

1 Amherst School Board
2 Thursday, April 21, 2016
3 Meeting Minutes

4 Attendees:

5 Administrative Team: Peter Warburton- Superintendent, Betty Shankel – Business
6 Administrator, Gerry St. Amand- Principal Clark/Wilkins School, Porter Dodge-Principal AMS,
7 Christine Landwehrle- Director of Curriculum & Professional Development, and Meg
8 Beauchamp- Director of Student Services.

9 Amherst School Board: Amy Facey- Chair, Jim Manning- Vice Chair, Paul Prescott – Secretary,
10 Galen Tremblay and Elizabeth Kuzsma.

11 Minute Taker: Danae Marotta

12 Public: None

13 I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Amy Facey

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15 **Ms. Amy Facey called the meeting to order at 6: 09 pm**

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17 II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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19 A. Principals' reports

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21 Ms. Facey asked Mr. St. Amand about the recent electric smell incident at Wilkins.

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23 Mr. St. Amand discussed that they had the students evacuate the building so the Fire Department
24 could check it out.

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26 He remarked that the Fire Department believed that the electric smell was coming from the
27 copier.

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29 He noted that the evacuation was very orderly and it was better safe than sorry to have them
30 evacuate. He added that it counts as a Fire Drill and they are required to do them monthly.

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32 Ms. Facey asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. St. Amand.

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34 The Board did not have any questions for Mr. St. Amand.

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36 Ms. Facey asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Dodge.

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38 Ms. Facey asked Mr. Dodge if he could briefly discuss the recent Transition Evening. He then
39 noted that it was a great night with lots of friendly faces.

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41 The Board thanked Principal St. Amand and Principal Dodge.

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43 III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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45 No Public Comment

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47 IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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49 A. Minutes

50 1. March 23, 2016

51 B. Treasurer's report

52 1. March 2016

53 C. Student Activities Funds – Principal's discretion

54 1. \$240.00 Hannaford Helps Program

55 D. Retirement letter

56 E. Budget transfers

57 F. Resignation letter

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59 **Mr. Jim Manning made a Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items A. Minutes 1. March**
60 **23, 2016, B. Treasurer's report 1. March 2016, C. Student Activities Funds – Principal's**
61 **discretion 1. \$240.00 Hannaford Helps Program, D. Retirement letter, E. Budget transfers**
62 **and F. Resignation letter. Ms. Galen Tremblay seconded the Motion, the vote was**
63 **unanimous. Motion passed.**

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65 V. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

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67 A. FY16 3rd Quarter report

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69 Ms. Betty Shankel discussed the FY 16' 3rd Quarter Report.

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71 Ms. Shankel discussed that they are projected to be under at year end with the Mont Vernon
72 Tuition (\$83,000). She noted that category is difficult to predict and added that the Tuition
73 Agreement is based on the current year.

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75 She then discussed that there is a fair bit of Salary savings.

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77 She commented that Student Support Services and Transportation is over extended and they did
78 have the money this year. She discussed how they have a Trust set up for future years. She added
79 that she is concerned about future services cost.

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81 She stated that there is a Budget Savings of \$311,200.

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83 She discussed additional savings in that the HMO came in at 2.4% and 2.6% for the POS. She
84 added that Health Care was budgeted for 5% and the savings is approximately \$83K.

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86 She added that they have had more teachers retire than expected and that will bring a bit more
87 savings as well.

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89 The Board thanked Ms. Shankel.

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91 VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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93 A. Future agenda items

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95 Chair Ms. Facey explained how the Agenda is set.

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97 She added that the Chair and the Administration have a meeting to discuss what will be on the
98 Agenda the following month. She remarked that these meetings are already set for 3 months.

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100 She added that Ms. Maryanne Buonadonna will email the meeting dates to the Board Members
101 and Administration to see if they want to add anything on the Agenda.

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103 VIII. ACTION ITEM

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105 A. Recreation proposal

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107 Mr. Craig Fraley discussed the 11 Baboosic Lake Road Proposal.

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109 He discussed that the Pump Track would be great for Amherst to have.

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111 He then discussed the introduction for the development of an alternative recreation park. He
112 added that it is not your typical recreational facility. He added that it supports the Amherst Parks
113 and Recreation Department 8-80 Initiative.

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115 He then discussed the property location. He added that the 11 Baboosic Lake Road Property is
116 22 acres of land on Baboosic Lake Road beside Route 101. He added that the property abuts
117 Route 101, Village Woods Road and Village Woods Common Property. He added that the
118 Common Property abuts the Hazen Property, which has potential for possible trail linkage. He
119 added that the B& M Trail Head is across from the entrance on Baboosic Lake Road. He
120 remarked that it was a house lot with a pool and that all that is left is a Barn.

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122 He then discussed what a Pump Track is. He added that it is a continuous loop that one can ride
123 without pedaling. He added that you can ride a pump track on a big wheel, mountain bike or
124 even unicycle.

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126 He added that it would be great for all kids. He noted that it would be approx. 5K to build and
127 design.

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129 He noted that there are a lot of mountain bikers in the area and a lot of interest in it.

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131 He remarked that there are a lot of active families in the area.

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133 He noted that there are no tax dollars needed.

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135 Mr. Prescott asked about the ongoing care of the course.
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137 Mr. Fraley discussed that they would use a compactor to compact the dirt and if there is anything
138 wrong they can fix it easily.
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140 He then discussed Disk Golf.
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142 He added that it is big in other states and that they are usually on golf courses.
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144 He then presented a video showing what disc golf is.
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146 Mr. Prescott asked Mr. Fraley if Disk Golf uses special Frisbees.
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148 Mr. Fraley added that you can use regular Frisbees or the special ones.
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150 He added that the plan is to have 18 goals with an acre for a hole.
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152 Ms. Kuzsma asked where you can buy the disks.
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154 Mr. Fraley remarked that you can buy them at a local sporting goods store.
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156 He discussed that the City of Manchester has built a large Disc Golf course and that they are
157 planning big things with it.
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159 He then discussed the Disc Golf implementation.
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161 He then discussed the park layout sample. He noted that they would stay out of the wet areas and
162 try to keep it as wooded as possible.
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164 Ms. Kuzsma asked if there would there be a divider between the Pump Track and the Disk Golf
165 course.
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167 Mr. Fraley replied, yes, there would be a divider.
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169 He then discussed the timeline for completion.
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171 Mr. Manning asked about the size of the pump track.
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173 Mr. Fraley replied that the approx. size would be 100 x100 and then the perimeter track after.
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175 Mr. Prescott asked about the funding.
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177 Mr. Fraley replied that it comes out of their funding.
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179 Mr. Prescott thanked Mr. Fraley for thinking outside the box with these two activities.

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181 **Mr. Paul Prescott moved and Ms. Elizabeth Kuzsma seconded that we approve the pump track and**
182 **disc golf proposals for 11 Baboosic Lake Road as presented by Craig Fraley, the Recreation**
183 **Director for the Town of Amherst. The Motion passed unanimously.**
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185 Mr. Fraley then discussed the proposal for the new scoreboards and that the baseball group has
186 been excited to have them.

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188 He added that it is not the flashy led score board but a hand operated one with red/black lettering
189 with a white background. He noted that there would be three in total.

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191 He noted that the Amherst Recreation Department will pay, install and maintain them.

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193 Mr. Prescott commented that it will enhance the area.

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195 **Mr. Jim Manning moved and Ms. Elizabeth Kuzsma seconded to accept the Amherst**
196 **Recreation Department's proposal to install 3 manually operated aluminum scoreboards at**
197 **the 3 fields as presented by Craig Fraley, the Recreation Director for the Town of Amherst. The**
198 **Motion passed unanimously.**
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200 IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II. (a) (b) (c)

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202 **Mr. Jim Manning made a Motion to enter into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II. (a) (b)**
203 **(c) at 7:07 pm. Ms. Galen Tremblay seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous, Motion**
204 **passed.**

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206 **Ms. Facey called a Roll Call: Facey-Yes, Manning-Yes, Prescott-Yes, Kuzsma-Yes and**
207 **Tremblay-Yes.**

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