

**MINUTES OF THE 923 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 17, 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 Lorry Goldhawk attended the Erie County School Board Association's Legislative Meeting on November 14.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Yellow, Orange and Red Zones – Amherst CSD Testing Plan

Superintendent Anthony Panella explained the criteria and guidance for the three micro-cluster zones. An overview of the Yellow Zone testing plan was also shared.

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-b, c, d, e, g, and h. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of November 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approve the Recommendations of the **Committee on Special Education** and the Subcommittee on Special Education.
- c. Approve the District's **Corrective Action Plan** from the 2019-20 Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) fiscal subrecipient monitoring desk review.
- d. Approve the Amherst Central School District **Reserve Plan**.
- e. Approve **new policy (FINAL Reading) #5676** Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher & Principal Data.
- f. Accept **Gifts / Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2020-2021 budget appropriation by \$9.70.

PERSONNEL

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve the **tenure appointment** for **Jessica DiCarlo**, Special Education Teacher--**General Special Education tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** at Windermere Boulevard School, effective December 7, 2020.
2. Approve the **tenure appointment** for **Kayleigh Buziak**, English Teacher--**English tenure area 30.1(c)** at the Middle School, effective December 7, 2020.

3. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Shannon DeMarco**, Special Education Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective January 15, 2021 through May 14, 2021 (tentative dates).
4. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Nicole Sidebottom**, Physical Education Teacher at the High School retroactive to October 13, 2020 due to extended health leave through November 24, 2020 (tentative).
5. Appoint **Kelly Metzger**, current Teaching Assistant who holds a valid professional Physical Education certificate, as a **Physical Education Teacher long-term substitute** at the High School (replacing Nicole Sidebottom) retroactive to October 13, 2020 through November 24, 2020 (tentative date).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Approve a **temporary leave of absence** for **Kelly Metzger**, Teaching Assistant at the High School, to be a Physical Education Teacher long-term substitute at the High School (replacing Nicole Sidebottom) retroactive to October 13, 2020 through November 24, 2020 (tentative). She will return to her Teaching Assistant position when the long-term teaching position is completed.
2. Reappoint **Monica Brown**, who holds a valid permanent School Media Specialist (Library) certificate as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School, effective November 18, 2020.
3. Appoint **Heather George**, who holds a valid permanent Childhood Education (K-6) certificate, **as a part-time Teaching Assistant (16.25 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Tori Aronica) effective November 18, 2020.
4. Appoint **Nicole Gandolph**, who holds a valid Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, to a **one-year position as a Teaching Assistant (28.75 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective November 18, 2020 through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Mark Dranger**, Custodian at the Middle School effective December 31, 2020.

Other

1. Approve the **Winter 2020-21 coaches' payment schedule**.
2. Approve additions to the 2020-2021 **substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Report (October 2020); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (October 2020), Capital Projects Fund (October 2020), School Lunch Fund (October 2020); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (November 2020), Capital Projects Fund (November 2020); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020); Warrant Report (#0015 10/2/20, #0017 10/16/20, #0019 10/30/20); Treasurer's Report (October 2020)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

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

The meeting adjourned 7:37 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Bosinski, Acting District Clerk.