

**MINUTES OF THE 918 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 8, 2020
Windermere Boulevard School Cafeteria**

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 7:01 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Phase III Construction Update

Brittnay Sainz from Turner Construction gave an overview of completed Phase III construction at the High School which included the cafeteria, kitchen, basement corridor, home and career room, and art room. The Superintendent stated this was a significant transformation which proves welcoming and warm.

Athletics Update

Jeff Wheaton updated the Board on the current status of interscholastic athletics and gave an overview of the New York State Department of Health and New York State Public High School Athletic Association guidance documents.

Reopening Update

Superintendent Anthony Panella and Assistant Superintendent Lynn Shanahan reviewed the planning considerations for the Superintendent Conference Days. The days consisted of mirroring what hybrid / virtual teaching looks like and various sessions (digital tools) offered for teacher professional development

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of August 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 certification of **Lead Evaluators** for teacher and principal evaluations.
- e. Accept **Gifts / Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2020-2021 budget appropriation by \$9.70.
- f. Approve excess of **Surplus Goods** for auction as per attached.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Ryan Friedrich**, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective September 1, 2020.
2. Approve a **change of status** for **Teresa Simmons** from part-time (.4 FTE) **to full-time (1.0 FTE) Special Education Teacher** at Amherst Middle School effective September 1, 2020. The .6 FTE position will be for a one-year long-term substitute for Ryan Friedrich effective for the 2020-21 school year.
3. Approve a **health leave** for **Kelly Rupp**, Home Economics Teacher at the Middle School, effective October 7, 2020 through December 4, 2020 (tentative dates).
4. Appoint **Kaleigh Creeden**, who holds a valid provisional School Counselor certificate, as a **part-time School Counselor (0.5 FTE)** at the Middle School (working in conjunction with Michelle Thomson) effective September 1, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year.
5. Appoint **Gabrielle Zafonte**, previous Special Education long-term substitute who holds a valid initial Students with Disabilities (1-6) certificate, **as a full-time Special Education Teacher** to teach remote instruction due to Covid-19 at Windermere Boulevard School effective September 1, 2020 (tentative date). This position is expected to be for the 2020-21 school year only.
6. Appoint **Elizabeth Schake**, who holds a valid professional Math 7-12 certificate, as a **Math Teacher long-term substitute** at the High School (replacing Stephanie Reddein) effective September 28, 2020 through January 29, 2020 (tentative dates).
7. Approve **child care leave** for **Amy Heusinger**, Remedial Reading Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective September 1, 2020 through November 20, 2020 (tentative dates).
8. Appoint **Katelyn Keane**, who holds a pending initial Childhood Education (1-6) certificate, as an **AIS/Reading Teacher long-term substitute** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Amy Heusinger) effective September 9, 2020 through November 20, 2020 (tentative dates).
9. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Sara Monnat**, Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, effective August 31, 2020.
10. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Bonny Klein**, School Nurse at Christ the King School from September 8, 2020 through December 1, 2020.

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Tori Aronica** who holds a valid initial Childhood Education (1-6) certificate as a **part time Teaching Assistant (16.25 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Sandie Reynolds), effective September 9, 2020.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Brooke Starke**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective August 26, 2020.
3. Approve a **change of status** for **Ann Oehler**, current part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week), **to a probationary four-year appointment as full-time Teaching Assistant (31.0 hours/week)--subject tenure area section 30.8(d) --replacing Mary Anne Starr** at Smallwood Drive School effective September 9, 2020.
4. Appoint **Amber Leistner** who holds a professional Students with Disabilities (1-6) certificate as a **part time Teaching Assistant (19.75 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Ann Oehler) effective September 9, 2020.
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Carol Greetham**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 27, 2020.

6. Approve **health leave of absence** for **Michelle Casseri, Teaching Assistant Special Education** at Windermere Boulevard School, effective September 9, 2020 through October 18, 2020.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Richard Kraft**, Head Custodian at the Middle School effective November 28, 2020 (his last day of work will be November 27, 2020).
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Catherine D'Andrea**, Food Service Helper at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 17, 2020.
3. **Rescind the appointment** of **Lynn Fleck** as a **part-time Clerk Typist** at the Middle School (replacing Lisa Naegely) effective August 25, 2020.
4. Appoint **Kimberly Phillips** to a **26-week probationary period as part-time Clerk Typist (19.75 hours/week-10 months)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Donna Rogalski) effective September 14, 2020 through March 14, 2021 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations (tentative dates).
5. Appoint **Alexander Wilhelm** to a **26-week probationary period as a Laborer (40 hours/week-12 months)** at the High School (replacing Jason Banach) effective September 5, 2020 through March 5, 2021 in accordance with the ASSA contract.
6. Appoint **Matthew Stachowiak** as a **Laborer long-term substitute** at the Middle School (filling in for Mark Dranger) effective tentatively September 9, 2020 through date to be determined.
7. Appoint **Matthew Coloprisco** to a **26-week probationary period as a Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School (replacing William Thomson) effective September 9, 2020 through March 9, 2021.
8. Appoint **Lynn Stubbe** to a **26-week probationary period as Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)** at the Middle School (new position) effective tentatively September 9, 2020 through March 8, 2021.
9. Appoint **Anthony Crowley** to a **26-week probationary period as a Teacher Aide-Special Education (32.5 hours/week-10 months)** at the Middle School (new position) effective October 5, 2020.
10. Approve **health leave** for **Patricia Long, Food Service Helper** at Smallwood Drive School, effective **September 9, 2020** through tentative date of **January 4, 2021**.
11. Appoint **Matthew Dyrek** to a **one-year position as full-time Teacher Aide (40 hours/week-10 months)** at the **High School** effective for the 2020-21 school year commencing on September 9, 2020.
12. Approve leave of absence for **Sharon Cefalu, Teacher Aide, Special Education** at Smallwood Drive from September 9, 2020 through December 9, 2020.

Other

1. Appoint/Reappoint **part-time Teaching Assistants** for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Appoint/Reappoint **Teacher Aides/Monitors/Food Service Staff** for 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approve **High School and Middle School Department Chairpersons** for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. Appoint/Reappoint **School Nurses** for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve the **Fall 2020 coaches payment schedule**.
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Michael Breen**, Drama Club Advisor at the High School, effective August 28, 2020.
7. Approve the 2020-2021 **substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Amendment (August 2020); Budget Status Reports: Summary (June 2020), Detail (June 2020); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (July 2020), School Lunch Fund (July 2020); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (June, July, August 2020); Cash Flow Statement: July 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020; Warrant Reports (#0007, #0009); Treasurer's Report & Investments (July 2020)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Lynn Errington, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:06 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:00 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.