

**MINUTES OF THE 959 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
September 13, 2022  
District Office Conference Room**

**Present:** Jeanne Ernst, Lorry Goldhawk, Lynn Errington, Jessica McLaughlin, Paul Steimle, Dominic Vivolo

**Not Present:** Mark Smith

**Others Present:** Superintendent Anthony Panella, Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Shanahan, School Business Administrator Laura Bosinski

Public Hearing began at 7:00 pm.

**Code of Conduct Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held to review additions and changes made to the District Code of Conduct by Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle. This revised document will be adopted at the October 4, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:07 pm.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** - None

**VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK** - None

**REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Board President Paul Steimle stated the Board of Education members toured all four district buildings to review conditions which were favorable.

Board member Lorry Goldhawk attended the ECASB Delegate Assembly meeting. No news to report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Opening Day Highlights**

Superintendent Anthony Panella shared several Opening Day highlights.

*A motion was made by Jeanne Ernst and seconded by Lorry Goldhawk to approve the following New Business Items: F-1-a through g; F-2-a through e; and F-3-b, c, d, and g. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve **Minutes** of August 23, 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. Appoint **Nancy Riccio** to the position of Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics on an interim basis effective September 19, 2022.
- e. Adopt changes to the **Board of Education calendar** for 2022-2023.
- f. Readopt the District's 2021-2024 **Professional Learning Plan**.
- g. Approve certification of **Lead Evaluators** for teacher and principal evaluations.

**PERSONNEL**

**Administrative**

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Jeffrey Wheaton**, Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics effective with his last day of work September 23, 2022.

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### Instructional Faculty

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation for purposes of retirement** of **Gordon Crock**, English Teacher at Amherst Central High School effective January 2, 2023 with his last day of work on January 1, 2023.

### Instructional - Teaching Assistants

1. Appoint **Kristine Bshara**, who has a valid permanent Reading Teacher certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Maria Simon) effective September 6, 2022.
2. Appoint **Brianna DiGiorgio**, who will obtain a valid Teaching Assistant Level I certificate, as a **part-time Teaching Assistant (16.5 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Cheryl Lopes) effective September 6, 2022.
3. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Jessica Tortora**, Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School effective with her last day of work June 22, 2022.
4. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Amy Kern**, part-time Teaching Assistant at Windermere Boulevard School, effective with her last day of work on June 22, 2022.

### Civil Service

1. Appoint **Katelynn Pritchard** as **Special Education Teacher Aide (30 hours/week - 10 months)** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Ann Sherman) effective September 6, 2022.
2. Appoint **Lisa Missico** as **Special Education Teacher Aide (32.5 hours/week - 10 months)** at Amherst Middle School (replacing Joanne Cole-Marshall) effective September 6, 2022.
3. Appoint **Petrina Price** as **part-time Teacher Aide - Cafeteria Monitor (13.75 hours/week-10-months)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing Prasanthi Pulavarti) effective September 6, 2022.
4. Appoint **Keona Gaddis** as **part-time Food Service Helper (20 hours/week)** at Windermere Boulevard School (replacing C. Juliano) effective September 6, 2022.
5. Appoint **Troy Frymire** to 26-week probationary period as a Laborer (40 hours/week) at Amherst Central School Districtwide (new position) effective September 28, 2022 through March 29, 2022 in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.
6. Approve **maternity/child care leave** for **Kailin Krantz**, Occupational Therapist at Smallwood Drive School, effective November 4, 2022 through May 5, 2023 (tentative dates).
7. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Robert Swanson**, Groundswoker at Amherst School District-Wide, effective with his last day of work August 26, 2022.
8. Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation** of **Kristina Strauss**, Teacher Aide-Special Education at Smallwood Drive School, effective with her last day of work on June 22, 2022.
9. Appoint **Melissa Whittington** as a **provisional Account Clerk Typist (37.5 hours/week-12-months)** in the district Business Office (replacing Jennifer Boettcher) effective October 3, 2022 (pending fingerprinting clearance). This is a provisional appointment pending Melissa taking a future civil service exam and being reachable on the canvass list.

### Other

1. Approve an Annual **Additional Pay Items** for the 2022-23 school year.

2. Approve the **Non-Instructional Staff** for the 2022-2023 school year **Community Education Program**.
3. Approve the **changes** to the **Fall 2022 Coaches** payment schedule.
4. Approve the Extracurricular list for Smallwood Drive School for the 2022-23 school year.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Budget Status Reports: Summary & Detail (June 2022); Budget Transfer under \$25,000: General Fund (June, July, August 2022), Capital Projects Fund (June, July 2022), School Lunch Fund (June, July 2022), Special Aid Fund (June, August 2022); Budget Transfers over \$25,000: General Fund (June, July, August 2022), School Lunch Fund (June 2022); Warrant Reports: #0006 7/29/22, #0007 8/5/22, #0009 8/19/22.

### **Follow Up Action Items**

None

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

The board convened to executive session at 7:26 pm.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned 8:01 pm.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk.