

**MINUTES OF THE 900 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 1, 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 Lynn Shanahan; Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle; Laura Bosinski, School Business Administrator

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board Member Lynn Errington attended a legislative meeting at Erie County School Board Association. A survey was presented to discern goals and advocacy training for parents and school personnel was discussed to promote positive items in schools.

Board member Mark Smith stated the Audit Committee met to discuss the External Auditors Report presented this evening. He commended Mrs. Bosinski on a job well done.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

External Auditor's Report

Carl Widmer, partner at Drescher & Malecki LLP, gave an overview of the audit process and a macro point of view of the District's general fund. All was in good standing. The firm is recommending that all their clients introduce cyber security training.

Elementary Curriculum Update

Dr. Lynn Shanahan, Assistant Superintendent, along with Curriculum Leaders Lori Chittenden and Patti McCabe, reported on summer curriculum work that the ELA and Math Committees worked on. Integrating academic and behavioral instruction to support learning, social, emotional, and behavioral needs was a focus.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of September 17, 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 **Independent Auditor's Annual Management Report** for the year ending 6/30/19 pending any material changes.
- e. Approve the preliminary **Smart Schools Investment Plan**.
- f. Approve disposal of one (1) **Precision Scientific incubator** from Amherst High School.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve the return of **Anna Hilley** from the Preferred Eligible List (PEL) **as a Special Education Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8.(a)(7) [general special education]** at Smallwood Drive School (increased class size) retroactive to September 19, 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. Approve a **change of status** for **Apryl Chamoun**, Occupational Therapist, from temporary to **probationary** with a 26-week probationary period effective October 2, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Krista McCoy**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School, effective with her last day of work on September 9, 2019.
2. Appoint **Mary Gorczynski**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level I 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 Danielle Cervone) effective October 2, 2019.
3. Appoint **Janelle Bartz**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, to a **probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant--Physical Education (32.5 hours/week)--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d)** at the Middle School (replacing Elizabeth Zucco) effective October 15, 2019.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Victoria Akers**, Teacher Aide-Special Friends at Smallwood Drive School effective her last day of work on October 18, 2019.
2. Appoint **Kathryn Anderson** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School effective October 2, 2019 (new position).
3. Appoint **Denise Corbett** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School effective October 2, 2019 (replacing Katelyn Rogers).
4. Amend the "change of status of" **Robert Anderson** to "**Appoint**" **Robert Anderson to full-time Laborer with a 26-week probationary period** from August 26, 2019 to **February 25, 2020**.
5. **Rescind the appointment** of **Enoch Montanez** as a part-time Laborer (20 hours/week) at the Middle School (replacing Robert Anderson) effective September 4, 2019.

Other

1. Approve **Mentors** for the 2019-20 school year.
2. Approve additions to the **2019-20 substitute list**.

Follow Up Action Items

None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding litigation and the employment of a particular person was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:27 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk