

**MINUTES OF THE 915 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
June 23, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith, Paul Steimle, 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 7:11 pm

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK**

None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Board member Jessica McLaughlin stated the Safety Committee met on June 1 to discuss the recently updated safety plans and a threat assessment process.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Fund Balance & Reserves**

Business Administrator Laura Bosinski reviewed the reserves activity and fund balance projections.

**Retiree Recognition**

Superintendent Anthony Panella played a video tribute to this year's retirees. He wished all good health and happiness in their retirement.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve **Minutes** of May 26, 2020 and June 2, 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 the **District Clerk's Report** regarding the Annual Budget Vote and Election of School Board Members held on July 16, 2020.
- e. Approve the transfer prior to the close of the 2019-2020 fiscal year and within sixty (60) days of the fiscal year end, an amount up to, but not to exceed \$484,705.00 from the General Fund in to the **Amherst Central School District Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund**.
- f. Approve the **Milk, Juice, Ice Cream Bid** for the 2020-2021 school year.
- g. Approve combining of **Girls Varsity Ice Hockey** with Clarence Central School District and SweetHome Central School District for the 2020-2021 school year.
- h. Approve an **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$600.00 payable to Ron Parker as Assistant Coach of the Wrestling Team (Funds generated from fundraising.)

**PERSONNEL**

**Administrative**

1. Appoint **Melissa Martin**, who holds a valid initial School Building Leader certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Principal** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing J Richard Crozier) effective July 1, 2020.
2. Approve a change of status for **Maria Oddo, PhD** from Special Education Coordinator to a **four-year probationary appointment as Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services** (replacing John D'Angelo) effective July 1, 2020.

#### Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Amy Bourgeault**, who holds a valid permanent PreK-6 certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary Teacher—elementary tenure area 30.5** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Rebecca McKeon) effective August 24, 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.
2. Appoint **Erum Jenks**, current elementary long-term substitute who holds a valid initial reissuance Childhood Education (1-6) certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary Teacher—elementary tenure area 30.5** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Emilyrose Conforti) effective August 24, 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. Appoint **Tanis Winslow**, who holds a valid initial reissuance Art certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as an Art Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(1)** at the High School (replacing Sherryl Elston) effective August 24, 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.
4. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Anna Hilley**, Special Education Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective September 8, 2020 through November 30, 2020 (tentative dates).
5. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Stephanie Reddien**, Math teacher at the High School, effective October 16, 2020 through January 29, 2021 (tentative dates).

#### Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Kimberle Haywood**, Teaching Assistant at Smallwood Drive School effective her last day of work on June 24, 2020.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kristen Cammarano, Teaching Assistant** at Windermere Boulevard School, effective June 24, 2020.

#### Civil Service

1. Approve **Micah Schmitt**, current Cook Manager at Windermere Boulevard School, **as Cook Manager (30 hours/week) for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program** at Windermere Boulevard School effective July 1, 2020 through August 2020 (date to be determined).
2. Approve the following staff as **Food Service Helpers (20 hours/week) for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program** at Windermere Boulevard School effective July 1, 2020

through August 2020 (end date to be determined): **Debra Davern, Anna Elsaesser, Karen Gentry, Catherine Kendall, Brittney Martin, Barbara Sheehan, Dominique Shelton, and Kathy Siegel.**

3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Donna Rogalski**, part-time Clerk Typist at Smallwood Drive School, effective with her last day of work on June 12, 2020.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **William Thomson, Teacher Aide-Special Education** at Middle School effective June 18, 2020, with his last day of work being June 12, 2020.
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Leonard Mitchell, Teacher Aide-Special Education** at Smallwood effective June 12, 2020.
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Sandra Loffredo**, Teacher Aide/Transition Coordinator, effective June 18, 2020.

### **Other**

1. Approve the **Fall 2020 Coaching Schedule.**
2. Approve staff for the **2020 High School Summer Credit Recovery Program.**
3. Approve staff for the **2020 Middle School Summer Credit Recovery Program.**
4. Approve **Michael Webster**, who will obtain a School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) certificates, as an **Athletics Department summer intern** effective July 1, 2020 through December 11, 2020.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Budget Status Reports: Summary (May 2020), Details (May 2020); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (May 2020), Capital Fund (May 2020); Cash Flow Statement: July 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020; Warrant Report (#0045, #0046, #0047); Treasurer's Report & Investments (May 2020)

President Paul Steimle congratulated new Assistant Principal Melissa Martin and newly appointed Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services, Dr. Maria Oddo.

### **Follow Up Action Items**

1. Mrs. Bosinski will determine when the District might receive our June payment from the state.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.