

**MINUTES OF THE 931 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 4, 2021
Amherst Central High 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, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Shanahan, School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 5:29 pm.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding pending and current litigation was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Jeanne Ernst. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 5:29 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 6:54 pm.

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:01 pm.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing was held to present the 2021-2022 school budget. School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski reviewed all pertinent budget information. The budget amount presented to the voters is \$64,316,000.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Lynn Errington discussed the policies to be adopted at this board meeting.

Board member Mark Smith attended an Erie County Association of School Boards legislative meeting where they discussed Foundation Aid progress and the schedule of events for next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Health, Physical Education and Athletics Update

Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics (HPEA), Jeff Wheaton, presented on where the HPEA program is and how he will move it forward. There will be a focus on wellness, physical education learning standards and skilled base health decisions. Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel, Dr. Maria Oddo, is collaborating with the health department to implement mental health education. Mr. Wheaton also highlighted the many accomplishments our student athletes obtained this school year.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Jessica McLaughlin to approve the following New Business Items: G-1-a through y; G-2-b through e. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of April 20, 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 combining of **Girls Varsity Ice Hockey** with Clarence Central School District and SweetHome Central School District.
- e. Approve **new policy** (first reading) #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms.
- f. Approve **revised policy** #3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District.
- g. Approve **revised policy** #5681 School Safety Plans.
- h. Approve **revised policy** #6120 Equal Employment Opportunity.
- i. Approve **revised policy** #6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.
- j. Approve **revised policy** #7550 Dignity for All Students.
- k. Approve **revised policy** #7551 Sexual Harassment of Students.
- l. Approve **revised policy** #7553 Hazing of Students.
- m. Approve **revised policy** #8130 Equal Educational Opportunities.
- n. Approve **revised policy** #8220 Career and Technical (Occupational) Education.
- o. Approve the **donation** of one (1) Adams 4.3 Soloist Marimba to the Middle School Band program valued at \$2,600.00.
- p. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$2,500.00 payable to Kyle van Schoonhoven as Operetta vocal coach (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- q. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to Matthew Caputy as Operetta accompanist (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- r. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$599.00 payable to Matthew Pendrak for Operetta orchestra direction (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- s. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$599.00 payable to Dave Helm for Operetta scene and lighting design (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- t. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$599.00 payable to John Shotwell as Operetta sound designer (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- u. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$599.00 payable to Lisa Ludwig for Operetta stage direction (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- v. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Alex Montesano for Operetta costume design (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- w. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Katherine Kuo for Operetta graphic design (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- x. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Kierston Roetzer for Operetta ticketing and promotion (Funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).
- y. Approve disposing of **excess inventory** from the High School tennis team: fourteen (14) shirts and thirteen (13) shorts.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Patrick Kapperman from his Special Education Teacher position** at the High School so he may fulfill his new appointment as Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services commencing July 1, 2021.
2. Appoint **Erin Metz**, who will obtain a valid initial French 7-12 certificate, **to a 4-year probationary appointment as a French Teacher—tenure area 30.7(b)** at the Middle School (replacing Nancy Busalachi) effective August 23, 2021. To receive tenure, the individual must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of the four preceding years, including the tenure year.
3. Appoint **MaryElisabeth Rustowicz**, who holds a valid initial Social Studies (5-9) certificate, **to a 4-year probationary appointment as a Social Studies Teacher—tenure area 30.7(b)** at the Middle School (replacing Thomas Ferraina) effective August 23, 2021. To receive tenure, the individual must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of the four preceding years, including the tenure year.
4. Appoint **Heather Zuch**, who holds a valid initial Students with Disabilities (7-12), generalist certificate, **to a 4-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** at the High School (replacing Susan Paul-Saladino) effective August 23, 2021. To receive tenure, the individual must receive composite or overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of the four preceding years, including the tenure year.
5. Approve a **health leave** of absence for **Laura Sommer**, Special Education Teacher, effective May 19, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year (tentative dates).
6. Appoint **David Mansfield**, current Teaching Assistant-Special Education who holds a valid Permanent Special Education certificate, **as a Special Education Teacher long-term substitute** at the Middle School (replacing Jessica Bologna) effective May 3, 2021 through June 21, 2021 (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Approve **leave of absence** for **David Mansfield from his Teaching Assistant position** to be the Special Education Teacher long-term substitute for Jessica Bologna at the Middle School effective May 3, 2021 through June 21, 2021 (tentative dates).
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Noel Call**, part-time Teaching Assistant at Smallwood Drive School, effective June 25, 2021 (her last day of work will be June 23, 2021).

Civil Service

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement** of **Laura Witzl**, Teacher Aide at Smallwood Drive School, effective June 25, 2021 (her last day of work will be June 23, 2021).
2. Appoint **Stefanie Penque** as a **part-time Teacher Aide (Special Friends--16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Dawn Funderburk) effective May 7,

2021.

3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Denise Corbett**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at the Middle School, effective with her last day of work on April 30, 2021.
4. **Terminate the employment of Elizabeth Long** for unapproved absence from her Teacher Aide-Special Education position at Smallwood Drive School effective April 16, 2021.

Other

1. Approve **Kevin Wartinger**, current Amherst coach who is working towards School Building Leader/School District Leader (SBL/SDL) certificates, as an **unpaid Administrative Intern** at the High School effective May 5, 2021 through October 1, 2021.
2. Approve **Matthew Pendrak**, current Music Teacher who is working towards a School Building Leader (SBL) certificate, as an **unpaid Administrative Intern** at the High School effective May 10, 2021 through August 12, 2021.
3. Approve an **addition** to the Spring **2021 coaches payment schedule**.
4. Approve changes to the **2020-21 substitute list**.

President Steimle welcomed the newly appointed teachers approved this evening.

Follow Up Action Items

None

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

The meeting adjourned 7:59 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.