

**MINUTES OF THE 930 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 20, 2021
Windermere Boulevard School Cafeteria**

Present: Jeanne Ernst, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith, Paul Steimle, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Lynn Errington

Others Present: Superintendent Anthony Panella; Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle; School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:00 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

President Steimle received a letter from Dirk Rabenold and Edward Cavan asking for the Board's support in their BOCES election.

Board President Paul Steimle presented board member Lorry Goldhawk with a Board Recognition Award from NYSSBA for participating in various training activities.

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle inquired which BOCES candidates the board wanted to vote for. The board chose Dirk Rabenold and Renee Wilson which was then inserted into the resolution on the evening's agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Services Update

Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel, Dr. Maria Oddo, presented an update on student services through the school year, along with Assistant Director Patrick Kapperman. Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle added updates to the School Counseling Plan and Family Support Center.

Reopening Updates

Principals from each District school reviewed updated guidelines for reopening and the adjustments that occurred to their Reopening Plan. Grades Prek, kindergarten, 1, and 5 return April 26. Grades 2, 3, and 4 return May 3. Current Erie County transmission rates prohibit the Middle and High School from returning to full-time instruction.

President Steimle commended the administrative team.

A motion was made by Lorry Goldhawk and seconded by Jeanne Ernst to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through l; E-2-b through e; and E-3-b through h. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of April 13, 2021 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 SEQRA resolution for District **Capital Outlay Project** (2020-2021 budget year) for Windermere Boulevard School.
- e. Approve the SEQRA resolution for District **Capital Outlay Project** (2021-2022 budget year) for Smallwood Drive School.
- f. Adopt the **2021-2022 Budget** in the amount of \$64,316,000 for voter approval.

- g. Approve the **2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card**.
- h. Adopt the **BOCES Administrative Budget** for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$3,639,693.
- i. Vote for **two (2) members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services**: Dirk Rabenold and Renee Wilson.
- j. Approve Michael Belle-Isle as **Chairperson** for the May 18, 2021 District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members.
- k. Approve appointment of Gerard Keppel as **Chief Election Inspector** for the May 18, 2021 District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members.
- l. Approve the appointment of **Election Inspectors** for the May 18, 2021 District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve the **tenure appointment--General Special Education** tenure area for **Christopher Wittmeyer**, Teacher at the High School, effective August 29, 2021.
2. Approve the **tenure appointment--General Special Education** tenure area for Kelly Ganzenmuller, Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective August 29, 2021.
3. Approve the **tenure appointment--Elementary** tenure area for Kim Zielinski, Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective August 29, 2021.
4. Approve the **tenure appointment--Elementary** tenure area for Carly Fanton, Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 29, 2021.
5. Approve the **tenure appointment--School Counseling & Guidance** tenure area for Melissa Stasio, School Counselor at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 29, 2021.
6. Approve the **tenure appointment--Elementary tenure** area for Rebecca Walsh, Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, extended to October 5, 2021 due to maternity/child care leave.
7. Appoint **Linda Ashton**, current teacher substitute who holds a valid initial Childhood Education (1-6) certificate, as an **Elementary Teacher long-term substitute** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Amanda Walter) effective April 21, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Cindy Smith**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at the High School, effective with her last day of work on April 23, 2021.

Civil Service

1. Approve **abolishing two (2) positions** in the civil service competitive classification of **Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant** effective July 1, 2021.
2. Approve excessing **Marie Tisack** and **Amanda Brown** due to abolishment of two (2) Occupational Therapy Assistant positions effective July 1, 2021.
3. Appoint **Lori Sosenko** to a **26-week probationary period as Microcomputer Decision Support Specialist (37.5 hours/week-12 month)** effective July 1, 2021 through December 30, 2021 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
4. Approve a change of status for **Richard Cumpston**, current Laborer at Smallwood Drive School, to a **26-week probationary period as a full-time Custodian (40 hours/week -**

12 month position) at the Middle School (replacing Robert Muir) effective April 21, 2021 through October 20, 2021 in accordance with the ASSA contract and civil service rules and regulations.

5. Approve **health leave of absence** for **Joan Thomas**, Food Service Helper at the High School, effective March 30, 2021 through May 10, 2021 (tentative dates).

Other

1. Approve the Spring 2021 **coaches payment schedule**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Report (March 2021); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (March 2021), School Lunch Fund (March 2021); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (April 2021); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2020 –March 31, 2021); Warrant Report #0037 3/5/21, #0039 3/19/21; Treasurer's Report & Investments (March 2021)

Follow Up Action Items

1. Mr. Belle-Isle to share revised School Counseling Plan with board members.
2. District Clerk to share the Student Services presentation with board members.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person and negotiations with the Amherst Office Personnel Association was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:20 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:45 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned 8:45PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.