

**MINUTES OF THE 901 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
October 15, 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

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:01 pm

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

President Paul Steimle queried the Board about their review of the proposed New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) resolutions previously sent to them. All board members were in agreement to support the proposed resolutions. Board member Lorry Goldhawk was charged with voting in favor for all proposed resolutions at the NYSSBA Convention later this month.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**NYS Master Teachers Recognition**

Superintendent Panella and the Board of Education congratulated the following teachers who were selected as NYS Master Teachers for 2019: Lori Chittenden, Krista Jones, and Amy Sorrentino.

**Secondary Curriculum Update**

Dr. Lynn Shanahan, Assistant Superintendent, along with Curriculum Leaders Katie Rapp (ELA), Mark Jones (Social Studies), and Kim King (Math) reported on curriculum work that committees worked on over the summer.

**Board Recognition**

Superintendent Panella acknowledged the Board of Education for their hard work and dedication in the District in observance of School Board Recognition Week. Amherst students from Ceramics 2 made each member a plaque.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve **Minutes** of October 1, 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**.

**PERSONNEL**

**Instructional – Teaching Assistants**

1. **Rescind the appointment of Janelle Bartz** as a probationary Teaching Assistant-Physical Education at the Middle School (replacing Elizabeth Zucco) effective October 7, 2019.
2. Appoint **Jake Carrol**, who will obtain a valid Physical Education or 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 16, 2019.

**Civil Service**

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Donette Burkhardt**, Senior Account Clerk in the Payroll Department effective February 22, 2020 (her last day of work will be February 21, 2020).
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Lisa Naegely**, part- time Clerk Typist at the Middle School, effective with her last day of work on October 25, 2019.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kathryn Anderson**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at the Middle School, effective with her last day of work on October 7, 2019.
4. Appoint **Lindsay Wellington** as a **part-time Teacher Aide-Special Education (19 hours/week-10 months)** at Smallwood Drive School effective October 18, 2019 (replacing Victoria Akers).
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Judy Czora**, Food Service Helper at the Middle School, effective June 30, 2019.
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kathleen Trimm**, Food Service Helper at Smallwood Drive, effective with her last day of work on October 11, 2019.
7. **Terminate** the employment of **Katelyn Rogers** for unapproved absence from her full-time Teacher Aide-Special Education position at Middle School effective September 26, 2019.
8. **Terminate** the employment of **Robin Thongratsamy** for unapproved absence from his part-time Food Service Helper at Windermere Boulevard School effective September 26, 2019.

**Other**

1. Approve **ENL After-School Program staff** for the 2019-20 school year.
2. Approve **Extracurricular staff** for the 2019-20 school year.
3. 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 Jessica McLaughlin, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:44 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:27 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk