

**MINUTES OF THE 942 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 2, 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 7:00 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK - None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Mark Smith attended the Erie County Association School Board's **Legislative Meeting** and discussed foundation aid and the unintended consequences of the Child Victim's Act.

Board member Jessica McLaughlin met with the **Policy Committee**. Eight policies will be on the November 16 agenda for adoption.

President Steimle stated the **Capital Committee** met and reviewed the District's debt service and the maximum cost allowance. The committee is waiting for the building conditions survey to be completed by the end of April 2022 before deciding what will be included in the project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Pathfinder's Task Force

The High School Pathfinder's Task Force nominated Ms. Melissa Simpson and Mr. Paul Wierzbieniec as "Teachers of the Month" for September 2021 and Ms. Yvette Mercado and Mr. David Mansell for October 2021. Faye Stiffler and Nicholas Moore were nominated as "Students of the Month" for September 2021, Hannah Gabelnick, and Jackson Kelly for October 2021.

Budget - Fund Balance & Reserves Long-Range Plans

School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski provided data on the Fund Balance and Reserves Long Range Plan. The plan will be approved at the November 16 board meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of October 19, 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. Appoint Maura MacDonald as **Extraclassroom Central Treasurer**.
- e. Approve the District's **Corrective Action Plan** for findings identified in the June 2021 External Audit.
- f. Approve disposing of seven-hundred forty-nine (749) **excess library books** from Amherst Middle School.

- g. Approve disposing of three (3) **excess textbooks books** from Amherst Middle School:
Science Plus Technology and Society.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Mark Rampado**, Director of Facilities III, at the District Office effective November 4, 2021 through December 6, 2021 (tentative dates).

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Ruth Flessa**, Remedial Reading Teacher, at Windermere Boulevard School effective November 8, 2021 through February 4, 2022 (tentative dates).
2. Appoint **Margaret Maxwell**, who has a valid Emergency COVID-19 Music certificate, as a **Music (band) Teacher long-term substitute** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Angela Antersol) effective September 30, 2021 through November 15, 2021 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Colleen Sterner**, who has a valid professional Biology (Grade 7-6) certificate, as a **part- time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Kim Hanania) effective November 3, 2021.
2. Appoint **Jami Colca**, who will obtain a valid Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) certificate, as a **Teaching Assistant long-term substitute (Special Education, 32.5 hours/week)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Monica Brawdy) effective November 3, 2021 through February 18, 2022 (tentative dates).
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement** of **Annette Rooney**, Teaching Assistant at Amherst Central High School effective December 1, 2021 with her last day of work on November 30, 2021.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Elizabeth Zucco**, Teacher Assistant (Special Education) at Amherst Middle School, effective with her last day of work on November 5, 2021.

Civil Service

1. Appoint **Cheyenne Pembleton** as a **provisional Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/ week - 12-months)** in the District Special Education Office (replacing Michele Militello) effective November 3, 2021 (tentative date). This is a provisional appointment pending Cheyanne taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
2. Appoint **Cory Brauch**, current Laborer, to a 26-week probationary period as a **Custodian (40 hours/week-12 months)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Ramon Burgos) effective November 3, 2021 through May 3, 2022 in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations.
3. Appoint **Kevin Leonard** to a 26-week probationary period as a **Custodian (40 hours/week- 12 months)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Robyn Myers) effective November 8, 2021 through May 8, 2022 in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations.
4. Appoint **Jeremy Carroll** as a **Teacher Aide (35 hours/week-10-months)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Camara Pugh) effective November 8, 2021 (tentative date).

5. Appoint **Rumana Rahman** as a part-time **Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor (13.75 hours/week- 10-months)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Stacey Chambers) effective November 3, 2021 (tentative date).
6. **Amend the appointment** of **Donna DiSilvestro-Young**, Senior Clerk Typist at the District Special Education Office, from probationary to **provisional** effective October 21, 2021. This is a provisional appointment pending Donna taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
7. Approve the **change of status** for **James Macri, Laborer**, from 1-year appointment to a 26-week probationary period as a full-time **Laborer (40 hours/week)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Alexander Wilhelm) effective November 3, 2021 through May 3, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
8. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement** of **Kathleen Balduf**, Food Service Helper at Amherst Middle School, effective November 16, 2021 with her last day of work on November 15, 2021.

Other

1. Approve addition to the **Mentor list** for the 2021-22 school year.
2. Approve addition to the Amherst Central High School **Extracurricular list** for the 2021-22 school year.
3. Approve addition to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
4. Approve the addition to the **Intramural list** for the 2021-22 school year.
5. Approve changes to the **non-salaried employee wages** and annual **additional pay items** for the 2021-22 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports (July & August 2021); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2021– September 30, 2021); Extra Classroom Activity Funds (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021); Treasurer’s Report (September 2021)

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

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:40 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:21 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 9:21 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.