

**MINUTES OF THE 932 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 1, 2021
Windermere Boulevard School Library**

Present: Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Paul Steimle, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Mark Smith

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 7:02 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Board unanimously agreed to change the July Reorganization Meeting from July 6 to July 13, 2021. The revised calendar will be on the June 15 agenda for approval.

President Steimle stated he signed all documentation for the refunding bond issue last week and Amherst received a rate of .265%.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Phase II and Phase III Capital Construction Update

Denise Tan and Brittany Sainz from Turner Construction updated the Board on Phase II and Phase III of the Capital Project. While Phase II is close to being completed, Phase III began early with the District's permission.

Claims Auditor Report

District Claims Auditor, Richard Foley, explained job expectations, the process used in auditing, and common findings.

Pathfinder's Task Force

The High School's Pathfinder's Task Force chose the following "Teachers of the Month": April - Garland Godinho and Dennis Bauer; May - David Benton, Faith Gonzalez, Laurie Legoff, Kellie Maranto, Kristi Scalzo and Katherine Smith. These students were named "Students of the Month": April - Liat Forrest, Owen Grubb, Grace Jamieson, Natalie Miller, Isabel Steimle and Emery Thompson; May - Ireland Hall, Max Whitton, Snit Yowuhans and Lily Zent.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of May 4, 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 **District Clerk's Report** regarding the Annual District Budget Vote and Election of school board members held on May 18, 2021.
- e. Approve **new policy** (FINAL) #5633 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms.

- f. Approve disposing of 29 **obsolete textbooks** from Amherst High School: Sports & Entertainment Marketing.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Melany Michalski**, ENL Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective with her last day of work on May 13, 2021.
2. Approve a **change of status** for **Emilyrose Conforti** from ESL Teacher (.6 FTE) and AIS Teacher (.4 FTE) to a **four-year probationary appointment as an ENL Teacher (1.0 FTE)--special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(15)** at Windermere Boulevard School effective September 1, 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 **Megan Crowley**, who holds a valid initial English to Speakers of Other Languages certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment English as a New Language (ENL) Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(15)** at the Middle School (new position) 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 **Rebecca Cummiskey**, who holds a valid professional Literacy (B-6) certificate, **to a three-year probationary appointment as a Library Media Specialist—special subject tenure area remedial reading 30.8(b)(13)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Michelle Unger) 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. Appoint **Melissa Dell'Amore**, who holds a valid initial English to Speakers of Other Languages certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a English as a new language (ENL) Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(15)** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) 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.
6. Appoint **Maya Dils**, who will obtain valid initial Health and Physical Education certificates, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Health (.6 FTE) and Physical Education (.4 FTE) Teacher—special subject tenure areas of health--30.8(a)(8) and physical education--30-8(a)(12)** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) 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.
7. Appoint **Jonathan Fiegl**, who holds valid professional Health and Physical Education certificates, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Health (.6 FTE) and Physical Education (.4 FTE) Teacher—special subject tenure areas of health--30.8(a)(8) and physical education 30-8(a)(12)** at Smallwood Drive School (new position) 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.

8. Appoint **Whitney Fuller**, who holds a valid professional Students with Disabilities (1-6) certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Paula Moloney) 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.
9. Appoint **Amy Henchey**, who will obtain a valid initial English to Speakers of Other Languages certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as an English as a New Language (ENL) Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(15)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Melany Michalski) 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.
10. Appoint **Kristen Lyons**, who holds a valid permanent Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 certificate, **to a three-year probationary appointment as an English Language Arts (ELA Grade 6) Teacher—Elementary tenure area 30.5** at the Middle School (replacing Amanda Giordano) 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.
11. Appoint **Michael Ortman**, who holds valid initial Physical Education and Health certificates, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Health Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(8)** at the Middle (.8 FTE) and High (.2 FTE) schools (new position) 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.
12. Appoint **Jonathan Skovira**, who holds a valid initial (time extension) Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as an Elementary (ELA Grade 6) Teacher—Elementary tenure area 30.5** at the Middle School (replacing Bonnie Majda) 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.
13. Appoint **Kayla Neumann**, who will obtain a valid conditional initial Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, **as a Special Education Teacher long-term substitute** at the Middle School (replacing Laura Sommer) effective May 25, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year (tentative dates).

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Barbara-Ellen Goetz**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at the Middle School, effective July 1, 2021 with her last day of work on June 23, 2021.

2. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Barbara Klaffka**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School effective June 30, 2021 with her last day of work on June 23, 2021.
3. Appoint **Nicole Lampke**, who holds a valid Teacher's Assistant Level III certificate, **as a Teaching Assistant long-term substitute** at the Middle School (replacing David Mansfield who is currently a teacher long-term substitute) effective May 25, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year (tentative dates).
4. Appoint a **health leave of absence** for **Edith Weaver**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at Windermere Boulevard School, effective May 25, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Civil Service

1. Appoint **Mary Kay Izzo** to a 26-week probationary period as **School Nurse (10-month--36.25 hours/week)** at St. Benedict's School (replacing Melinda Kraus) effective September 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.
2. Appoint **Noreen Small** to a 26-week probationary period as part-time **School Nurse (10-month--22.5 hours/week)** at the High School (replacing Wendy Davis) effective September 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.
3. Approve the position of **Personnel Clerk (Competitive)** be added to our Civil Service job inventory.
4. Appoint **Remya Ernest to a 26-week probationary period as Personnel Clerk** at the District Office (replacing Brenda Klepser) effective June 7, 2021 through December 6, 2021 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
5. **Amend the appointment of Nathan Johnson**, Microcomputer Repair Technician in the District Office, from probationary to permanent effective June 14, 2021 upon successful completion of his 26-week probationary period.
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of LaSherie Thompson**, part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor at Windermere Boulevard School, effective May 7, 2021.
7. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Nancy Niedermayer**, Provisional Senior Clerk Typist in the District Office Special Education Department, effective May 31, 2021.
8. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Jane Burke**, Teacher Aide at Smallwood Drive School, effective June 30, 2021 (her last day of work on June 23, 2021).
9. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Robyn Myers**, Custodian at Smallwood Drive School effective August 28, 2021 (her last day of work on August 27, 2021).
10. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Debra Suggs**, Teaching Assistant-Special Education at the High School effective June 30, 2021 (her last day of work on June 23, 2021).
11. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Tina Pache**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective June 15, 2021.
12. Appoint **Rima Jadallah** as a **part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor (13.25 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School effective June 2, 2021.

13. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Marie Tisack**, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School, effective May 17, 2021 through June 11, 2021 (tentative dates).

Other

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Report (April 2021); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (April 2021), School Lunch Fund (April 2021), Special Aid Fund (April 2021); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (May 2021); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2020 –April 30, 2021); Warrant Report #0041 4/2/21, #0043 4/16/21, #0045 4/30/21; Treasurer's Report (April 2021)

Follow Up Action Items

1. Share testing results taken from the High School cafeteria floor with the Board once available.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:38 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Errington, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned 9:38 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.