

**MINUTES OF THE 924 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 15, 2020
Windermere Boulevard School Cafeteria**

Present: Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith, Paul Steimle, Dominic Vivolo [arrived 7:20 pm]

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 7:01 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budget – Program Continuation

School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski reviewed projected revenues and expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year. The next budget update will be presented on February 9, 2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of November 17, 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's **Corrective Action Plan** for findings identified in the 2018-19 Internal Audit.
- e. Approve amendment of the **Turner Construction Company Capital Construction agreement** in the amount of \$56,750.00.
- f. Accept **Gifts / Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2020-2021 budget appropriation by \$9.70.
- g. Approve a **donation** from Alexis Sleight to the High School Music Department of one (1) violin valued at \$100.00.
- h. Approve a **donation** from Nicolas McCartney to the Windermere Band Program of two (2) trumpets valued at \$400.00.
- i. Approve excess of **Surplus Goods** for auction as per attached.
- j. Approve disposing of **excess inventory** from Amherst Central High School: Seven (7) Photo Enlargers and one (1) Photo Print Dryer.

- k. Approve disposing of **excess inventory** from Amherst Central High School: One (1) Pole Vault Landing Mat.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Keith Crombie**, Assistant Principal at the Middle School, effective with his last day of work on December 18, 2020.
2. Appoint **Derek Kise**, who holds a valid School Building Leader certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as Middle School Assistant Principal--Secondary Assistant Principal Tenure Area** (replacing Keith Crombie) effective January 19, 2021 through January 18, 2025 (tentative dates).

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve the **tenure appointment--general special education tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** for **Casey Fidurko**, Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective January 3, 2021.
2. Appoint **Natalie DuBois**, who currently holds a pending TESOL internship certificate, to a **one-year position as an ENL Teacher** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective January 4, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year (tentative dates).
3. Approve an **extension of unpaid childcare leave** to **Amy Heusinger**, Remedial Reading Teacher at Smallwood Drive school, effective December 14, 2020 through the end of the 2020-21 school year.
4. Approve a **change of status in end date** for **Katelyn Keane**, Remedial Reading Teacher long-term substitute at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Amy Heusinger) **to through the end of the 2020-21 school year**.
5. Appoint **Marguerite Call**, current teacher substitute who holds a valid initial Students with Disabilities (SWD) 1-6 certificate, **as a Special Education Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Shannon DeMarco) effective January 15, 2021 through May 14, 2021 (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Barbara Klaffka**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School retroactive to October 15, 2020 due to extended health leave through December 21, 2020 (tentative date).
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Nicole Gandolph**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at Windermere Boulevard School, effective December 11, 2020.

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Bonny Klein**, School Nurse at Christ the King School, effective with her last day of work on December 4, 2020.
2. Appoint **Nathan Johnson** to a 26-week probationary period as **District Microcomputer Repair Technician (37.5 hours/week - 12-month)** (new appointment) effective December 14, 2020 through June 13, 2021 (tentative dates).
3. Appoint **Robert Webb** as **full-time Teacher Aide-Special Education (30 hours/week-10 months)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Lisa Gioia) effective December 16, 2020 (tentative date).

Other

1. Approve **extracurricular stipends** for the 2020-21 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Report (November 2020); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (November 2020); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020); Warrant Report (#0021 11/13/20, #0022 11/27/20); Treasurer's Report (November 2020)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding Amherst Service Staff Association contract negotiations was made by Lynn Errington, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:27 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 8:01 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 8:02 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Bosinski, Acting District Clerk.