

**MINUTES OF THE 893 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 7, 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, Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to present the 2019-2020 budget. Laura Bosinski, School Business Administrator, reviewed all pertinent budget information. The budget amount presented to the voters on May 21, 2019 is \$60,143,000.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Lynn Errington reviewed the policies put forth to the Board at this evening's meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Middle School Strategic Plan Update

Principal John Griesmer and Assistant Principal Keith Crombie highlighted initiatives the Middle School has focused on this school year which pertained to college & career readiness, extended learning, student-teacher relationships, and employee wellness.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Jessica McLaughlin to approve the following New Business Items: F-1-a through l, F-2-a through e, and F-3-f. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of April 16, 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. Adopt the 2019-2020 **Board of Education calendar**.
- e. Approve the combining of **Girls Varsity Ice Hockey** with Clarence Central School District and SweetHome Central School District.
- f. Approve revised **Policy No. 5741** Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees.
- g. Approve revised **Policy No. 6213** Professional Certification and Professional Development.
- h. Pre-Approve/Final Approval for the **Overnight/Out-of-the-Country Field Trip Proposal** to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio for forty-five (45) High School students: May 24, 2019 – May 25, 2019 (No cost to District).

- i. Pre-Approve the **Overnight/Out-of-the-Country Field Trip Proposal** to Camp Weona for one hundred seventeen (117) Smallwood Drive students: June 18, 2019 – June 19, 2019 (No cost to District).
- j. Accept **Gifts/Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2018-2019 Budget Appropriation by \$23,719.17.
- k. Approve disposing Excess **High School Music Department Inventory**: Please see attached.
- l. Approve disposing Excess **Technology Inventory**: Please see attached.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. Appoint **Jeffrey Wheaton**, who holds a valid Initial School Building Leader and Professional Physical Education and Supplementary Health Education certificates to a four-year probationary appointment **as Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics--** Director HPEA Tenure Area (replacing Kiel Ilg) effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Instructional – Faculty

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Victoria Kopacz**, Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, effective July 1, 2019.
2. Appoint **Marguerite Call**, current per diem teacher since April 8, 2019 who holds a valid Initial Music certificate, **as Elementary Teacher long-term substitute** teacher at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Christopher Teal), effective May 8, 2019 through May 23, 2019 (tentative date).
3. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Kelly Gay**, Reading AIS Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 27, 2019 through October 6, 2019 (tentative dates).
4. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Sarah Barnes-Ryan**, English Teacher at the Middle School, effective June 3, 2019 through the end of the 2018-19 school year (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Ellen Gammell**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School effective her last day of work on June 24, 2019.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes **of retirement of Charles Pearson**, Laborer at the High School effective August 1, 2019 (his last day of work will be July 31, 2019).
2. Accept with regret the **resignation of Joanne Aronica-Olyaei**, part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor at Windermere Boulevard School, effective her last day of work on April 15, 2019.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Erica Banks**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at Windermere Boulevard School, effective her last day of work on May 10, 2019.
4. Appoint **Stephen Smith**, current food service helper substitute, as a **part-time Food Service Helper** (4.5 hours/day) at the High School (replacing Esbeyde Millen) effective May 8, 2019.

5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Jacqualynn Helf-Quinn**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective her last day of work on May 17, 2019.
6. Appoint **Tina Christy** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education** (30 hours/week) at Windermere Boulevard School effective May 9, 2019 (replacing Gary Green).

Other

1. Approve **Matthew Folger**, who will obtain a School District Leader Permanent certificate in May 2020, as an unpaid **Administrative Intern** at the High School effective July 1, 2019 through August 28, 2019.
2. Approve **Courtney Doyle**, who holds an initial School Building Leader (SBL) certificate, as an unpaid **Administrative Intern** at the Middle School effective June 24, 2019 through August 16, 2019.
3. Approve the 2019 Amherst High School **Summer Credit Recovery Staff**.
4. Reappoint the current **Curriculum Teacher Leaders** for the 2019-20 school year.
5. Approve changes to the 2018-19 **substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Warrant Reports: #0041 (April 5, 2019), #0042 (April 19, 2019)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

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

The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:06 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk