

**MINUTES OF THE 880 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
September 18, 2018  
District Office Conference Room**

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

**Not Present:** None

**Others Present:** Anthony Panella - Superintendent, Michael Belle-Isle - Assistant Superintendent, Lynn Shanahan - Assistant Superintendent, Laura Bosinski – Business Administrator

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:00 pm

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Board member Jeanne Ernst stated the Technology Committee meeting was very productive. Discussion items included: streamlining software and hardware requests, the Technology Integrator's shifting roll and making technology part of the teaching process so that it becomes a life skill.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Panella had our new teachers introduce themselves to the Board of Education and wished them well. New teachers in attendance were Holly Cleary, Emily Daniel, Kim Eisenhauer, Danielle Gorney, Anna Hilley, and Melissa Stasio.

A representative from Governor Cuomo's office called Superintendent Panella to say 275 newly selected Master Teachers were selected and 4 of them were from Amherst: Jamie Cinelli, Kristen Shouldice, Eric Zobel, and Jill Zobel. They join current Master Teachers Stephanie Reddien and Nancy Claxton. No other district had 4 teachers selected.

**Elementary Curriculum Update**

Dr. Lynn Shanahan, Assistant Superintendent, along with Curriculum Leaders Patti McCabe and Lori Chittenden, reported on summer curriculum work that the ELA and Math Committees worked on over the summer.

Superintendent Panella praised Dr. Shanahan for her extraordinary efforts as a new administrator.

**NYSSBA By-Law Amendments & Resolutions**

President Steimle queried the Board about their review of the proposed New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) resolutions previously sent to them. All board members were in agreement to approve the proposed resolutions. Board member Jessica McLaughlin was charged with voting in favor for all proposed resolutions at the NYSSBA Convention later this month.

*A motion was made by Jessica McLaughlin and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through f; Personnel Items: E-2-a through d, and Financial Item E-3-b, c, e, and h. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Approve** Minutes of September 18, 2018 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** the Independent Auditor's Annual Management Report for the year ending 6/30/18 pending any material changes.
- e. **Pre-Approve** the Overnight/Out-of-the-Country Field Trip Proposal to Washington, DC for grade 8: April 10, 2019 – April 12, 2019 (No cost to District).
- f. **Approve** disposal of one (1) Baldwin upright piano from Windermere Boulevard School.

## PERSONNEL

### Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Amanda Ruszczyk**, who holds a valid Professional Childhood Education (grades 1-6) certificate, as an **Elementary Teacher long-term, part-year substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Kristen Shouldice), effective October 9, 2018 through April 18, 2019 (tentative dates).

### Instructional Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Nicholas Coronado**, Physical Education **Teaching Assistant** at the Middle School, effective September 28, 2018.
2. Appoint **Katelyn Rogers**, who will obtain a Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, as a **Special Education Teaching Assistant (30 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Alissa Snyder) retroactive to September 17, 2018.
3. Appoint **Claudine Popovski**, who will obtain a Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Rita Bencini) effective October 3, 2018.

### Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Barbara Rung**, Senior Clerk Typist at District Office, effective October 5, 2018.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Roopa Setlur**, Senior Clerk Typist at the High School, effective October 12, 2018.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Michael McGuire**, Teacher Aide/Monitor at the High School, effective the close of business October 12, 2018.

### Other

1. Approve **Mentors** for the 2018-19 school year
2. Approve **Volunteer Coaches** for the 2018-19 school year
3. Approve changes to the 2018-19 **Substitute List**.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (July & August 2018), Detail (July & August 2018); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (August 2018), Special Aid Fund (August 2018); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2018- July 31, 2018 & July 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018); Treasurer's Report (July & August 2018)

## Follow Up Action Items

None

President Steimle acknowledged Michael "Duke" McGuire's retirement on the agenda. Duke is a 30+ year employee.

A motion to convene to Executive Session regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The board convened to Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The board convened to Public Session at 8:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk