

**MINUTES OF THE 944 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 14, 2021
Windermere Boulevard School Cafeteria**

Present: Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Mark Smith, Paul Steimle, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Jessica McLaughlin

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 stated the Capital Project Committee met and prioritized Smallwood Elementary School's needs. A Building Conditions Survey began today.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budget and Program Continuation

School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski reviewed projected revenues and expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year. The next budget update will be presented on February 8, 2022.

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-b through e; and E-3-b through e, g and h. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of November 16, 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 **Standard Work Day** for Senior Network Manager in the District.
- e. Approve **the Standard Work Day** for Network Manager in the District.
- f. Approve the **honorarium request** from the Middle School in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to Kathie Prospero as choreographer for the musical (funds generated from ticket sales).
- g. Approve **Gifts / Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2021-2022 budget appropriation by \$10,771.00.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Jennifer Vespa**, who holds a valid professional Speech and Language Disabilities certificate, as a part-time **Speech and Language Pathologist (0.5 FTE)** at District Office (new position) effective December 15, 2021.

2. Appoint **Emily Cook**, who holds a valid initial English Language Arts (7-12) certificate, as an **English Teacher long-term substitute** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Kayleigh Buziak) retro effective November 29, 2021 through February 18, 2022 (tentative dates).
3. Approve an **extension of childcare leave** to **Amanda Walter**, Elementary Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective March 1, 2022 through June 25, 2022 (tentative dates).
4. Reappoint **Taylor Balsler as Encumbered Elementary Teacher at Smallwood Drive School** (replacing Amanda Walter) through June 24, 2022 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Marlene Deck**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level 1 certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant long-term substitute (19.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Michele Alagna) effective December 16, 2021 through March 16, 2022 (tentative dates).
2. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Michele Alagna**, part-time Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School effective December 16, 2021 through March 16, 2022 (tentative dates).
3. Approve a **leave of absence** for **Michele Gonzalez**, Teaching Assistant at Amherst Middle School effective November 15, 2021 through January 14, 2022 (tentative dates).
4. Approve an **extended leave of absence** for **Taylor Balsler**, Teaching Assistant at Smallwood Drive School, **to be an Encumbered Elementary Teacher** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Amanda Walter) from effective March 1, 2022 through June 25, 2022 (tentative dates). Taylor will return to her Teaching Assistant position upon completion of this teaching assignment.

Civil Service

1. Appoint **Andrew Vilella** to a **26-week probationary period as Microcomputer Decision Support Specialist (37.5 hours/week-12 month)** at the District Office (new position) effective December 20, 2021 through June 19, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
2. Appoint **Paul Cordaro** to a **26-week probationary period as Microcomputer Technical Support Specialist (37.5 hours/week-12 month)** at the District Office (replacing Jeffrey Jarecki) effective December 28, 2021 through June 28, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approve a **change of status** for **Hannah Burns**, current part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor to a **Teacher Aide/Building Aide (30 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing LynnMarie Alafnourian) effective December 15, 2021.
4. Appoint **Zachary Stockman** as a **Teacher Aide/Building Aide (30 hours/week-10-months)** at Smallwood Drive School (new position) effective December 15, 2021.
5. Appoint **Nyannah Harper** as a **Teacher Aide-special education (30 hours/week-10-months)** at Windermere Boulevard School (new position) effective December 15, 2021. Appoint with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Samantha Perry**, Laborer at Amherst Central High School, effective November 1, 2021.
6. Appoint **Lisa Bookhagen** as a **part-time Teacher Aide/Cafeteria Monitor (13.75 hours/week-10-months)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Hannah Burns) effective December 16, 2021.

7. Appoint **Farhana Bari** as a part time **Food Service Helper (22.5 hours/week)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Hortensia Martinez) effective December 15, 2021.
8. Appoint **Rumana Islam** as **Food Service Helper (25 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Patricia Long) effective December 15, 2021.
9. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation of **Matthew Coloprisco**, Teacher Aide at Amherst Middle School, effective December 23, 2021.
10. **Amend the appointment** of **Maura MacDonald**, Senior Clerk Typist at Amherst Central High School, from **probationary to permanent** effective December 7, 2021 upon successful completion of her 8-week probationary period.
11. **Amend the appointment** of **Lori Sosenko**, Microcomputer Decision Support Specialist at the District Office, from **probationary to permanent** effective December 31, 2021 upon successful completion of her 26-week probationary period.
12. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **David Schnell**, Microcomputer Repair Technician at Amherst Middle School effective November 18, 2021 through February 24, 2022 (tentative dates).
13. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Martha Boyle**, Occupational Therapist at Smallwood Drive School effective January 28, 2021 through March 7, 2022 date (tentative dates).
14. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Jeffrey Jarecki**, Microcomputer Technical Support Specialist at the District Office, effective November 30, 2021.
15. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Hortensia Martinez**, part-time Food Service Helper at Amherst Central High School, effective November 19, 2021.

Other

1. Approve additions to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Approve additions to the **extracurricular staff** for the 2021-22 school year.
3. Approve additions to the **Community Education Program** for the 2021-22 school year.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Julian Blake**, Indoor Track Varsity B/G Coach effective December 3, 2021.
5. Approve changes to the **Winter 2021-22 Coaches payment schedule**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports (October 2021); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (November 2021), School Lunch Fund (November 2021), Special Aid Fund (November 2021); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: Capital Projects Fund (November 2021); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021); Warrant Report: #0021 11/12/21, #0023 11/26/21; Treasurer's Report (October 2021)

Follow Up Action Items

1. Provide the Board with information on charter school attendance.

A motion to convene to Executive Session to hear and decide an appeal concerning a student discipline matter and a personnel matter was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The Board convened to Executive Session at 7:41 pm.

Board member, Jessica McLaughlin, entered executive session at 8:20 pm.

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

The Board convened to Public Session at 9:59 pm.

President Steimle stated that at the request of the parent's counsel, the board agreed to adjourn the student discipline hearing and will reconvene January 11, 2022.

A motion to affirm the Superintendent's decision regarding a personnel matter, which was discussed in a hearing during the preceding executive session, was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

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

The meeting adjourned 10:05 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.