the designation of public monies of the Amherst Exempted Village School District to November 16, 2015.

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G. Accept and acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to the Amherst Schools:

- **Ryan Rua**/New Balance for a donation of shoes for the baseball coaching staff worth \$500.00
- **Sliman's Sales and Service** for a \$300.00 donation to M.L. Steele high school student council for "Pink Week" materials.

H. Approve the agreement with **American Fidelity Assurance Company** as our Section 125 Plan service provider as per **Exhibit 9A**.

I. Approve the purchase of National Blue Ribbon Award polo shirts for the Amherst Junior High staff.

Roll Call vote:

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

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Steve Sayers

Master Facility Plan -- Facility Advisory Committee made the recommendation to build a Pre K-3 building. The community felt that the Pre K-3 building was too big. This master plan would include some renovations and upgrades to the High School and Nord. This master plan can happen without no new increase in taxes. With this plan there will be around \$500,000 operation savings. OSFC (Ohio School Facility Commission) would split the cost with the district 50/50. The staff supports this decision. We anticipate a January funding offer. The next step in the process will occur sometime in December that would require official approval of this master plan moving forward.

Mr. Sayers indicated that we are in a very positive situation.

Mr. Engle asked if this offer will be addressing Shupe Elementary school as well. Mr. Sayers stated that Shupe, Powers and Harris is included in this plan for demolition but it will be up to the Board.

It is reasonable to incorporate the Board offices into the new building? Mr. Sayers said yes but that would be an additional cost we would have to raise.

Mr. Engle stated that yes it would but we would have to spend to renovate offices in Nord building.

Mr. Yacobozzi said that any State funded offer would not include money for the Board office no matter what building.

Mr. Kamnikar -- if the State funds the demo and the district decides not to demo, can we allocate the funds to another part of the construction? Mr. Sayers said that he would investigate that, he knows the State has a formula they use for the offer.

Mr. Zappa asked if we wanted to add something later, where would the money come from? Mr. Sayers stated that that would be local dollars.

The estimated cost of the master plan right now is \$30 million, \$15 million is our share and can be done by restructuring the current bond.

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Mr. Yacobozzi said that it is imperative to bring Clark and Post in right now to cost the renovations out.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Mr. Mike Molnar, Executive Director of Educational Services

Notes:

Ohio State testing this year. Last year was all about PARCC. Last year PARCC brought with it multiple testing dates. This year the General Assembly came back this year and said PARCC is out. Testing has converted back to pre PARCC.

When PARCC came along, other options came along as well. Even though we reverted back but with it came a few options that are good for the district. The district can break up to two different sessions for 90 minutes each. Districts can choose whether they want this as our 3 hour test. Students can now take the test paper and pencil or on-line. Districts have that option to choose.

Who in the building are going to decide whether it is paper – pencil or on-line. Mike stated that the Principals will choose this because they know their students best.

Mr. Kamnikar wanted to know if the handout was going to be posted on the website and Mr. Molnar said yes. Mr. Engle thinks that we should know if we are going to take the test paper-pencil or on-line before it is posted because those questions will arise.

Mr. Rex Engle, JVS Representative

Notes:

JVS hoped to be the first to become a certified stem school. Sorry to say that they are not the first. A school district in the Stubenville area was the first. JVS will be the second. Buckeye room will be opening on the 2nd day of November.

This year enrollment through the 9th grade and satellite program is 1494.

Next year every student at the JVS will have IPADS. The Board started this program three years ago. The JVS is looking at expanding the 9th and 10th grade level of students they will enroll.

Past weekend was the craft show with 150 vendors and was the largest attendance they have ever had. The craft show – show cases some of the programs at the JVS.

Other Reports: Administrative Standing Committees

Notes:

None

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2015-10-03

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

A. Accept the following resignations as indicated:

- **Barry Kaufman**, Paraprofessional at Nord, effective 10/31/15
- **Janice Osburn**, Classified substitute; aide; cook, effective 12/18/15

B. Employ the following individual(s), as indicated, on a 30 or 60-day probationary contract, for the 2015-2016 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:

- **Kristen Vrooman**, 30 day probationary contract, Comet Kids Club Aide, Powers Elementary, effective 9/26/15

C. Employ the following individual(s) as certified and/or classified substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year, as indicated, with compensation at the board approved substitute rates pending completion of all employment requirements, including, but not limited to licensure/certification (if required) and a BCII & FBI background check:

- **Katelyn Tramontana**, Long term substitute, effective 10/19/15
- **Peggy Vale**, Teacher, effective 9/25/15
- **Dianne Yonts**, Cook/Cashier, effective 10/26/15
- **Cathleen Zitek**, Monitor, Aide, Cood/Cashier, effective 10/19/15

D. Approve the changes in contracted status for the following individuals for the 2015-2016 school year as indicated:

- **U. Linda Koch**, Powers Elementary – 8:05 AM – 3:50 PM, (no longer going to Harris and Nord for dismissal duty), effective 9/23/15
- **Lisa Weir**, Part-time monitor at AJH, hours changing from 2.0 per day to 2.75 per day, effective 8/14/15
- **Charlene Yohn**, from Harris Elementary to Powers Elementary 8:05AM – 3:50 PM, effective 10/5/15
- Powers Elementary cafeteria staff changes due to the increased number of students being served, effective 10/12/15:
 - **Annette Allison**, Part time cook, from 3.0 hours to 3.50 hours
 - **Carol Palacios**, Part time cook, from 3.0 hours to 3.50 hours
 - **Liz Reifschneider**, Head cook, from 7.25 hours to 7.50 hours
 - **Kristen Vrooman**, Part time cook, from 3.0 hours to 3.5 hours

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- E. Grant a supplemental contract to the following individuals for the fall and/or year round extra-curricular activities during the 2015-2016 school year, pending completion of all employment requirements, including but not limited to Pupil Activity Permit, if required for positions, and a BCII and FBI background check with compensation at the board approved rate as per **Attachment 12A**.
- F. Approve the following game management and athletic event personnel to be paid according to the approved 2015-2016 Ancillary salary schedule out of the athletic fund.
 - **Dean Lowe**, Football Spotter
 - **Sydney Roule**, Football North Gate Ticket Taker
 - **Vicki Ward**, Football Main Gate Ticket Seller and Football Main Gate Ticket Taker
 - **Adam Matthews**, Football Pass Gate
 - **Chuck Haslage**, Football Chain Crew
 - **John Matakovich**, Football Chain Crew
 - **Deborah Zvara, Jr.** Varsity Football Ticket Seller
 - **Lisa Schenk**, AJH Scorekeeper
- G. Grant the following individuals, who have completed their probationary contract a limited contract or return to a continuing contract status as indicated.
 - Tammy Klekota**, Part time Media aide, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 9/28/15
 - Kimberley Sayers**, Bus driver, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 9/26/15
 - Margaret Settle**, PEP bus aide, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 9/26/15
 - Joshua Ward**, Assistant Mechanic, (balance of a one-year contract), effective 9/23/15
- H. Approve **Jennifer Riley**, Sign Interpreter, for extra duty interpreting services as needed during the 2015-2016 school year, to be paid at her regular hourly rate.
- I. Approve the request for an unpaid parental leave of absence for **Mary Scott Williams**, Guidance Counselor, effective 11/7/15 through 11/21/15 and to return to work on or about 11/23/15.
- J. Approve the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Amherst E.V. Board of Education (Board) and the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) to extend the current collective bargaining agreement for two years with salary increases of 1.75% and 2.25% for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years respectively as per **Exhibit 12A**.
- K. Accept the following resignations as indicated:
 - **Katelyn Tramontana**, Long term substitute, (has accepted a full time position elsewhere), effective 10/24/15
- L. Approve payment for the following individuals for 3.5 hours of extra duty of completion of a CPI for Autism refresher course that was completed on 9/23/15:

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- Lisa Tilk (PD rate)
- Cornelia Rivenburg (hourly rate)
- Dani White (hourly rate)
- Nick Quarando (PD rate)
- Rebecca Nielsen (PD rate)
- Kelly Baon (PD rate)
- Jodi Magers (PD rate)
- Heather Gerhardinger (hourly rate)
- Joyce West (PD rate)
- Paula Brooks (PD rate)
- Kathy Mount (hourly rate)
- Kaye Long (PD rate)
- Melissa Haslage (hourly rate)
- Char Yohn (hourly rate)
- Ember Kucirek (hourly rate)
- Julie Swift (hourly rate)
- Julie Peltz (hourly rate)

Roll call vote:

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

2015-10-04

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

- A. Enter into a service agreement with the **Educational Service Center of Lorain County (ESCLC)** to participate in the ESCLC sponsored **Project Search** for the 2015-2016 school year, as per **Exhibit 13A**.
- B. Enter into a 30 day agreement with **MSB Consulting Group LLC**, for providing a projection of the potential financial benefits of utilizing Medicaid consultation and billing as per **Exhibit 13B**
- C. Approve the overnight trip to **Washington D.C.** for **Steve Sayers**, Superintendent, **Ryan Coleman**, AJH Principal, and **Katie Wohlever**, Gifted teacher to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award being given to AJH on 11/10/15.
- D. Enter into a service agreement with **North Coast Educational Media Center** to provide the Discovery Education services during the 2015-2016 school year as per **Exhibit 13C**.

Roll call vote:

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

2015-10-05

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

- A. Approve the maintenance agreement with **Northern Refrigeration Systems, Inc.** for annual maintenance at Nord Middle School as per **Exhibit 14A**.

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- B. Approve the **Transportation In-Lieu Of** recommendation as per **Exhibit 14B**.
- C. Enter into an agreement with **Hunter Education Capital, LLC** for seeking sponsorship partners for the Amherst E.V. Schools district athletic facilities as per **Exhibit 14C**.
- D. Approve the **Mercy Health & Recreation Center Swim Lane Use Agreement**, as per **Exhibit 14D**.
- E. Enter into an agreement with the **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)** for girls soccer tournament site agreement, as per **Exhibit 14E**.
- F. Enter into an agreement with **CVS Pharmacy, Inc.** for onsite influenza vaccinations as per **Exhibit 14F**.
- G. Enter into an agreement with **R S Entertainment (RSE)** for the 2016 Ironman HS Spring Baseball Classic at The Pipe Yard as per **Exhibit 14G**.
- H. Authorize the Superintendent, Treasurer and Board President to enter into a contract with **Clark & Post Architects** for work associated with the Master Facility Plan and to update school building floor plans to comply with the state regulations.

Roll call vote:

Yacobbozi, aye; Engle, aye; Kamnikar, aye; Gilles, aye; Zappa, aye;

Mr. Kamnikar wanted to say that the live streaming program that was set up by Mr. Lowery to watch the SNL from your phone etc. is great.

2015-10-06

It was moved by Engle, seconded by Yacobbozi to adjourn the meeting

Roll call vote:

Gilles, aye, Zappa, aye, Kamnikar, aye, Yacobbozi, aye, Engle, aye

Board President Teresa Gilles adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer