

**MINUTES OF THE 898 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 3, 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; School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle commented on Opening Day with faculty and staff and thanked everyone for contending with the construction all summer. He also attended summer school graduation.

Vice-President Ernst, along with Erie County Association for School Boards and New York State School Board Association, met with Representative Brian Higgins to be certain schools are his focus.

Board member Dominic Vivolo attended a shared services meeting with Erie County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Opening Day Highlights

Superintendent Panella gave an overview of Opening Day with faculty and staff and Capital Project accomplishments at the Middle School and High School

A brief review of Opening Day for students followed then the Strategic Plan priorities for 2019-20.

Smart Schools Bond Act

Business Administrator Laura Bosinski explained the process and timeline to develop a preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan. Key stakeholders will develop the plan which will be presented to the public at the October 1, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through g, E-2-a through d, and E-3-b. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of August 13, 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 certification of **Lead Evaluators** for teacher and principal evaluations.
- e. Approve disposal of seven (7) **Display Cabinets** from Amherst High School.
- f. Approve an **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to Jenna Sobol for off-season instruction (Funds Generated from Field Hockey).
- g. Approve an **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$600.00 payable to Nicole Sidebottom for off-season instruction (Funds Generated from Field Hockey).

PERSONNEL**Instructional – Faculty**

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Michele Binkowski**, Foreign Language Teacher at the High School, effective August 19, 2019.
2. Approve a **leave of absence** for **Susan Egloff**, Elementary Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective August 27, 2019 through November 18, 2019 (tentative).
3. Approve a **change of status** for **Erum Jenks**, from Elementary Teacher long-term substitute for Amanda Walter effective September 20, 2019 through February 14, 2020, **to Elementary Teacher long-term substitute at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Susan Egloff) effective August 27, 2019 through a date to be determined.**
4. Approve a **health leave** for **Danielle Maciok**, Special Education Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 27, 2019 through November 2019 (tentative dates).
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Christine Shields**, Occupational Therapist at the Middle School/non-public schools, effective her last day of work on August 27, 2019.
6. Appoint **Apryl Chamoun**, previous Occupational Therapist-PT, as a **temporary Occupational Therapist** at the Middle School (replacing Christine Shields) effective September 3, 2019.
7. Appoint **Gabrielle Zafonte**, previous Elementary Teacher long-term substitute who holds a valid initial Childhood Education (1-6) certificate and will obtain a Literacy (B-6) certificate, **as a Reading AIS teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Kelly Gay) effective September 3, 2019 through October 7, 2019 (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Christine Czora**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at the High School, effective August 16, 2019.
2. Appoint **Jessica Belous**, who holds a valid Childhood Education (1-6) certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant - 19 hours at** Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective September 3, 2019.
3. Appoint **Danielle Cervone** to a **probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant-Special Education (28.75 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Ellen Gammell) effective September 3, 2019.
4. Approve a **change of status** for **Katherine DeCoux** from Teacher Aide-Special Education **to Teaching Assistant-Special Ed (30.0 hours/week)** at the Middle School (new position) effective September 3, 2019.
5. Appoint **Kim Hanania** as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (19.0/16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Prajakta Apte), effective September 3, 2019.
6. Appoint **Amie Maranto**, who holds a valid Teaching Assistant level I certificate, to a **probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant-Special Education (30.0 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Katelyn Rogers) effective September 3, 2019.
7. Appoint **Krista McCoy**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, **as a part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective September 3, 2019.

8. Appoint **Heidi von Recklinghausen**, who holds a valid permanent Special Education (K-12) certificate, to a **probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant-Special Education (28.75 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Nancy Reed) effective September 3, 2019.
9. Approve a change of status for **Gabrielle Wessels-Friend**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, to a **probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)**--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d) at the Middle School (replacing Melinda Criola) effective September 3, 2019.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kristen Burke**, Senior Clerk Typist (provisional) in the Special Education Office, effective her last day of work on August 28, 2019.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kim Eastman**, Senior Clerk Typist at Smallwood Drive School, effective with her last day of work on August 26, 2019.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Angela Himes**, Principal Clerk Typist at Windermere Boulevard School, effective her last day of work on August 22, 2019.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Janet Wamsley**, District Junior Accountant-PT, effective her last day of work on September 5, 2019.
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Tina Christy**, as Teacher Aide-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective August 27, 2019 to accept a food services helper position.
6. Appoint **Tina Christy**, previous Teacher Aide-Special Education to **part-time Food Service Helper (20 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing Catherine D'Andrea who moved to Windermere Boulevard School) effective September 3, 2019.
7. Appoint **Daniel Robinson** as a **Teacher Aide/Monitor (40 hours/week)** at the High School (replacing Robert Close) effective September 3, 2019.
8. Approve a change of status for **Robert Anderson** from Regular Part-time Laborer (20 hours/week) to **Full-time Laborer (40 hours/week)** - replacing David Germain who transferred to Smallwood) at the Middle School effective August 26, 2019.
9. Appoint **Gregory Abrams** as a **full-time laborer (40 hours/week)** at the High School (replacing Matthew Firmstone/Charles Pearson for a 26-week probationary period effective September 4, 2019 through March 4, 2020).
10. Appoint **Eanoch Montanez** as a **part-time laborer (20 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing Robert Anderson who transferred to full-time) for a 26-week probationary period effective September 4, 2019 through March 4, 2020.

Other

1. Appoint/Reappoint **School Nurses** for the 2019-20 school year.
2. Approve **High School and Middle School Department Chairpersons and District Head Nurse** for the 2019-20 school year.
3. Approve additions to **Fall 2019 coaching schedule**.
4. Appoint/Reappoint **part-time Teaching Assistants** for the 2019-20 school year.

5. Appoint/Reappoint **Teacher Aides/Monitors/Cook Managers/Food Service Staff** for the 2019-20 school year.
6. Approve the **Special Education After School Program staff** for the 2019-20 school year.
7. Approve the **Athletic Support Staff pay schedule** for the 2019-20 school year.
8. Approve the **2019-20 substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary & Details (June 2019)

Follow Up Action Items

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk