

**MINUTES OF THE 939 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 21, 2021
Windermere Boulevard School Cafeteria**

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

Public Hearing began at 7:02 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – District Code of Conduct

A public hearing was held to review changes made to the District Code of Conduct by Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle. Some revisions include changes for referrals to student services and additional Dignity for all Student references.

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:07 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK - None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle queried the board on their selection for New York State School Board Association's Area 1 Director. The board voted to support Linda Hoffman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Professional Development Update

Superintendent Anthony Panella reviewed opening day activities. Assistant Superintendent Lynn Shanahan explained summer professional development that helped launch programs and plans for the start of the school year such as: Phonics First, AmplifyScience, and Academic Intervention Services.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of August 31, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and September 9, 2021 Special Business 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 **textbook**: *Reading Livi's Rome* (textbook at District Clerk's table for review).
- e. Accept a **donation** of 750 packs of Lysol Wipes (80 count), 11,400 disposable facemasks, and 36,000 individual packets of Yoobi hand sanitizer.
- f. Approve disposing **excess inventory** from the High School: approximately 100 school desks and chairs.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve **Jennifer Vespa**, who has a valid professional Speech and Language Disabilities certificate, as a **Speech and Language Pathologist long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Emily Cronin) effective September 10, 2021 through November 30, 2021 (tentative dates).
2. **Rescind the appointment** of **Leah O'Donnell** as **Special Education Teacher** at Amherst Middle School effective August 31, 2021.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kaleigh Creeden**, School Counselor at the Family Support Center, effective September 7, 2021.

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Scott Hughes** who holds a permanent Social Studies (Grade 7-12) certificate **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Teaching Assistant - Special Education (32.5 hours/week) special subject tenure area 30.8(d)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Kelly Metzger) effective September 10, 2021.
2. Appoint **Monica Brawdy**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level 1 certificate, as a **Teaching Assistant long-term substitute (Special Education, 32.5 hours/week)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Taylor Balsler) effective September 8, 2021 through February 18, 2022 (tentative dates).
3. Appoint **Cristina Moore**, who has a valid professional Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Jessica Belous) effective September 8, 2021.
4. Appoint **Julia Trabert**, who will obtain a Teaching Assistant Level 1 certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Cassidy Klaybor) effective September 8, 2021.
5. Appoint **Victoria Reinhardt**, who will obtain a Teaching Assistant Level 1 certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Francesca Raycraft) effective September 8, 2021.
6. Approve a change of status for **Raihana Haque**, current part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor at Smallwood Drive School, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level 1 certificate, to a **part-time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Amber Leistner) effective September 8, 2021.
7. **Rescind the appointment** of **Maya Fox** as **part-time Teaching Assistant** at Windermere Boulevard School, effective August 30, 2021.

Civil Service

1. Appoint **Christina Kulifaj** as a **part-time Teacher aide/Cafeteria Monitor** (13.75hours/week- 10-months) at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Raihana Haque) effective September 8, 2021.
2. Appoint **Beth Cumbo** as a **Teacher aide** (30 hours/week-10-months) at Smallwood Drive School (new position) effective September 8, 2021.
3. Appoint **Lynn Marie Alafnourian** as a **Teacher aide** (30 hours/week-10-months) at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective September 13, 2021.
4. Appoint **Krystina Kagan** as a **Teacher Aide** (Special Education, 32.5 hours/week-10-months) at Amherst Middle School (replacing Stacey Chambers) effective October 4, 2021 (tentative date).

5. Appoint **Douglas Godinho** as a **full-time Laborer** at Amherst Central High School (replacing David Ennis) for a 26-week probationary period effective October 6, 2021 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
6. Appoint **Samantha Perry** to a **one-year position** as a **full-time Laborer** at Amherst Central High School (new position) effective for the 2021-22 school year, starting October 4, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (tentative dates).
7. Appoint **Shane Becker** to a **one-year position** as a **full-time Laborer** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective for the 2021-22 school year, starting October 4, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (tentative dates).
8. Appoint **James Macri** to a **one-year position** as a **full-time Laborer** at Amherst Middle School (new position) effective for the 2021-22 school year, starting October 4, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (tentative dates).
9. Appoint **Myron Jones** to a **one-year position** as a **full-time Laborer** at Smallwood Drive School (new position) effective for the 2021-22 school year, starting October 4, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (tentative dates).
10. Appoint **Charles Cumbo** to a **one-year position** as a **full-time Laborer** at District-Wide (new position) effective for the 2021-22 school year, starting October 4, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (tentative dates).
11. Amend the appointment of **Richard Cumpston, Custodian** at Smallwood Drive School, **from probationary to permanent** effective October 20, 2021 upon successful completion of his 26-week probationary period.
12. Approve a health leave of absence for **Micah Schmitt**, Cook Manager at Windermere Boulevard School effective September 8, 2021 through November 19, 2021 (tentative dates).
13. Accept the resignation of **Raihana Haque** from her part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor position effective September 3, 2021 at Smallwood Drive School to accept a Teaching Assistant position.
14. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Lynn Myers**, Food Service Helper at Smallwood Drive School, effective September 10, 2021.
15. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Jennifer Raby**, Teacher Aide (Special Education) at Smallwood Drive School, effective September 21, 2021.
16. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Lori Klenke**, Senior Clerk Typist at the District Special Education Office, effective September 17, 2021.
17. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Annette Lembicz**, Account Clerk Typist at the District Office, effective October 1, 2021.

Other

1. Approve the changes to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Approve the **additions** to the **Fall 2021 Coaches** payment schedule.
3. Approve the changes to the **Athletics Support Staff pay schedule** for the 2021-22 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports (June 2021); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (August 2021); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (September 2021), Capital Projects Fund (September 2021); Warrant Report #0007 7/9/21, #0004 8/6/21 & #0009 8/20/21

Follow Up Action Items

1. Superintendent Panella to follow up regarding Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences.

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

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:47 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:15 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.