

**MINUTES OF THE 921 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
October 20, 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 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**

Board member Jessica McLaughlin stated the **Smallwood Drive Reopening Committee** met to review procedures and needed adjustments.

Board member Jeanne Ernst attended the **Social and Emotional Learning Committee** meeting where they discussed how the plan was working.

Board member Mark Smith noted his attendance at the **Erie County School Board Association's finance meeting**. He reminded the board there were still openings to attend the David Lowry presentation and the Legislative Breakfast.

Vice-President Jeanne Ernst canvassed the board about their support for the **New York State School Board Association's (NYSSBA) By-Law Amendments and Resolutions**. All board members supported the items NYSSBA supported.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Technology Update**

Dr. Lynn Shanahan presented the necessity of computer upgrades for teachers and students due to sustained synchronous learning. School Business Administrator, Laura Bosinski, explained how an Installment Purchase Agreement with BOCES will aid the District in maintaining a laptop replacement plan.

**Board Recognition**

Superintendent Panella thanked the Board of Education during Board Appreciation Week for their support and leadership especially while navigating uncharted waters throughout the pandemic.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve **Minutes** of October 6, 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 **donation** of (1000) KN95 Masks from Athenex valued at \$1,000.00.

- e. Approve the **donation** of (10) cases of hand sanitizer from Sunbeam Laboratories valued at \$1,260.00.
- f. Approve the **honorarium** request from the High School in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to Taylor Balser as Field Hockey Coach.
- g. Approve the **honorarium** request from the High School in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to Jenna Sobol as Field Hockey Coach.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Instructional – Faculty**

1. None

### **Instructional – Teaching Assistants**

1. Approve a change of status for **Jennifer Gribbin**, current Teacher Aide-Special Education at Smallwood Drive, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level I Certificate, **to a probationary four-year appointment as a Teaching Assistant-Special Education (32.5 hours/week)--special subject tenure area section 30.8(d)** at the Middle School (replacing Katherine DeCoux) effective October 23, 2020 through October 22, 2024 (tentative dates).

### **Civil Service**

1. Appoint **Lori Klenke** as a **provisional Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** in the District Special Education Office (replacing Mari Jo Allen) effective October 21, 2020. This is a provisional appointment pending Lori taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvas list.
2. Appoint **Katelyn Kardaman**, as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education long-term substitute (30 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Sharon Cefalu) effective October 21, 2020 through December 9, 2020 (tentative dates).
3. Appoint **Jessie Wagner** as a **Teacher Aide-Special Education (30 hours/week-10 months)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Michele Kennedy) effective October 27, 2020 (tentative date).

### **Other**

1. Approve additions to the 2020-2021 **substitute list**.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Budget Summary & Detail Report (September 2020); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (September 2020), Capital Projects Fund (September 2020), School Lunch Fund (September 2020); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (October 2020); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020); Treasurer's Report (September 2020)

### **Follow Up Action Items**

1. Is only one person allowed from each district to attend the ECASB legislative breakfast?
2. How many people may attend from each district for the David Little presentation?
3. Board members should register through the district clerk for the above events.

A motion to convene to 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 7:43 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:08 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.