

**MINUTES OF THE 894 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 4, 2019
District Office Conference Room**

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

Not Present: Lorry Goldhawk

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

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

President Steimle thanked everyone that came out to vote on May 21st.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Vice President Jeanne Ernst stated the Technology Committee met and discussed Education Law 2d and new technology to be implemented in the District.

Board member Jessica McLaughlin reported the Transportation Committee met to review the FirstView Application and database. Also, Bus Patrol will be working with Amherst School District and Amherst Police Department on a pilot program.

Board member Dominic Vivolo noted the Audit Committee met with internal auditor Lumsden & McCormick, LLP regarding extracurricular clubs. Another meeting will be held in June.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Pathfinder's Task Force

The High School Pathfinder's Task Force nominated Mr. Scott Geisen as "Teacher of the Month" for April 2019 and Ms. Stephanie Reddien for May 2019. Ani Gribbon and Aden Clemente were nominated as "Students of the Month" for April 2019 and Timothy Morris and Raynaleen Ricacho for May 2019.

Phase II Capital Construction Update

Brittnay Sainz from Turner Construction and James Hickey and Rishawn Sinubi from Young & Wright Architectural, reviewed work completed in the Capital Project thus far. Renderings of work being done this summer were also presented. Superintendent Panella stated Phase 2 and Phase 3 work will occur concurrently.

Claims Auditor Report

District Claims Auditor, Richard Foley, explained job expectations, the process used in auditing, and common findings.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Jessica McLaughlin to approve the following New Business Items: F-1-a through h, F-2-a through d, and F-3- b, c, d, e and h. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of May 7, 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 the District Clerk's Report regarding the Annual District Budget Vote and Election of School Board Members held on May 21, 2019.
- e. Approve (FINAL) the Overnight Field Trip Proposal to Camp Weona for one hundred seventeen (117) Smallwood Drive students: June 18, 2019 – June 19, 2019 (No cost to District).
- f. Accept Gifts/Donations on the attached list and increase the District's 2018-2019 Budget Appropriation by \$5,758.00.
- g. Approve disposing of 108 obsolete textbooks from Amherst Middle School: Prentice Hall Literature, Copper Level.
- h. Approve disposing of 48 obsolete textbooks from Amherst Middle School: Algebra 1.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Amanda Feron**, who holds a valid provisional School Counselor certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a School Counselor—special subject tenure area 30.8(b)(2)** at the Middle School (replacing Shari Bauda) effective August 27, 2019. The probationary expiration date will be contingent on the individual's overall APPR ratings. To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.
2. Appoint **Emily Boughton**, who holds a valid provisional School Psychologist certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as School Psychologist—special subject tenure area 30.8(b)(8)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Holly Cleary) effective August 27, 2019. The probationary expiration date will be contingent on the individual's overall APPR ratings. To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.
3. Appoint **Ryan Friedrich**, who holds a valid initial Students with Disabilities (7-12 Generalist) certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** at the Middle School (replacing Laura Maccagnano) effective August 27, 2019. The probationary expiration date will be contingent on the individual's overall APPR ratings. To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. None

Civil Service

1. None

Other

1. Appoint **Lauren Smith** as the **English as a New Language (ENL) Consultant Teacher for the Summer Scholars Program (Title III grant)** effective July 8, 2019 through July 19, 2019 (tentative dates).
2. Approve the **2019 Amherst Middle School Summer Skills Program Staff**.
3. Approve the following for **Summer Grounds Workers: Jalen Barron and Nick Foster** retroactive to May 28, 2019 through August 2019 (tentative dates).
4. Approve changes to the **2018-19 substitute list**.

President Steimle welcomed to Amherst Central School District the new teachers in attendance and incoming Director for Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Jeffrey Wheaton.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (April 2019), Detail (April 2019); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (April 2019), School Lunch Fund (April 2019); Budget Transfers [over \$25,000] General Fund (April & May 2019); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2018- April 30, 2019); Treasurer's Report (April 2019), Investments (April 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 Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carries (6-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carries (6-0).

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:09 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk