

**MINUTES OF THE 953 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 7, 2022
District Office Conference Room**

Present: Jeanne Ernst, Lynn Errington, Lorry Goldhawk, Jessica McLaughlin, Mark Smith, Dominic Vivolo

Not Present: Paul Steimle

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

Meeting called to order by Jeanne Ernst, President, at 7:00 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK - None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Board member Jessica McLaughlin reported the **Safety Committee** met to review building safety plans. An information security management committee is being formed.

Vice-President Ernst attended a **Technology Committee** meeting where they analyzed grade level bands and identified gaps. Their next meeting will determine what professional development is needed and who needs it. The committee was also informed the District is switching to zoom phones.

Board member Lorry Goldhawk mentioned she attended the Windermere Boulevard School **Parent Teacher Association awards dinner**. Fellow board member, Lynn Errington, received an award for her service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Pathfinder's Task Force

The High School's Pathfinder's Task Force chose the following "Teachers of the Month": March - Bruce Curtis and Michael Thomas; April - Christopher Kensy and Dawn Mach; May - Jo Lynn DeGolia and Anne Ward. These students were named "Students of the Month": March - Mackenzie Rose-LaPier and Michael Fernandez; April - Aidan Stoddard, Noah Stoddard, and Olivia Hoppe-Spink; May - Connor Hesch and Addison Rogers.

Athletics Update

Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Jeffrey Wheaton, recognized championship athletes and coaches from the 2021-2022 school year. He also shared information on the culture, participation and partnerships in the Amherst athletics program.

A motion was made by Dominic Vivolo and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through n; E-2-b through e; and E-3-b, c, e, g, and h. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of May 3, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and May 23, 2022 Special 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 Clerk's Report** regarding the Annual Budget Vote and Election of School Board Members held on May 17, 2022.
- e. Approve **2022-2025 Contract Agreements** with non-represented staff.

- f. Approve an **increase to the District's 2021-2022 appropriation** in the amount of the Confidential Settlement Agreement approved at the September 9, 2021 Board of Education meeting.
- g. 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 \$609,054.84 (see attachment for full resolution).
- h. Approve the **Milk, Juice and Ice Cream Bids** for the 2022-2023 school year (see attached).
- i. Approve disposing of **excess inventory** from the Facilities Department: one (1) ID printer.
- j. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to James Featherstone for piano accompaniment and daily rehearsals during the Operetta.
- k. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$150.00 payable to Colleen Chen as Nocti exam proctor and evaluator.
- l. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$150.00 payable to Steve Gorczyca as Nocti exam proctor.
- m. Approve the **honorarium request** from the High School in the amount of \$150.00 payable to Tim Morris as Nocti exam proctor and evaluator.
- n. Accept **gifts / donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2021-2022 budget appropriation by \$7,054.00.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

None

Instructional – Faculty

- 1. Appoint **Daniel Dubiel**, who holds a valid Professional Students with Disabilities (Grade 7-12) generalist certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher—Special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** at Amherst Central High School (replacing Karen Snyder) 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 **Emma Switzer**, who holds a valid initial Students with Disabilities (Grade 1-6) certificate **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Special Education Teacher—Special subject tenure area 30.8(a)(7)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Laura Sommer) 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. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Matthew Pendrak**, Music Teacher at Amherst Central High School, effective with his last day of work on June 30, 2022.
- 4. Approve a **medical leave for Tammy Wrzosek-Kline**, Science Teacher at Amherst Central High School, effective April 26, 2022- through May 31, 2022 (tentative dates).

Instructional - Teaching Assistants

- 1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement** of **Viviana Ramirez**, Teaching Assistant (Special Education) at Amherst Central High School effective July 1, 2022 with her last day of work on June 30, 2022.

Civil Service

1. Approve a **change of status** for **Faye Pietrak** from part-time to an **8-week probationary period as a full-time Registered Professional Nurse (School) (37.5 hours/week - 12 month position)** at Amherst Central High School (new position) effective September 6, 2022 through November 6, 2022 in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations.
2. Appoint **Wilma Dombrowski** as a **part-time Food Service helper (15 hours/week)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Mabelle Filarecki) effective September 6, 2022.
3. Appoint **Robert Swanson**, to a 26-week probationary period as a **Groundworker** (40 hours/week) at district wide (new position) effective July 1, 2022 through December 29, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
4. Appoint **Lisa Sobaszek** to a provisional **Senior Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12 months)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Karol Faust) effective June 21, 2022 pending fingerprint clearance. This is a provisional appointment pending Lisa taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
5. Amend the appointment of **Andrew Villella**, Microcomputer Decision Support Specialist in the district office, from **probationary to permanent** effective June 20, 2022 upon successful completion of his 26-week probationary period.
6. Appoint **Donna DiSilvestro-Young**, current provisional Senior Clerk Typist at District Special Education office **to a provisional appointment as Principal Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week - 12 month position)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Sally Cukierski) effective July 1, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations. This is a provisional appointment pending Donna taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.
7. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement** of **Douglas Fry**, Laborer at Amherst High School effective July 30, 2022 with his last day of work on July 29, 2022.
8. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Barbara Sheehan**, Food Service Helper at Amherst Central High School, effective with her last day of work on May 10, 2022.
9. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Rumana Rahman**, part-time Teacher Aide / Cafeteria Monitor at Windermere Boulevard School, effective with her last day of work on May 26, 2022.

Other

1. Approve the addition to the **2021-22 substitute list**.
2. Approve the addition to the **extracurricular list** for Amherst Middle School for the 2021-22 school year.
3. Approve the list of **SEAL of Biliteracy Student Mentoring** for Amherst Central High School for 2021-22 School year.
4. Approve the staff for the **2022 Summer Food Service Program** effective June 27, 2022 through August 5, 2022.
5. Approve the staff for the **SDS/WBS Elementary Summer School Program 2022** effective June 27, 2022 or July 18, 2022 respectively through August 5, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Summary & Detail Reports April 2022); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (April 2022), School Lunch Fund (April 2022), Special Aid Fund (April 2022), Special Miscellaneous Fund (April 2022); Cash Flow Statement (July 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022); Warrant Report #0041 4/1/22, #0042

4/8/22, #0045 4/22/22, #0046 4/29/22, #0048 5/13/22, #0049 5/27/22; Treasurer's Report (April 2022)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

Vice-president Ernst recognized the two retirees on this evening's agenda and the many years of service they provided the District.

A motion to convene to Executive Session for matters regarding employment of a particular person was made by Jessica McLaughlin, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion unanimously carried (6-0).

The board convened to executive session at 8:01 pm.

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

The board convened to public session at 9:34 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned 9:35 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.