

**MINUTES OF THE 943 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 16, 2021
Windermere Boulevard School Cafeteria**

Present: Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith, Paul Steimle, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Jeanne Ernst

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

Board member Mark Smith attended the Erie County Association School Board's **Legislative Breakfast** where they discussed long and short term advocacy goals. He will share his notes from this meeting with all board members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Vaccination Clinic

Superintendent Panella thanked Rite-Aid for offering a vaccination clinic for Amherst Central School students ages 5-11 on Saturday November 13. Three-hundred twenty-five students were vaccinated.

Integrated Co-Teaching Update

Dr. Maria Oddo, Special Education Director, and Dr. Lynn Shanahan, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed integrated co-teaching changes and the Special Education Professional Development Plans.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of November 2, 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 Amherst Central School District **Reserve Plan**.
- e. Approve **revised policy** 3310 Public Access to Records.
- f. Approve **revised policy** 5640 Smoking, Tobacco, and Cannabis (Marijuana) Use.
- g. Approve **revised policy** 6150 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Staff).
- h. Approve **revised policy** 6160 Professional Growth / Staff Development.
- i. Approve **revised policy** 6213 Registration and Professional Learning.
- j. Approve **revised policy** 7131 Education of Students in Temporary Housing.
- k. Approve **revised policy** 7320 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Students).
- l. Approve **revised policy** 8280 Instruction for English Language Learners.
- m. Approve the **Standard Work Day** for Clerical Sub – Non Rep in the District.

- n. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to Matthew Caputy as Operetta and concert pianist (funds generated from patron sales/ticketing).

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. Approve the **Administrator--Assistant Superintendent tenure appointment** for **Michael Belle-Isle**, Assistant Superintendent for Student and Staff Services, at the District Office effective November 30, 2021.

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Felicia DeAngelo**, who has a valid initial Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) certificate, as a **Reading Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Ruth Flessa) effective November 29, 2021 through February 4, 2021 (tentative dates).
2. Appoint **William Whitcher**, who has a valid initial Social Studies (Grade 7-12) certificate, as a **Social Studies Teacher long-term substitute** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Mary Ellen Goergen) effective November 15, 2021 through December 15, 2021 (tentative dates).
3. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Mary Ellen Goergen**, Social Studies Teacher at Amherst Central High School effective November 15, 2021 through December 15, 2021 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Sarah Hansen**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level 1 certificate, as a **part- time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Stacey O'Malley) effective November 17, 2021.
2. Appoint **Daniel Robinson**, current Teacher Aide, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level 1 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 Annette Rooney) effective November 29, 2021.

Civil Service

1. Appoint **Erin McHugh** as a **part-time Clerk Typist (19.5 hours/week-10 months)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Blythe Kaczmarczyk) effective December 1, 2021.
2. Amend the appointment of **Kelly Whalen**, Senior Account Clerk at the District Office, from **probationary to permanent** effective November 27, 2021 upon successful completion of her 8-week probationary period.
3. Amend the appointment of **Remya Ernest, Personnel Clerk** at the District Office, from **probationary to permanent** effective December 6, 2021 upon successful completion of her 26-week probationary period.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **LynnMarie Alafnourian**, Teacher Aide at Windermere Boulevard School, effective November 12, 2021.
5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Mark Tayler**, Senior Clerk Typist at Amherst Central High School, effective November 17, 2021.
6. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Samantha Perry**, Laborer at Amherst Central High School, effective November 1, 2021.

7. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kevin Leonard**, Custodian at Amherst Middle School, effective November 8, 2021.
8. Accept the **resignation** of **Daniel Robinson** from his current Teacher Aide position at Amherst Central High School to accept a Teaching Assistant position effective November 26, 2021.

Other

1. Approve additions to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Approve the **Winter 2021-22 Coaches payment schedule**.
3. Approve additions to the **Middle School Extra Curricular list for the 2021-22 school year**.
4. Approve additions to the **Mentor list for the 2021-22 school year**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports (September 2021); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (October 2021), Capital Projects Fund (October 2021); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (October 2021 & November 2021), Special Aid Fund (November 2021); Warrant Report: #0015 10/1/21, #0017 10/15/21, #0019 10/29/21.

Follow Up Action Items

1. Send ECASB Legislative Breakfast presentation to board members.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:28 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 8:49 pm.

A motion to approve changes to the **substitute teacher rates** for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Lynn Errington, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Bosinski, Acting District Clerk.