

**MINUTES OF THE 948 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
March 15, 2022  
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 he and Vice-President Ernst, along with the school business administrator and superintendent, met with the auditor from the Office of the New York State Comptroller to outline the process and timeline of their audit in the District.

The Board discussed who they wanted nominated for the Erie 1 BOCES board elections in April. Nominations for Mary Busse, Andrew Loeb, and Eric Borenstein will be on the agenda for board approval this evening.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Windermere Boulevard School Update**

Principal Julie Flanagan and Assistant Principal Amy Steger reviewed what lessons had been learned over the past year, wellness initiatives for students and staff, and Windermere's instructional focus for 2021-2022.

**Budget Update**

Business Administrator, Laura Bosinski, reviewed anticipated program and staffing changes for the 2022-2023 school year. She also reported on revenue and expenditure assumptions and projections. The board unanimously agreed to maintain the tax cap.

*A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Dominic Vivolo to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through k; E-2-b through e; and E-3-g. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve **Minutes** of March 1, 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. Approve the District's **2022-2023 School Calendar**.
- e. Approve entering into a three-year contract with Erie 1 BOCES to furnish **computer services** with Western New York Regional Information Center for an amount not to exceed \$474,204.16 (see attachment for full resolution).
- f. Approve authorizing the District Clerk to amend and publish a revised **Notice of Annual School District Meeting and Vote** as may be necessary.
- g. Approve (FINAL) the **overnight field trip** to Lemoyne College for fifteen (15) students of the Science Olympiad Team: March 18, 2022 – March 19, 2022.

- h. Nominate three (3) **candidates for election** to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services: Mary Busse, Andrew Loeb, and Eric Borenstein.
- i. Approve the **Standard Work Day** for Senior Clerk Typist – Non-Rep in the District.
- j. Accept **gifts / donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2021-2022 budget appropriation by \$1,540.00.
- k. Preapprove the **overnight field trip** to the National History Bee and Bowl Competition in Washington, D.C. for eleven (11) students of the Quiz Bowl Team: April 22, 2022 – April 24, 2022.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Administrative**

None

### **Instructional – Faculty**

- 1. Reappoint **Felicia DeAngelo as Encumbered Remedial Reading Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School** (replacing Ruth Flessa) effective March 16, 2022 through June 24, 2022 (tentative dates).
- 2. Appoint **Katelyn Kean**, who holds a valid initial Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) certificate, as a **Remedial Reading Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Kelly Gay) effective March 11, 2022 through April 8, 2022 (tentative dates).
- 3. Approve an **extension of health leave to Ruth Flessa**, Remedial Reading Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective February 7, 2022 through June 24, 2022 (tentative dates).
- 4. Approve **medical leave for Kaleigh Bronson**, Registered Professional Nurse (School) at Sacred Heart School, effective April 27, 2022 through June 24, 2022 (tentative dates).
- 5. Approve **maternity/child care leave for Amy Butzek**, Remedial Reading Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective May 4, 2022 through June 15, 2022 (tentative dates).

### **Instructional - Teaching Assistants**

- 1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement of Sandra Jasinowski**, part-time Teaching Assistant at Smallwood Drive School effective July 1, 2022 with her last day of work on June 22, 2022.

### **Civil Service**

- 1. Approve a **health leave of absence for Kimberly Cirillo**, Senior Clerk Typist at Smallwood Drive School effective March 4, 2022 through June 4, 2022 (tentative dates).
- 2. Approve a **change of status for Karol Faust**, current Senior Clerk Typist, as a **Principal Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week--12-months)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Angela Earle) effective March 16, 2022. This is a provisional appointment pending Karol taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
- 3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Robert Anderson**, Laborer at Amherst Middle School, effective with his last day of work on March 4, 2022.
- 4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Machele Filarecki**, part-time Food Service Helper at Smallwood Drive School, effective with her last day of work on June 22, 2022.

5. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement** of **Linda Dzimian**, Food Service Helper at Smallwood Drive School effective July 1, 2022 with her last day of work on June 23, 2022.
6. Approve the **employment agreement** for **Maura MacDonald**, Senior Clerk Typist, who is transferring from Amherst Central High School to District Office (replacing Starryl Ward) effective March 15, 2022.

**Other**

1. Approve additions to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Approve the addition to the **Amherst Middle School extracurricular list**.
3. Approve changes to the **Spring 2022 Coaches Payment Schedule**.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Warrant Report: #0033 2/4/22, #0035 2/18/22

Superintendent Panella and President Steimle welcomed Maura MacDonald to District Office in her capacity as payroll clerk.

**Follow Up Action Items**

1. None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding employment of a particular person was made by Lynn Ernst, seconded by Lorry Goldhawk. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The board convened to executive session at 8:18 pm.

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

The board convened to Public Session at 8:57 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned 8:57 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.