

**MINUTES OF THE 899 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 17, 2019
District Office Conference Room**

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

Not Present: Lynn Errington

Others Present: Superintendent Anthony Panella; Assistant Superintendent Lynn Shanahan; Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle; Laura Bosinski, School Business Administrator

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:04 pm

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Lorry Goldhawk attended an Erie County School Board Association meeting where future meeting dates were shared and New York State School Board Association resolutions were discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Panella recognized Judith Gersic on her 40 years of service to Amherst School District.

School Resource Officer

School Resource Officer Trey Johnson introduced himself to the board by presenting his background and outlining his duties in Amherst.

NYS Energy & Development Program

Aliesa Adelman and Jesse Wendel from Wendel Companies reviewed a baseline energy portfolio put together for the District through the NYS Energy Research & Development Program Authority. This is a 3 year grant funded program with no cost to the District.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of September 3, 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. Accept **Gifts/Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2019-2020 Budget Appropriation by \$500.00.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Jenmarie Reynolds**, who holds a pending Students with Disabilities (B-2) certificate, as a **Special Education Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Danielle Maciok) effective September 18, 2019 through November 26, 2019 (tentative date).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Danielle Cervone**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective her last day of work on September 20, 2019.
2. Appoint **Stephen Pizzuto**, who will obtain a 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 High School (replacing Christine Czora) effective September 23, 2019.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Janice Spencer**, provisional Senior Clerk Typist--Special Education, effective with her last day of work on September 20, 2019.
2. Appoint **Tracey Ogilvie** as **District School Lunch Manager (40.0 hours/week-10 months)** (replacing Susan Sheehan) effective October 1, 2019. Her 26-week probationary period is effective October 1, 2019 through March 30, 2020 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
3. Appoint **Chinenye Ibegbu** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing Gabrielle Wessels-Friend who transferred to a teaching assistant position) effective September 18, 2019.
4. Appoint **Darren Nahs-Day** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing Tully Moeller who transferred to a teaching assistant position) effective September 18, 2019.

Other

1. Approve additions to the **2019-20 substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (July & August 2019), Details (July & August 2019); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (August 2019), Special Aid Fund (August 2019); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2019- July 31, 2019 & July 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019); Warrant Reports (#0005 8/2/19, #0007 8/9/19, #0008 8/23/19); Treasurer's Report (July & August 2019), Investments (July & August 2019).

Follow Up Action Items

None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:40 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:58 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 8:59 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk