

**MINUTES OF THE 906 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 21, 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

President Steimle stated he received a letter from ECASB Executive Director David Lowery about his visit to the January 7 board meeting.

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Windermere Strategic Plan Update

Principal Julie Flanagan and Assistant Principal Amy Steger from Windermere presented Windermere's 2019-2020 initiatives which include: A Literacy Advisory Committee, Digital Playgrounds, Character Education, and classroom care kits.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of January 7, 2020 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 CamCo General Contracting Inc. for general trades contract pertaining to the 2018-2019 Middle School Capital Outlay Project in the amount of \$52,900.00.
- e. Approve the **U.S. History Textbooks**: United States History Beginnings to 1877 [grade 7] & United States History Civil War to the Present [grade 8].

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve a **health leave** for **Eric Damiani**, Physical Education Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School effective March 10, 2020 through mid-May (tentative dates).
2. **Extend the end date** for **Kayleigh Creedon**, School Counselor long-term substitute, through the end of the 2019-20 school year.
3. Approve a **change of status** for **Emily Rose Conforti**, current Elementary Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, to a four-year probationary appointment as an English as a Second Language/ENL (0.6 FTE)/AIS (0.4 FTE) Teacher--special subject tenure area

30.8(a)(15) at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Lauren Smith) effective the start of the 2020-21 school year. The individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.

Civil Service

1. **Amend the retirement year** for **Cynthia Opoka** from February 10, 2019 to February 10, 2020 and her last day of work from February 7, 2019 to February 7, 2020.
2. Approve the **satisfactory completion of the 26-week probationary period** for **Elizabeth Mason**, Senior Clerk Typist at the High School, effective February 19, 2020 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
3. Appoint **Heidi Dubois** as a **provisional Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** in the Special Education Department (replacing Kristen Burke) effective January 29, 2020 (tentative date). This is a provisional appointment pending Heidi taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
4. Appoint **Amanda Muller** as a **provisional Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Cheryl LaForte) effective January 22, 2020 (tentative date). This is a provisional appointment pending Amanda taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
5. Appoint **William Thomson** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing Kathryn Anderson) effective January 22, 2020 (tentative date).
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Susan Glowacki**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective January 9, 2020.
7. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Matthew Firmstone**, Laborer at the High School, effective with his last day of work on January 29, 2020.
8. Appoint **Aaron Cumpston** as a **part-time laborer (20 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing Robert Anderson) for a 26-week probationary period effective January 22, 2020 through July 21, 2020 in accordance with the ASSA contract (tentative dates).

Other

1. Approve additional **Curriculum Teacher Leaders** for the 2019-20 School Year.
2. Approve changes to the **2019-20 substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (December 2019), Details (December 2019); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (December 2019), Capital Projects Fund (December 2019), School Lunch Fund (December 2019), Special Aid Fund (December 2019); Budget Transfer Report [over \$25,000]: December 2019; Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2019- December 31, 2019); Warrant Reports (#0025 12/13/19, #0026 12/27/19); Treasurer's Report (December 2019)

Follow Up Action Items

None

A motion to enter into Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The board convened to Executive Session at 7:29 pm.

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

The board convened to Public Session at 7:43 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk