

**MINUTES OF THE 947 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 1, 2022
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 7:02 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

President Steimle stated the board received a letter from resident, Jeff Good, regarding a letter sent to Governor Hochul from the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association.

Three candidates interested in running for the Erie 1 BOCES board sent President Steimle letters to share with the Amherst Board of Education.

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Resident Jeff Good expressed concerns over a letter sent to Governor Hochul from the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association.

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle stated the Capital Committee met to discuss the needs of Amherst Central High School facilities. The building conditions survey is expected to be completed by May.

President Steimle recognized former board member Leslie Shuman Kramer in memoriam for her service to the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Panella updated the board on the mask mandate and continued mitigation efforts such as the use of air purifiers, social distancing, and daily sanitization.

Middle School Update

Principal John Griesmer and Assistant Principal Derek Kise reviewed accomplishments regarding student life, learning and achievement, and pride in their school. Some highlights include enhanced Math enrichment, a return to extracurricular activities, Kindness Week and community service projects.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of February 8, 2022 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. Accept a **donation** of 20 sets of Nike flag football uniforms valued at \$1,934.60 for Girls Flag Football.
- e. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Maggie Maxwell for oboe accompaniment during the Operetta.
- f. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Mary Kay Ortalano for bassoon accompaniment during the Operetta.

- g. Pre-approve the **overnight field trip** to Lemoyne College for fifteen (15) students of the Science Olympiad Team: March 18, 2022 – March 19, 2022.
- h. Approve **disposal** of obsolete paperback library racks from the High School library.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kimberly Murphy**, part-time Science Teacher at Amherst Middle School, effective with her last day of work on March 5, 2022.
2. Approve a health **leave of absence** for **Yvette Mercado**, Special Education Teacher at Amherst Central High School effective February 18, 2022 through March 21, 2022 (tentative dates).
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Danielle Gorney**, Elementary Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective with her last day of work on April 8, 2022.

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Cassandra Maritato**, who has a valid professional Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) certificate, as a **part- time Teaching Assistant (19.5 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Janeen Sullivan) effective March 2, 2022.

Civil Service

1. Approve the **change of status** for **Shane Becker, Laborer**, from 1-year appointment to a 26-week probationary period as a full-time **Laborer (40 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Raymond Arias) effective March 2, 2022 through September 2, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
2. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation of **Matthew Dyrek**, Teacher Aide at Amherst Central High School, effective with his last day of work on February 18, 2022.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation of **Starryl Ward**, Senior Account Clerk at the District Office, effective with her last day of work on April 8, 2022.
4. Appoint **Jon Barber** as a provisional **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Mark Tayler) effective March 7, 2022. This is a provisional appointment pending Jon taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.

Other

1. Approve addition to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Approve the additions to the Windermere Boulevard School **Extracurricular list** for the 2021-22 school year.
3. Approve the additions to the Smallwood Drive School **Extracurricular list** for the 2021-22 school year.
4. Approve the changes to the **Mentor list** for the 2021-22 school year.
5. Approve the Spring 2022 **Coaches payment schedule**.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports (January 2022); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (February 2022); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022); Treasurer's Report (January 2022)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

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

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

The meeting adjourned 7:44 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.