

**MINUTES OF THE 905 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 7, 2020
District Office Conference Room**

Present: Paul Steimle, Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith (7:18 pm), 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

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Pathfinder's Task Force

The High School Pathfinder's Task Force nominated Ms. Paige Anderson and Mr. Erik Zobel as "Teachers of the Month" for November 2019 and Ms. Kristen Peiffer and Mr. Paul Kurzel for December 2019. Isabella Kimball and Ronald McCarley were nominated as "Students of the Month" for November 2019 and Olivia Cannizzaro and Riley Hodin for December 2019.

Capital Project Financing

Rick Ganci from Capital Markets discussed financing options for the current Capital Project. The board unanimously approved moving to bonds for current and last phase of financing the Capital Project.

Family Support Center

Michael Belle-Isle, Assistant Superintendent, and Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, identified the need for a new Family Support Center. They explained the opportunities it will provide our community and the work that has been done to renovate space. The center will open by the end of January.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of December 10, 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. Award **bid** to Allgaier Construction Corporation for general trades contract (PH3-01) pertaining to Project Phase III in the amount of \$4,412,000.00.
- e. Award **bid** to Parise Mechanical for mechanical trades contract (PH3-02) pertaining to Project Phase III in the amount of \$811,000.00.
- f. Award **bid** to CIR Electrical Construction Corporation for electrical trades contract (PH3-03) pertaining to Project Phase III in the amount of \$994,500.00.

- g. Award **bid** to MLP Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. for plumbing trades contract (PH3-04) pertaining to Project Phase III in the amount of \$452,800.00.
- h. Approve rejection of **site bids** received December 17, 2019 due to budget constraints.
- i. Approve and accept a two-year extension to the current **First Student Transportation** contract due to expire June 30, 2020.
- j. Approve the District's participation in **Unified Bowling**.
- k. Accept **bullet aid** from Assemblymember Karen McMahon for the Family Resource Center and increase the District's 2019-2020 budget appropriation by \$30,000.00.
- l. Accept **Gifts/Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2019-2020 budget appropriation by \$3,102.89.
- m. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to Nicole DeLucia as Operetta Costumer.
- n. Approve the **honorarium request** from the Middle School in the amount of \$600.00 payable to Paul Biddle as an accompanist for 3 fall/winter concerts.
- o. Approve **disposal** of three (3) treadmills from the High School.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

- 1. Appoint **Ashley Dikeman**, current long-term substitute for Annessa Kujawinski who holds a valid initial Childhood Education (B-2) certificate, as an **Elementary Teacher long-term substitute** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Lauren Honsberger) effective January 28, 2020 through the last day of the 2019-20 school year (tentative dates).
- 2. Appoint **Jill Glowniak**, who holds a valid provisional School Social Worker certificate, to a four-year probationary appointment **as a School Social Worker**—special subject tenure area 30.1.8(b)(9) at The Family Support Center (new position) effective January 13, 2020. 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. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Kelly Hinton**, Elementary Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective March 4, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Civil Service

- 1. Approve a **change in status for Sally Cukierski** from Senior Clerk Typist at the High School **to Principal Clerk Typist** at the Middle School effective February 10, 2020. Her 13-week probationary period will be February 10, 2020 through May 10, 2020.
- 2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Gary Green**, Teacher Aide-Cafeteria Monitor at Windermere Boulevard School, effective with his last day of work on December 17, 2019.
- 3. Appoint **LaSherie Thompson** as a **part-time Teacher Aide-Cafeteria Monitor (13.75 hours/week; 10-month position)** effective January 8, 2020 at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Gary Green).
- 4. Appoint **Susan Glowacki** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education** at Smallwood Drive School effective January 8, 2020 (new position-IEP required for student).
- 5. Change of status for **Lisa Gioia**, from Teacher Aide-Special Education (30 hours/week) to **Teacher Aide-Special friends (19 hours/week)** effective January 8, 2020.

Other

1. Approve a **one-time additional pay item** for the 2019-20 school year.
2. Approve changes to the **2019-20 substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (November 2019), Details (November 2019); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (November 2019), School Lunch Fund (November 2019); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2019- November 30, 2019); Warrant Reports (#0019 11/1/19, #0021 11/5/19, #0022 11/29/12); Treasurer's Report (November 2019)

Follow Up Action Items

1. Notify board members of the exact date the Family Resource Center will open.

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

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:59 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:48 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk