

**MINUTES OF THE 907 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 3, 2020
District Office Conference Room**

Present: Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Mark Smith, Paul Steimle

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

Meeting called to order by Jeanne Ernst, Vice-President, at 7:00 pm

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle, Superintendent Panella and Vice-President Ernst met with Assemblymember Karen McMahon to discuss Foundation Aid. Assemblymember McMahon shared a letter she prepared for Speaker Heastie in support of aid. The group was scheduled to meet with Senator Ranzenhofer but will need to reschedule. They continue to advocate for money due to Amherst School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

High School Strategic Plan Update

Greg Pigeon, Nancy Ables & Scott Lawniczak along with several teachers and students presented initiatives the high school has implemented due to the strategic plan. The featured items include: Syracuse University Project Advance program, Trailblazers leadership program, NYSED Seal of Biliteracy.

Capital Construction Update

Brittainy Sainz from Turner Construction reviewed items accomplished from Phase II of the Capital Project such as the High School music rooms, main entrance, corridors, and windows. Patrick Niedzwiecki from Young & Wright Architectural reviewed Phase III renderings which featured a new cafeteria, home & careers room, art room, wood shop, technology classroom, innovation & computer lab.

Capital Construction Reserve Fund

Superintendent Panella proposed establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to the board. After Vice-President Ernst polled the board they unanimously agreed.

A motion was made by Jessica McLaughlin and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through i; E-2-a through d; and E-3-c, d and g. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of February 11, 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. Approve (2nd Reading) **New Policy** No. 7440 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration.
- e. Approve the District's **2020-2021 School Calendar**.
- f. Approve 2020-2023 **Contract Agreement** with Mark Rampado, Director of Facilities III.
- g. Approve the Sports and Entertainment Marketing **Textbook: Sports and Entertainment Marketing, 5th Edition**.

- h. Approve **disposal** of one (1) convection oven from Amherst Central High School.
- i. Approve **disposal** of one (1) clothes dryer from Amherst Central High School.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Conor Nowak**, current per diem substitute who holds a valid initial Physical Education certificate, as a **Physical Education Teacher long-term substitute at Windermere Boulevard School** (replacing Eric Damiani) effective March 9, 2020 through May 15, 2020 (tentative dates).
2. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Kristen Peifer**, Special Education Teacher at the High School, effective June 16, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 school year (tentative dates).

Civil Service

1. Appoint Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Katelyn Pietrzak**, Laborer at the High School, effective with her last day of work on February 14, 2020.
2. Appoint **Cory Brauch** as a **Laborer (40 hours/week - 12-month position)** at the High School (replacing Matthew Firmstone) for a 26-week probationary period effective March 9, 2020 through September 7, 2020 in accordance with the ASSA contract (tentative dates).
3. Appoint **Vincent Coppola** as a **Laborer (40 hours/week - 12-month position)** at the High School (replacing Katelyn Pietrzak) for a 26-week probationary period effective March 9, 2020 through September 7, 2020 in accordance with the ASSA contract (tentative dates).
4. Amend the appointment of **Gregory Abrams, Laborer** at the High School, from probationary to **permanent** effective March 5, 2020, upon successful completion of his 26-week probationary period.

Other

1. Approve Approve an **additional mentor** for the 2019-20 School Year.
2. Approve **Spring Coaches** for the 2019-20 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: Capital Projects Fund (February 2020); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020); Treasurer’s Report & Investments (January 2020)

Follow Up Action Items

1. Add Phase III information onto the Capital Project webpage.
2. Discuss the limit and length of the Capital Reserve Fund the board agreed to establish at the 3/17 board meeting.

A motion to enter into Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Lynn Errington, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

The board convened to Executive Session at 8:26 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

The board convened to Public Session at 9:20 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Approved 3/17/20

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk