

**MINUTES OF THE 911 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 5, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

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 Lynn Shanahan; Assistant Superintendent Michael Belle-Isle; Laura Bosinski, School Business Administrator

Meeting called to order by Paul Steimle, President, at 7:02 pm

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK

None

REPORT OF BOARD AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Update

Business Administrator Laura Bosinski reviewed revenue planning and the budget vote and election timeline. The board decided to appropriate additional reserves toward the proposed budget, add a meeting on May 12 to adopt the budget, and reschedule the budget hearing to May 26.

A motion was made by Lorry Goldhawk and seconded by Dominic Vivolo to approve the following New Business Items: E-1-a through e; E-2-a through d; and E-3-a, b, c, d, and g. The motion unanimously carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve **Minutes** of April 21, 2020 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. Accept **Gifts / Donations** on the attached list and increase the District's 2019-2020 Budget Appropriation by \$7,485.00.
- e. Accept the **donation** of a trombone and musical stand from the Smith Family for the Music Department valued at \$50.00.

PERSONNEL

Administrative

1. Appoint **John R. Crozier**, current Assistant Principal, **to a three-year probationary appointment as an Elementary Principal--Elementary Principal tenure area** at Smallwood Drive School (replacing Daniel Lewis) effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Instructional – Faculty

1. Appoint **Ruben Juarez**, who holds a valid initial French (7-12) certificate and will obtain a Spanish (7-12) certificate, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Foreign Language Teacher—tenure area 30.7(b)** at the High School (replacing Michelle Binkowski) effective August 24, 2020. The probationary expiration date will be contingent on the

individual's overall APPR ratings. 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 **Alexandra Montesano**, who will obtain Initial Physics (7-12) and Earth Science-Supplemental (7-12) certificates, **to a four-year probationary appointment as a Physics/Earth Science Teacher—Science tenure area 30.7(b)** at the High School (replacing Joseph Maxwell) effective August 24, 2020. The probationary expiration date will be contingent on the individual's overall APPR ratings. 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.

Instructional – Teaching Assistants

1. Accept with regret and appreciation the resignation for purposes of **retirement of Mary Anne Starr**, Teaching Assistant at Smallwood Drive School effective July 1, 2020.

Civil Service

1. Approve Accept with regret and appreciation the **resignation of Roslyn Torre**, Food Service Helper at Smallwood Drive School effective April 6, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Reports: Summary (March 2020), Details (March 2020); Budget Transfers Report: General Fund (March 2020), Capital Fund (March 2020); Budget Transfer Report [over \$25,000]: General Fund (April 2020); Cash Flow Statement: July 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020; Treasurer's Report & Investments (March 2020)

Follow Up Action Items

1. None

A motion to enter into Executive Session for matters regarding the employment of a particular person and pending litigation was made by Jeanne Ernst, seconded by Lynn Errington. Motion unanimously carried (7-0).

The board convened to Executive Session at 7:37 pm.

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

The board convened to Public Session at 8:35 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Custodi, District Clerk