

**MINUTES OF THE 882 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 6, 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 Jessica McLaughlin reported on the sessions she attended at the NYSSBA Conference in New York City.

Board Member Lynn Errington stated she met with the Policy Committee which recommended adopting several policies on this agenda.

Board Member Lorry Goldhawk reported the Transportation Committee met and discussed potential cost saving strategies as well as piloting the improved First Student bus app.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Pathfinder's Taskforce

The High School Pathfinder's Task Force nominated Mr. Duke McGuire as "Teacher of the Month" for September 2018 and Ms. Christina Evans and Mr. Robert DiNunzio for October 2018. Amelia Schaeffer and Sean Murphy were nominated as "Students of the Month" for September 2018 and Emily Starkweather and Matthew Gramza for October 2018.

Fund Balance & Reserves Long-Range Plan

School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski provided data on Fund Balance and Reserves Long-Range Plan. The Board agreed with all recommendations. The plan will be adopted at the November 20th board meeting.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Jessica McLaughlin to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through s and Personnel Items: E-2-a through d. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Approve** Minutes of October 16, 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. **Appoint** Laura Bosinski as a Civil Rights Compliance Officer.
- e. **Approve** Patrick Kapperman as Committee on Special Education chairperson.
- f. **Approve** the District's participation in 2018-2019 Unified Basketball.
- g. **Approve** (first reading) of new Policy No. 5551 *Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds in the District.*

- h. **Approve** (first reading) of new Policy No. 7133 *Education of Students in Foster Care*.
- i. **Approve** (first reading) of new Policy No. 7221 *Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities*.
- j. **Approve** revised Policy No. 6121 *Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*.
- k. **Approve** revised Policy No. 6212 *Certifications and Qualifications*.
- l. **Approve** revised Policy No. 6220 *Temporary Personnel*.
- m. **Approve** revised Policy No. 6550 *Leaves of Absence*.
- n. **Approve** revised Policy No. 7131 *Education of Students in Temporary Housing*.
- o. **Approve** revised Policy No. 7242 *Military Recruiters' and Institutions of Higher Education*.
- p. **Accept** Gifts/Donations on the attached list and increase the District's 2018-2019 Budget Appropriation by \$2,133.24.
- q. **Pre-Approve** the Overnight/Out-of-the-Country Field Trip Proposal to New York, New York for 55 students: April 10, 2019 – April 12, 2019 (**No cost to District**).
- r. **Pre-Approve** the Overnight/Out-of-the-Country Field Trip Proposal to Bolzano, Italy for 12 students: February 16, 2019 – March 5, 2019 (**No cost to District**).
- s. **Approve** disposal of one (1) Riding Floor Auto Scrubber from Amherst High School.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve **extended maternity/child care leave** for **Allison Damon**, Math/Reading Specialist at Windermere Boulevard School, effective November 2, 2018 through November 30, 2018 (tentative dates).
2. Appoint **Conor Nowak**, who holds a valid Initial Physical Education certificate, as a **Physical Education Teacher long-term substitute** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Mark Mobus) retroactive to October 9, 2018 through November 21, 2018 (tentative dates).

Instructional Teaching Assistants

1. None

Civil Service

1. Accept Amend the appointment of **Marie Tisack, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) (30 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School, from probationary to **permanent** retroactive to June 5, 2018, upon successful completion of her 26-week probationary period in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **La'Sherie Thompson**, Teacher Aide/Lunch monitor at Windermere Boulevard School, effective November 1, 2018, with her last day of work being October 31, 2018.
3. Appoint **Gary Green** as a **part-time Teacher Aide (Cafeteria Monitor) 13.75 hours/week-10 months)** at Windermere Boulevard School retroactive to November 5, 2018 (replacing La'Sherie Thompson).
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Clifton Jackson**, Teacher Aide/Building Monitor Long-Term Substitute at Amherst Central High School, effective October 22, 2018, with his last day of work being October 19, 2018.
5. Appoint **Janice Spencer** as a **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** in the Special Education Department (replacing Barbara Rung) effective November 7, 2018. This is a

provisional appointment pending Janice taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.

6. Appoint **Elizabeth Mason** as a **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at the High School (replacing Roopa Setlur) effective November 7, 2018. This is a provisional appointment pending Elizabeth taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
7. Appoint **Kristen Burke** as a **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** in the Special Education Department (replacing Rosemarie Howard) effective November 19, 2018. This is a provisional appointment pending Kristen taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
8. Approve a **change of status** for **Robert Muir**, from Laborer (40 hours/week) at Windermere Boulevard School **to Custodian (40 hours/week)** at the Middle School effective November 7, 2018. His 26-week probationary period is through May 6, 2019 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.

Other

1. Approve Approve additional staff for the **Winter 2018-19 coaching schedule**: Kevin Bardak as Assistant Coach - Varsity Boys Swimming (replacing Charlotte Drozda), Kelli McCauley as Assistant Coach - Varsity Girls Basketball .5 (replacing Heather Radder), Philip Richardson as Head Coach - Girls Modified Basketball (replacing Robert Linhart), Elizabeth Zucco as Head Coach - CoEd Modified Swimming (replacing Joshua Janese), and Nelson Schule as Assistant Coach - Girls Ice Hockey (replacing Jeffrey Barrett).
2. Approve changes to the **2018-19 Substitute List**.

Follow Up Action Items

- 1.) District Clerk to email NYSSBA conference handouts to board members.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding collective bargaining negotiations and employment of a particular person was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion Unanimously carried (7-0).

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion Unanimously carried (7-0).

The board convened to Public Session at 8:40 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned 8:41 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Bosinski, Acting District Clerk