

**MINUTES OF THE 941 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 19, 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

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

President Steimle stated board members attended the Erie County Association School Board's **Annual Dinner** to recognize the District Clerk and two board members that received awards.

The **Capital Committee** met per President Steimle to review the previous building conditions survey and the potential of a new capital project.

Board member Mark Smith attended the virtual **delegates meeting** for New York State School Board Association. He reviewed the controversial items and their results.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Serve Day 2021

Principal Julie Flanagan stated The Chapel, during their day to serve, worked to create an outdoor learning space in the Windermere Boulevard School courtyard. Chapel members also served the surrounding community by landscaping and providing a meal. All materials and labor were donated.

Office of Curriculum Secondary Update

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, Lynn Shanahan, gave an overview of improvements in curriculum for grades 6-12 which included alignment in English Language Arts and Math. Social Studies was readied for the Next Generation Learning Standards rollout.

School Board Recognition

Superintendent Panella thanked the Board of Education during Board Appreciation Week for their support and cohesive leadership, which allowed him to navigate these difficult times.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through l; E-2-b through e; and E-3-g. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of October 5, 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 disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: Seventeen (17) of *Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 2nd Edition – Box 1*.
- e. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: Seventeen (17) of *Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 2nd Edition – Box 2*.

- f. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: One (1) of *Investigations in Number, Data and Space Teacher Guide*.
- g. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: One (1) of *Building Vocabulary from Root Words – Level 3*.
- h. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: Two (2) of *Building Vocabulary from Root Words – Level 4*.
- i. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: Two (2) of *Building Vocabulary from Root Words – Level 5*.
- j. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: Two (2) of *Write Traits Classroom Kit*.
- k. Approve disposing of **excess textbooks** from Smallwood Drive School: Three (3) of *Units of Study for Teaching Writing*.
- l. Approve the Standard Work Day for **Clerical Sub – Non Rep Retiree** in the District.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Bruce Karas**, Industrial Arts/Technology Teacher at Amherst Middle School effective November 1, 2021 through March 17, 2022 (tentative dates)

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Elizabeth Zucco**, Teaching Assistant at Amherst Middle School effective October 19, 2021 through November 10, 2021 (tentative dates).
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Stacy O'Malley**, part-time Teaching Assistant at Smallwood Drive School, effective October 8, 2021.

Civil Service

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Patrick Crowley**, Head Custodian at Amherst Central High School effective October 13, 2021 through January 13, 2022 (tentative dates).
2. Appoint **Wendy Fiorilli** to a 26-week probationary period as **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Amanda Muller) effective October 20, 2021 through April 20, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
3. Appoint **Starryl Ward** to a 26-week probationary period as **Senior Account Clerk (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at District Office (replacing Annette Lembicz) effective October 25, 2021 through April 25, 2022 (tentative dates) in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
4. Appoint **Joanne Cole-Marshall** as a **Teacher Aide (special education- 30 hours/week- 10-months)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Jennifer Raby) retro effective October 13, 2021.
5. Appoint **Donna DiSilvestro-Young** to a 26-week probationary period as **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week- 12 months)** at the District Special Education Office (replacing Lori Klenke) effective October 20, 2021 through April 20, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.

6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Patricia Long**, Food Service Helper at Smallwood Drive School, effective October 4, 2021.
7. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Stacey Chambers**, part-time Teacher Aide at Windermere Boulevard School, effective October 27, 2021.
8. Approve a change of status for **Kelly Whalen**, current Account Clerk to a **Senior Account Clerk (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at District Office effective October 20, 2021.

Other

1. Approve the additions to the list of Non-Instructional staff for the **2021-22 Community Education Program**.
2. Approve additions to the **2021-22 substitute list**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Warrant Report: #0011 9/3/21 & #0013 9/17/21

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Jessica McLaughlin. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:32 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 7:45 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.