

**MINUTES OF THE 951 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 3, 2022
District Office Conference Room**

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; School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:01 pm.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing was held to present the 2022-2023 school budget. School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski reviewed all pertinent budget information. The budget amount presented to the voters is \$68,300,000.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

Resident and teacher Ada Wolfanger thanked the Board of Education for continuing their commitment to educate the whole child.

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Lynn Errington reported the Policy Committee met to review the nine policies for approval on this evening's agenda.

President Steimle recognized Superintendent Panella for receiving the 2022 Western New York Educational Service Council Award for Excellence in the Superintendent category.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student and Staff Recognition

Superintendent Panella began by recognizing the following staff: Administrative Assistants, Principals, Teachers, School Lunch staff and nurses. A special student spotlight highlighted senior Jordan Benefield who received a 2022 Gates Scholarship.

A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: F-1-a through s; F-2-a through e; and F-d. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of April 19, 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 combining of **Girls Varsity Ice Hockey** with Clarence Central School District and SweetHome Central School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- e. Approve combining of **Girls Varsity Gymnastics** with Williamsville South High School.
- f. Approve **revised policy #5130 Budget Adoption**.
- g. Approve **revised policy #5230 Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District**.
- h. Approve **revised policy #5321 Use of the District Credit Card and Cell Phone**.
- i. Approve **revised policy #5570 Financial Accountability**.

- j. Approve **revised policy #5683** *Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus Emergency Drills.*
- k. Approve **revised policy #5730** *School Bus Safety.*
- l. Approve **revised policy #5731** *Idling School Buses on School Grounds.*
- m. Approve **revised policy #5740** *Qualifications of Bus Drivers.*
- n. Approve **revised policy #6140** *Employee Medical Examinations.*
- o. **Delete policy #5150** *Contingency Budget.*
- p. Accept **gifts / donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2021-2022 budget appropriation by \$7,225.00.
- q. Accept the **donation** of twenty (20) flag belts and five (5) footballs from Nike and NYSPHSAA valued at \$300.00.
- r. Accept the **donation** of one (1) book vending machine from the Windermere Parent Teacher Association valued at \$5,690.00.
- s. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$150.00 payable to Maura Jaquay for yoga instruction.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

- 1. Approve the Administrator-- Curriculum and Development tenure appointment for **Lynn Shanahan**, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, at the District Office effective July 1, 2022.
- 2. Approve the Administrator--Secondary Assistant Principal tenure appointment for **Scott Lawniczak**, High School Assistant Principal, at Amherst Central High School effective July 9, 2022.

Instructional – Faculty

- 1. Approve **Mary Valle**, who holds a valid initial Earth Science (Grade 7-12) certificate and will obtain a valid initial General Science (Grade 7-12) extension certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Science Teacher—academic tenure area 30.7 (b)** at Amherst Middle School (new position) effective August 22, 2022. To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.
- 2. Appoint **Hannah Dauria**, who holds a valid initial Biology (Grade 7-12) certificate and will obtain a valid General Science (Grade 7-12) extension certificate, to a **four-year probationary appointment as a Science Teacher—academic tenure area 30.7 (b)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Susan Cramer) effective August 22, 2022. To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.
- 3. Appoint **Alexandra Gerbec**, who holds a valid professional Visual Arts certificate, to a four-year probationary appointment as an Art Teacher—special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(1) at Amherst Middle School and Windermere Boulevard School(new position) effective August 22, 2022. To receive tenure, the individual must receive overall APPR ratings of "effective" or "highly effective" in at least three of four preceding years, including the tenure year.

4. **Appoint Brittany Keesler**, who will obtain a valid provisional School Counselor certificate, as an **encumbered School Counselor** at District Office (replacing Marlana Howard) effective May 26, 2022 through December 23, 2022 (tentative dates)
5. Appoint **Emily Ittes**, who holds a valid professional Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) certificate, as a **Remedial Reading Teacher long-term substitute** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Amy Butzek) effective May 4, 2022 through June 15, 2022 (tentative dates).
6. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Marlana Howard**, School Social Worker at the District Office, effective May 27, 2022 through January 2, 2023 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

None

Civil Service

1. Approve a **health leave of absence** for **Sharon Zak**, Principal Clerk Typist at the District Office effective April 28, 2022 through June 10, 2022 (tentative dates).
2. Approve the **addition of one (1) Principal Clerk Typist** (competitive) position to the Civil Service job inventory.

Other

1. Approve addition to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Appoint **Curriculum Teacher Leaders** for the 2022-23 school year

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Transfers Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (April 2022), School Lunch Fund (April 2022)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

President Steimle congratulated Dr. Lynn Shanahan on her approval for tenure at this evening's board meeting. He also welcomed new teacher Hannah Dauria and returning teacher Alexandra Gerbic who were in the audience.

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

The board convened to executive session at 7:49 pm.

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

The board convened to public session at 9:35 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 9:35 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.