

**MINUTES OF THE 887 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 22, 2019
District Office Conference Room**

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

Not Present: None

Others Present: Superintendent Anthony Panella, Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Shanahan

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:02 pm

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Lorry Goldhawk reviewed upcoming programs Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) will be hosting for board members and some new initiatives other districts are doing.

Board member Jeanne Ernst stated the ECASB's legislative breakfast will include significant data for attendees. The association also plans to create a resolution book similar to New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

First Amendment, First Vote

Female students from our high school presented on their journey to Seneca Falls for the *First Amendment, First Vote* conference. The conference focused on the woman's importance in society and how women can make a difference.

Windermere Strategic Plan Update

School Principals, Mary Lavin and Julie Flanagan, along with several teachers from Windermere Boulevard Elementary reported on the Responsive Classroom. Denise Freeman, Kim Ignatius, Hilary Jarmusz, Danielle Maciok, Tiffany Miller, Erin Regan, Rebecca Schechter, and Kelli Treichler gave testimonials and examples of how this approach to education integrates academic and social-emotional skills so students are prepared to learn.

A motion was made by Jessica McLaughlin and seconded by Dominic Vivolo to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through l, E-2-a through d, and E-3-b through h. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Approve** Minutes of January 8, 2019 Regular Board 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** Michael Belle-Isle as Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education Chairperson.
- e. **Approve** an agreement between Town of Amherst and Amherst Central School District for school district resource officer program contingent upon the Town of Amherst's board approval on January 23, 2019.

- f. **Approve** (FINAL) the Overnight/Out-of-the-Country Field Trip Proposal to Quebec City, Quebec for 29 students: February 17, 2019 – February 20, 2019 (No cost to District).
- g. **Approve** the Environmental Science electronic textbook, Environment: The Science Behind the Stories.
- h. **Award** bid to Rodriguez Construction Corp. for General Trades Contract PH2-01 pertaining to Project Phase II in the amount of \$6,064,000.
- i. **Award** bid to Willett Builders, Inc. for Mechanical Trades Contract PH2-02 pertaining to Project Phase II in the amount of \$2,095,000.
- j. **Award** bid to Industrial Power and Lighting Corp. for Electrical Trades Contract PH2-03 pertaining to Project Phase II in the amount of \$1,274,000.
- k. **Award** bid to A. Gareleck & Sons, Inc. for Plumbing Trades Contract PH2-04 pertaining to Project Phase II in the amount of \$330,000.
- l. **Award** bid to Window Specialist, Inc. for Window & Glazing Trades Contract PH2-05 pertaining to Project Phase II in the amount of \$5,100,000.

PERSONNEL

Instructional - Faculty

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Alicia Radko**, Elementary Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective February 25, 2019 through March 22, 2019 (tentative dates).
2. Appoint **Gabrielle Zafonte**, current long-term part-year substitute for Amy Butzek who holds a valid initial Childhood Education (1-6) certificate, **as an Elementary Teacher long-term part-year substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Alicia Radko) effective February 25, 2019 through March 22, 2019 (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Kelly Metzger**, who holds a valid initial Physical Education certificate, **to a probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant (Physical Education-- 31.25 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at the High School (replacing Kevin Denny) effective February 4, 2019.
2. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Barbara-Ellen Goetz**, Special Education Teaching Assistant at the Middle School, effective February 5, 2019 through April 15, 2019 (tentative dates).
3. Appoint **Dawn Smith**, who holds a professional Childhood Education (1-6) certificate, **as a part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Amy Tighe/Kim Alexander-Thompson) effective January 23, 2019.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Lindsay Hanes, Teaching Assistant (Special Education)** at Smallwood Drive School, effective her last day of work January 18, 2019.
5. Approve a **change of status** for **Cheryl Weigand** from Teacher Aide (Special Education), who holds a valid Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant (Special Education-28.75 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Lindsay Hanes) effective January 23, 2019.

Civil Service

1. Approve a **change of status** for **Gary Green**, Teacher Aide at Windermere Boulevard School, from part-time **to full-time (30 hours/week-new position due to IEP)** effective January 23, 2019.
2. Appoint **Nicole Krol** as a **part-time Teacher Aide (Cafeteria Monitor - 13.75 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School effective January 23, 2019 (replacing Gary Green).

Other

1. Approve changes to the **2018-19 substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (December 2018), Detail (December 2018); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (December 2018), Capital Projects Fund (December 2018), School Lunch Fund (December 2018); Budget Transfers [over \$25,000] Capital Projects Fund (December 2018); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2018- December 31, 2018); Extra Classroom/Extracurricular Activity Quarterly Reports (October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018); Warrant Reports: #0025 (December 14, 2018), #0026 (December 21, 2018); Treasurer's Report (December 2018)

Follow Up Action Items

None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carries (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:38 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carries (7-0).

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:08 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk