

**MINUTES OF THE 940 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 5, 2021
Windermere Boulevard 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 7:00 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK - None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle canvassed the board about their support for the New York State School Board Association's (NYSSBA) By-Law Amendments and Resolutions. After discussion, all board members were in favor of all but two resolutions NYSSBA supported.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

External Auditor's Report

Carl Widmer and Charles Trottier from Drescher & Malecki LLP, gave an overview of the audit process and reviewed the District's Internal Audit Report. There were no findings.

Office of Curriculum Elementary Update

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lynn Shanahan spoke on the cumulative professional development elementary teachers completed to implement new programs for enhancing student learning. Assistant Principal Amy Steger explained the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and how they are helping elementary teachers bridge the gaps students have in their learning.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of September 21, 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. Adopt and approve the **District's Code of Conduct**.
- e. Approve the **Independent Auditor's Annual Management Report** for the year ending 6/30/21 pending any material changes.
- f. Approve disposing of **excess inventory** from the High School: 100 football jerseys.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Hannah Gleason**, who holds a valid initial Students With Disabilities (Grade 1-6) certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher—**

special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(7) at Amherst Middle School (replacing Leah O'Donnell) effective October 18, 2021 through October 17, 2025. 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.

2. Appoint **Juliane Grover**, who holds a valid permanent School Counselor certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a School Counselor—School Counseling and Guidance tenure area 30.8(b)(2)** at the Family Support Center (replacing Kaleigh Creeden) effective October 25, 2021 through October 24, 2025. 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 **Mary Eills**, who holds a valid professional Music certificate, to a four.-year probationary appointment as a Music Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(11) at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Derek Chazen) effective October 22, 2021 through October 21, 2025. 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. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Anna LoTempio**, Art Teacher at Smallwood Drive School effective September 30, 2021 through November 5, 2021 (tentative dates).
5. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Angela Antersol**, Music Teacher at Smallwood Drive School effective September 17, 2021 through October 15, 2021 (tentative dates).
6. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Emily Cronin**, Speech and Language Pathologist at Windermere Boulevard School effective September 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Leah Fingerlow (DiMatteo)**, who has a valid professional Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) as a Teaching Assistant-Level I certificate, as a **part- time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Maya Fox) effective October 25, 2021.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kim Hanania**, part-time Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School, effective October 4, 2021.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Monica Brawdy**, Teaching Assistant long-term substitute (Special Education) at Amherst Middle School, effective October 13, 2021.

Civil Service

1. Appoint **Mark Tayler** to a 26-week probationary period as **Senior Clerk Typist** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Sandra Batchev) effective October 6, 2021 through April 6, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
2. **Amend the appointment** of **Maura MacDonald**, Senior Clerk Typist at Amherst Central High School, from provisional to **probationary** effective October 6, 2021, upon eligibility on the civil service open exam list of September 14, 2021. Her two-month probationary period will be effective through December 6, 2021.
3. Appoint **Hortensia Martinez** as a **part-time Food Service Helper (22.5 hours/week)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Stephen Smith) effective October 6, 2021.

4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Blythe Kaczmarczyk**, part- time Clerk Typist at Amherst Middle School, effective October 1, 2021.
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Alexander Wilhelm**, Laborer at Amherst Central High School, effective September 29, 2021.
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Camara Pugh**, Teacher Aide at Amherst Middle School, effective October 15, 2021.

Other

1. Approve the **Extracurricular list** for the 2021-22 school year.
2. Approve the **mentors** for the 2021-22 school year.
3. Approve additions to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
4. Approve changes to the **non-salaried employee wages** and annual **additional pay items** for the 2021-22 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (September 2021), Capital Projects Fund (September 2021); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (September 2021); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2021-August 31, 2021); Treasurer's Report (August 2021)

President Steimle welcomed new faculty and staff in attendance: Heather Gleason, Juliane Grover, and Mary Ells.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Lorry Goldhawk, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 8:08 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Jessica McLaughlin, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:40 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 8:41 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.