

**MINUTES OF THE 868 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 13, 2018
District Office Conference Room**

Present: Paul Steimle - President, Jeanne Ernst - Vice-President, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Paul Batt

Others Present: Anthony Panella - Superintendent, Ryan Schoenfeld - Assistant Superintendent, Laura Bosinski, Business Administrator, Michael Belle-Isle, Human Resources Director

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:01 pm

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

President Steimle stated a few BOCES nominees sent him letters which he forwarded to all board members. Erie 1 BOCES will be holding their Budget Vote and Elections on April 17, 2018.

A congratulations letter was read by President Steimle from Ira Schwartz on behalf of New York State Education Department Commissioner MaryEllen Elia. Amherst Central High School was designated as a Reward School for having made the most progress or the highest performance with no significant gaps in student achievement.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Dominic Vivolo reported the Audit Committee met to review the Risk Assessment report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Advocacy

Superintendent Panella and Board President Paul Steimle met with Senator Michael Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Raymond Walter to discuss 4 main points relative to the governor's proposal: to fully fund and update the Foundation Aid formula, to eradicate the proposed cap on future growth in expense based aids, to maintain the reimbursement rate for summer special education programs, and to allow districts to create a teachers retirement system reserve.

Budget Update

Business Administrator, Laura Bosinski, reported on preliminary revenue and expenditure assumptions and projections for the 2018-2019 school year. The overall budget forecast is projecting a \$1.6 million dollar gap. The Board unanimously voted to stay within the tax cap for next year's budget.

A motion was made by Lorry Goldhawk and seconded by Jeanne Ernst to Approve the following New Business Items: F-1-a through i; Personnel Items: F-2-a through e, and Financial Item F-3-d and g. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Approve** Minutes of January 23, 2017 Regular Business Meeting.
- b. **Approve** the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Subcommittee on Special Education.
- c. **Approve** the Recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- d. **Approve** declaring the Windermere Capital Outlay Project to be a Type II action under SEQRA, and authorize and direct inclusion of funding for such project in the District's 2017-2018 Annual Budget.
- e. **Award** bid to SLR Contracting & Services Company, Inc. for General Trades Contract PH1-00 pertaining to Project Phase I in the amount of \$69,400.00.

- f. **Award** bid to Occhino Corporation for Site Work Contract PH1-02 pertaining to Project Phase I in the amount of \$1,805,900.00.
- g. **Accept** Gifts/Donations on the Attached List and Increase the District's 2017-2018 Budget Appropriation by \$3,658.20.
- h. **Approve (FINAL)** the Overnight/Out-of-the Country Field Trip Proposal in Costa Rica for thirty (30) students to participate in the Spanish Club Trip: April 2, 2018 - April 7, 2018 (Students Assume all Related Costs).
- i. **Approve** of Disposing Excess Technology Inventory: Please see attached.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

- 1. Approve the **Administrator-Secondary Principal tenure appointment** for **John Griesmer**, Principal at the Middle School, effective March 2, 2018.

Instructional – Faculty

- 2. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Kelly Hinton**, Elementary Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective May 21, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year (tentative dates).
- 3. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Ashley Newman**, Elementary Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective March 5, 2018 through April 13, 2018 (tentative dates).
- 4. Appoint **Nalin Tjitradjaja**, current Teaching Assistant who holds a valid Initial Early Childhood Education (Grades B-2) certificate, as an **Elementary Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Ashley Newman) effective March 5, 2018 through April 13, 2018 (tentative dates).

Teaching Assistants

- 5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Nalin Tjitradjaja**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School (to be an Elementary Teacher long-term substitute), effective March 5, 2018 (tentative date).
- 6. Appoint **Michelle Whipple**, who holds a pending Conditional/Initial Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) certificate, **to a probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant (35.5 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at the Middle School (replacing Amanda Giordano) effective February 14, 2018 through date February 13, 2022.
- 7. Appoint **Suzanne Wright**, who holds a pending Teaching Assistant certificate, **as a part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Maria Droz Kreutinger) effective February 26, 2018.
- 8. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Stephanie Egan**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School, effective February 12, 2018 through April 6, 2018 (end of spring break) (tentative dates).

Civil Service

9. Appoint **Cathryn Piersa** as a **part-time Special Education Teacher "Special Friends" Aide (19 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Diane Steiner) retroactive to February 5, 2018.

Other

10. Approve additional staff for the **2017-18 before/after-school** program: **Leonard Mitchell, Marcellus Cooper, Shayne Scott.**
11. Approve changes to the **2017-18 substitute list.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (February 2018); Warrant Report: #0021 (November 10, 2017); #0023 (November 22, 2017)

Follow Up Action Items

- 1) Provide the Board with interest rates and earnings from 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session to employment of a particular person was made by Jessica McLaughlin seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The board convened to Executive Session at 7:39 PM.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The board convened to Public Session at 9:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jessica McLaughlin, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk