

**MINUTES OF THE 950 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 19, 2022
District Office Conference Room**

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

Not Present: Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin

Others Present: Superintendent Anthony Panella; Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle; School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:00 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Resident Joseph Miner spoke to the board about the trees and fence between his property and the school district's property.

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Steimle polled the board on the candidates running for the BOCES Board of Education. The board voted for candidates Eric Borenstein, Mary Busse, and Andrew Loeb.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Services – School Counseling Plan Update

Director and Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel, Dr. Maria Oddo and Mr. Patrick Kapperman, presented special education and Medicaid updates which included highlights of the programs and events that students participate in. They also focused on what the district is doing to support social emotional learning for students and staff.

Budget Update

Business Administrator, Laura Bosinski, explained changes in revenue assumptions and projections since the state budget was adopted. There is no change to the proposed budget of \$68,300,000.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Lynn Errington to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through k; E-2-b through d; and E-3-b, d, e, f, and h. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of April 5, 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. Adopt the **2022-2023 Budget** in the amount of \$68,300,000 for voter approval.
- e. Approve the **2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card**.
- f. Approve ratification of the **collective bargaining agreement** made between Amherst Education Association and the Board of Education effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.
- g. Adopt the **BOCES Administrative Budget for 2022-2023** in the amount of \$3,746,638.
- h. Vote for three (3) **members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services**: Eric Borenstein, Mary Busse, and Andrew Loeb.
- i. Approve Michael Belle-Isle as **Chairperson** for the May 17, 2022 District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members.

- j. Approve the appointment of Ellen Marshall as **Chief Election Inspector** for the May 17, 2022 District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members.
- k. Approve the appointment of **Election Inspectors** for the May 17, 2022 District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

1. Approve the **tenure appointment--Reading** tenure area for **Kim Marie Eisenhauer**, Teacher at Amherst Middle School, effective August 28, 2022.
2. Approve the **tenure appointment--General Special Education** tenure area for **Anna Hilley**, Teacher at Smallwood Drive School, effective September 26, 2022.
3. Approve the **tenure appointment-Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children** tenure area for **Emily Cronin**, Speech Pathologist at Windermere Boulevard School, effective November 25, 2022.
4. Appoint **Jo Lynn Degolia**, who holds a valid permanent Music certificate, as a **Music Teacher long-term substitute** at Amherst Central High School retroactive April 5, 2022 through June 24, 2022 (tentative dates).
5. **Amend the appoint** of **Mary Doka** to an **Elementary Reading Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Kelly Gay) effective April 18, 2022 through June 3, 2022 (tentative dates).
6. Approve **an extension of childcare leave** to **Kelly Gay**, Reading Teacher at Windermere Boulevard School, effective May 2, 2022 through June 3, 2022 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Approve **a leave** for **Stephen Pizzuto**, Teaching Assistant at Amherst Central High School, effective March 30, 2022 through May 9, 2022 (tentative dates).

Civil Service

1. Amend the appointment of **Wendy Fiorilli**, Senior Clerk Typist at Windermere Boulevard School, from probationary to **permanent** effective April 20, 2022 upon successful completion of her 26-week probationary period.
2. Amend the appointment of **James Macri**, Laborer at Amherst Central High School, from probationary to **permanent** effective May 4, 2022 upon successful completion of his 26-week probationary period.
3. Amend the appointment of **Cory Brauch**, Custodian at Amherst Central High School, from probationary to **permanent** effective May 4, 2022 upon successful completion of his 26-week probationary period.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Brett Miles**, Laborer at Smallwood Drive School, effective with his last day of work on April 22, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports (March 2022); Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (April 2022); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022); Extra-Classroom Activity Funds Quarterly Report (January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022); Treasurer's Report (March 2022)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding employment of a particular person was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

The board convened to executive session at 8:15 pm.

A motion to convene to Public Session was made by Dominic Vivolo, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

The board convened to public session at 8:46 pm.

A motion to approve the following Confidential Settlement Agreement was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Amherst Central School District hereby approves the Confidential Settlement Agreement & General Release presented and discussed during the immediately preceding executive session, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same on behalf of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District's payment pursuant to this confidential settlement agreement is determined by the Board of Education to constitute a contingent expense, and that the District's 2021-22 appropriations are hereby increased by that payment amount.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Errington, seconded by Dominic Vivolo. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned 8:47 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.