

1 **AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
2 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**  
3 **SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL INFO CENTER**  
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7 **Attendees**

8 Paul, Amy, Peg, Lucienne  
9 Jim Minor, Betty, Christine  
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11 **Public hearing**

12 Lucienne opened the public hearing at 6:03 to present a donation \$5649.98 from the Amherst  
13 Junior Women's Club. No comment from the public.  
14 Public hearing closed at 6:06.  
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16 **Regular meeting opened at 6:07pm.**

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18 The meeting began with a presentation by Jim Minor who updated the board on the facilities  
19 work that was done over the summer.  
20 See attached list of projects that were completed.  
21 The board would like to highlight that the full inspection and upgrade of the septic work that was  
22 done at Wilkins school came in significantly under budget. The budgeted amount was 22,000  
23 and the work was completed for 9,000.  
24 The board would also like to highlight the new speed bumps that were added to the AMS  
25 driveway to address speeding vehicles and to ensure the safety of pedestrians.  
26 Jim Minor reviewed energy pricing. All energy has been secured for amounts under the  
27 proposed budget.  
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29 **Amy made a motion to accept the consent agenda.**

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31 Peg asked about the large budget transfer that was included in the agenda. The transfer was  
32 previously accepted when the administration brought forth a plan in the spring to operate under a  
33 default budget. The transfer showed the precise detail of what was previously accepted by the  
34 board.  
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36 Betty informed the board that she attended a Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting in July and  
37 there is \$2700 to be spent for the school libraries. As the principals were not present at the board  
38 meeting, Betty explained that she would contact the principals for a concrete plan to spend the  
39 money.  
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41 The board thanks the Amherst Junior Women's Club for their generous donation to the schools.  
42 A special thanks to Peter Morehouse and Target Corp for their donations to the Amhert schools,  
43 as well.  
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45 **Paul Prescott seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda.**

46 All in favor.  
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48 Betty brought forward four professional nominations for this school year which represents  
49 savings of \$75,000 in salaries plus 22% in benefits.  
50 See attached.  
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52 The AMS Tech Ed teacher has retired. Christine Landwherle explained that we are advertising  
53 for a teacher to lead our new STEM-designed innovation lab.  
54 See position posting attached.  
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56 **Paul made a motion to accept the professional nominations as brought forward. Amy**  
57 **seconded.**  
58 **All in favor.**  
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60 Betty walked the board through the DOE-25 document. She pointed out that although our  
61 revenue was up last year and expenditures were down, the ASD cost per pupil has increased. The  
62 reason is almost entirely due to a decline in enrollment.  
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64 The changes in USDA guidelines in the last couple of years have been challenging. The  
65 guidelines are constricting and expensive and make it extremely difficult to run a profitable, or  
66 break-even, school lunch program. Until the last school year, the Amherst School District has  
67 been successful in running its school lunch program with surplus funds or close thereto. Last  
68 year was different. Due to SAU39's limited eligibility for state-offered commodities, a failed  
69 POS system that needed to be replaced in the FY15 budget versus the following year, and the  
70 restrictive and expensive food guidelines Amherst's lunch program ended the year with a deficit  
71 of \$52,542.25.  
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73 The state does not allow school districts to run food service programs at a deficit. As the  
74 Amherst School District had a considerable surplus at year end from budget savings throughout  
75 the year, Paul Prescott made a motion to transfer \$52,542.25 from the general fund to cover the  
76 deficit in food service. Amy seconded the motion and all were in favor.  
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78 The lunch price has been increased slightly and the district has reduced one FTE in an effort to  
79 mitigate losses as best we can and break even in the coming year.  
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81 **Amy made a motion to authorize the school board members and the Supt to sign the DOE**  
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84 The board discussed agenda topics for future meetings and adjourned at 8:05pm.  
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86 AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
87 FACILITY ACTIVITIES  
88 SUMMER 2015  
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91 ALL ASD SCHOOLS:

92            Security:

- 93            • 3M Safety Film added to all main entryway windows and doors and
- 94            receptionist windows.
- 95            • Vehicle Barriers added to AMS Annex (2), Wilkins (3) and Clark (1) main
- 96            entrances.
- 97            • Security and fire system PM's completed.
- 98            • Sprinkler systems tested and recertified
- 99            • Three (3) additional speed bumps installed along the main play area/exit
- 100           road at AMS

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103           CLARK ELEMENTARY:

- 104           • Main building trim, fascia and old building entryway repainted using
- 105           Hillsborough Community Service personnel. (HCS)
- 106           • Leaching Catch Basin fully replaced.
- 107           • Two Parking lot catch basins tied into new storm water system as part of
- 108           the Foundry Street work plan.
- 109           • SAU P.D. Center transferred and in operation in the old art/music room.
- 110           • Tennis court reconstruction reaching the final stages. (3 wk. cure stage)
- 111           Includes new south side paved walkway to Davis Lane.
- 112           • Foundry Street paving to be completed by 8/27.
- 113           • HVAC System PM's completed.

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115           WILKINS ELEMENTARY:

- 116           • Full Inspection and Upgrade of the Septic system Pumps, Piping, Controls
- 117           and Leach Fields.
- 118           • Boiler room steel door set replaced.
- 119           • Portable Classroom removed. Landscaping and reseeding being scheduled.
- 120           • HVAC System PM's completed

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122           AMHERST MIDDLE:

- 123           • Gymnasium Refurbished.
  - 124           ○ Main Court Centerline relocated and Baskets repositioned to allow
  - 125           for expanded seating capacity.
  - 126           ○ Floor sanded, relined and resealed. Eagle logo added.
  - 127           ○ New Main Court Volley Ball layout added.
  - 128           ○ New Divider Curtain and Volley Ball station sleeves being added
  - 129           this week.
  - 130           ○ New Bleachers running behind schedule, Due 1<sup>st</sup> week in Sept.
- 131           • Trash Compactor professionally refurbished and repainted.
- 132           • HVAC System PM's completed.
- 133           • Gym and misc. hallways and other areas repainted using HCS personnel.
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ENERGY BIDS RESULTS  
For 2016

OIL BIDS: ASD & MVSD (fixed rate-\$/gal.) (2015 Rymes = \$3.04-\$2.55)  
(2016 budget = \$3.50/gal.)

RYMES = \$2.099

**CIARDELLI = \$1.969**

LORDON = No Bid

IRVING = \$1.980

NATURAL GAS: ASD & SCSD (\$/Therm) (2015 Santa Buckley = \$.870)  
(2016 budget = \$.870/therm)

**DIRECT ENERGY** 12mo. = \$.661 **24mo. = \$.669** 100% Swing Coverage

SANTA BUCKLET 12 mo. = \$.779 24 mo. = \$.789 100% Swing Coverage

SPRAGUE 12 mo. = \$.702 24 mo. = \$.706 10% Daily Swing Cov.

**Position:** Middle School STEM Unified Arts Teacher

**Local Course:** Innovation and Design (Formerly: Technology Education)

**Requirements:**

- Able to teach, support, and grow the design process and thinking in students
- Commitment to personal professional development and actively seeks opportunities to train and integrate new/emerging technologies for both student use and instructional purposes
- Experience with integrated curriculum design
- Strong collaborative skills for design and implementation of curriculum
- Familiarity with the ideology of the Maker-movement
- Familiarity with coding languages and programming. While no one language is preferable, the candidate must demonstrate an ability to determine which is appropriate for the instructional purpose and student task.
- NH Certification or Statement of Eligibility in Comprehensive Technology Education (1000), Middle Level Science (1301, 1305), or equivalent
- Bachelor's Degree or higher

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Deliver STEM-oriented instruction (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) through Project-Based Learning methods.

- 173 • Employ a variety of instructional techniques, instructional media, and performance assessments,  
174 which guide the learning process toward academic achievement and curriculum goals.  
175 • Instruct students to work collaboratively to solve problems and to think logically and creatively.  
176 • Articulate the role of design and innovation in society and its importance as it  
177 relates to students lives  
178 • Adapt curriculum to students' interests and incorporate student voice into classroom  
179 explorations

180 **Deadline:** Open until filled

181 **Contact:** Bethany Bernasconi

182 Assistant Principal for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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