

ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 23, 2018

District mission: Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community, and lead passionate, purposeful lives.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District was held on January 23, 2018 at West Road Intermediate School.

Call to Order: President Pauline Herr called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Executive Session: Motion by Mark Tornatore, seconded by Christine Baxter, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the employment history of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to return to the Regular Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Christine Baxter, Peter Bodnar, Jennifer Eraca, Kerri Fasulo, Pauline Herr, Edward McCormick, Charles McLeod, Mary Anne Meaden, Mark Tornatore

Board Members Absent: No absences at this meeting

Administration/Staff Present: Brendan Lyons, Superintendent; Phillip Benante, Deputy Superintendent; Tina DeSa, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services, Margaret Muenkel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Kevin Sheldon, Assistant Superintendent, Business; Margie Flynn, District Clerk

Reading of the District Mission: By Pauline Herr

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Jennifer Eraca, seconded by Charles McLeod, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

None at this time

Public Comment:

None at this time – There were approximately 60 people in attendance.

Board President's Remarks:

Mrs. Herr thanked the audience for attending the Board Meeting.

Superintendent's Remarks:

Dr. Lyons thanked Mrs. Ogborn and her staff for hosting the meeting. He stated that he attended the Eagle Scouts ceremony for four students - Mark Scanlon, Jack Hopkinson, Ronald Holden, and Daniel Carter. It was a wonderful event. He very much enjoyed it. He also attended the Martin Luther King celebration at Arlington High School and it was a great community event. He thanked Melissa Erlebacher for all her hard work in putting this event together. Dr. Lyons also announced that the Arlington String Festival is scheduled for February 7th. Dr. Lyons then recognized Mrs. Barbara Kurdziel and her students for their crusade against Styrofoam. He stated that this is a perfect example of our students living the mission statement and making a difference. The Board was very impressed with their work and presentation and gave them a standing ovation.

**Reports and Discussion
Items:**

Arlington High School Student Government Report

Roy Ludwig, Vice President of Student Government, reported on various events that have taken place as well as some upcoming events. He also reported that the Energy Research Team did great work to save the District money over the holiday break. Their work saved the District \$2,091.00 from 2016 to 2017.

West Road Intermediate School Professional Learning Communities Report – Mrs. Heather Ogborn

Mrs. Ogborn's focus was utilizing data to improve instructional practices. They are working toward creating a building literacy goal. She reviewed the Fountas & Pinnell results from 2014 to the present as it relates to the reading levels for Grades 3, 4, and 5. She also reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of their program, their current reality and their goal for June, 2018.

Budget Workshop – Mr. Kevin Sheldon

Mr. Sheldon focused on the propositions that will appear on the ballot. He gave an overview of the transportation fleet for the 2017-2018 school year and reviewed the replacement plan. He explained why, even with declining

enrollment, we still need more buses and routes. He also reviewed the operation and maintenance budget for the 2018-2019 school year. He spoke about the capital reserve account proposition and explained why we are asking the public for a capital reserve account. He then reviewed the athletic complex upgrade capital project, why these improvements are necessary, and described the proposed work.

New Business:

Board Policies: 1st Reading

The Board of Education acknowledged that it has reviewed the below policies as a 1st Reading:
#7132 – Admission of Non-resident Students

Board Policies: 2nd Reading

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to approve the following resolution.
The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has reviewed the below policies as a second reading and adoption:

5660 - School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)

7551 - Title IX

7670 - Due Process Complaints: Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers

Delete Policy

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to approve the following resolution.
The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education delete the following policy:
8520 – Free and Reduced Price Food Services

SEQRA Approval

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to approve the following resolution.
The motion was carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District (ACSD) is considering a proposal for an Athletic Complex Upgrade Capital Project at the Arlington High School, and

WHEREAS, the project includes building work and site work:

Building Work: Facilities reconstruction work includes select bathrooms and other miscellaneous

general, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing upgrades. The project will involve abatement of existing hazardous materials, ceilings, flooring, etc. as appropriate and as required by the alteration work.

This scope includes the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction in kind on portions of the infrastructure of the facilities of the Arlington Central School District.

Site Work: Site scope includes the removal and replacement of existing synthetic turf fields; rehabilitation of the existing synthetic track surface, replacement of existing natural grass softball infield with synthetic turf, replacement of existing outdated seating and/or structures, as necessary; new pavement; grading, drainage and utility improvements; and other general site improvements. The total site expansion is less than 5 acres, and

WHEREAS, the ACSD has been advised by its consultant, Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers, that this project consists of activities designated as Unlisted actions under SEQRA, because the project consists of actions that exceed Type II thresholds, but do not meet Type I thresholds,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the ACSD, as the involved agency principally responsible for authorizing and carrying out the action, declares its intent to become the lead agency in the SEQRA process for the proposed Athletic Complex Upgrade Capital Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board declares it to be an Unlisted Action under 6 NYCRR Part 617, and will complete a Short Environmental Assessment Form to determine the significance of this action.

Personnel: Civil Service Settlement Agreement

Motion by Jennifer Eraca, seconded by Christine Baxter, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement Agreement with Employee No. 1111428 dated January 12, 2018, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of this Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Business Consent Agenda

Consent Vote

Motion by Jennifer Eraca, seconded by Christine Baxter, to approve the following resolutions. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the consent items.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018, Board Meeting.

Personnel: Certified Recommendations

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following recommendations:

Certified Unpaid Leaves

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jessica Sgroi	Remedial Reading, Arthur S. May	2/14/18-4/3/18
Denise Tierney	Salaried TA, Union Vale Middle	12/5/17-1/3/18

Self-Funded Continuing Education - 2017 Fall/Winter Program

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Lawrence Anthony	\$576/course
Guy Biren	\$225/course
Tanya Bracero	\$780/course
Maureen Canevari	\$50/student
Fan Chin	\$48/student
Joseph Coogan	\$150/course
Peter Dama	\$720/course
Keith Doughty	\$900/course
Anthony Foppiano	\$10/student
Ashley Gannon	\$62.40/student
Shannon Hughes	\$225- \$300/course
Robyn Kendziera	\$768/course
Amy Levitan	\$198- \$440/course
Jeremy Losee	\$576/course
Gina Anne Luna-Maserjian	\$600/course
Edward Mullaney	\$384- \$576/course
Bohdanna Murynek	\$21.60- \$30/student
Esther Odescalchi	\$50.40/student
Susan Olin-Dabrowski	\$250/course

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Ivan Pitt	\$768/course
Lisa Quattrochi	\$66/student
Michael Reiter	\$768/course
Victoria Rolfe	\$75/class
Denise Siniscalchi	\$480/course
Rebecca Smith	\$352/course
Pamela Terwilliger	\$30/student
Meeghan Veeder-Shave	\$768/course
Cornell Cooperative Extension	\$7.50- \$20/student
Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited	\$64/student
National Traffic Safety Institute	\$30/student
Northeastern New York Safety & Health Council, Inc.	\$30/student
NYSOPRHP (NYS Office of Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation)	\$450- \$675/course
Silver Starlites	\$64/student

Certified Substitutes

<u>Certified Teacher</u>	<u>Non-Certified Teachers</u>
Magali Cruz	Jacquelyn Fossati Cheryl Hicks Hannah Keggins
<u>Teaching Assistants</u>	<u>Interpreter</u>
Jacquelyn Fossati Cheryl Hicks Hannah Keggins	Magali Cruz

Personnel: Classified Recommendations

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following recommendations:

Classified Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Susan Christoffersen	Accountant	9/14/18

Classified Change of Resignation Date

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joseph Tippa	Bus Driver	1/23/18*

*Previously Board approved on 1/9/18

Classified Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Dionnedra Atkins	Custodial Worker, Traver Road Primary	1/26/18

Classified Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joseph Tippa*	Bus Monitor	\$12,507 (prorated)	1/24/18
Lisa Stiscia	Head Bus Driver	\$40,000 (prorated)	1/24/18

*Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Classified Substitutes

<u>Transportation</u>
Rudolph Hauser Stacey Bottoms Jeremy Olmo Michael Nichols Patrick Walsh Jeremy Etchen

Personnel: Co-curricular Appointments 1/23/18

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following recommendations:

Certified Co-curricular Appointments

<u>Arlington High School</u>	
<u>Co-Curricular:</u>	
Ski Club Advisor -	Karen Turcio

Arlington High School**Co-Curricular:****LaGrange Middle School****Interscholastic:**

Wrestling, Assistant Coach -

Steve Bronzi

Pupil Personnel Services: CSE, CPSE, 504 Designations and Placements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the the CSE, CPSE and 504 recommendations and placements.

Pupil Personnel Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following independent evaluator/service provider for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year:

Outside Provider Services

Therapeutic Horizons: Occupational Therapist (OTR/L) \$120 per hour
 Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) \$85 per hour
 Physical Therapist (PT) \$120 per hour
 Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) \$85 per hour
 Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) \$120 per hour
 Registered Nurse (RN) \$93 per hour
 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) \$73 per hour
 School Psychologist \$88 per hour
 Clinical Psychologist \$145 per hour

Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2017.

Budget Appropriation Transfers for November 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, as required by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, hereby approves the General Fund Budget Appropriations Transfers, as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fund/Schedule#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
November	General Fund - #5	\$39,563.00
November	Capital Fund #5	\$240,681.00
Total		\$280,244.00

Internal Claims Audit Report for the Month of December 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of December 2017, as submitted by the Internal Claims Auditor.

Extra Classroom Quarterly Financial Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra Classroom Second Quarter Financial Report as presented by the District Extra Classroom Auditor to conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

School Tax Collector's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the tax collection report as submitted by the Tax Collector.

	<u>2017-2018</u>
Tax Warrant	\$136,465,676.00
Taxes Collected (including STAR)	\$129,891,443.14
Percentage Collected	85%
Taxes returned to County	\$5,849,160.13

Public Comment: A resident of Pleasant Valley supported the decision to test students in October each year rather than September.

Committee Reports: Policy – The next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd at 4:00 pm.
Audit – No meeting scheduled at this time.
Advocacy – The committee met just before the Board Meeting this evening. Didi Barrett will be at Traver Primary School for a tour on February 7 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Sue Serino will tour Arthur S. May School on February 9 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Organization Reports: Dutchess County School Board Association
Mrs. Baxter stated the breakfast hosted for the legislators was very well attended. She also shared information regarding the upcoming 2018 Capital Conference. The next DCSBA meeting is scheduled for February 1 at 7:00 pm at BOCES.

Superintendent Closing Remarks: Dr. Lyons congratulated Susan Christoffersen, our Director of Fiscal Operations, on her retirement. He stated that she will be greatly missed.

Future Discussion Items: Mr. Bodnar, who has children in West Road Intermediate School, supports the alternative homework philosophy. He feels that students are given the opportunity to be more self-directed. Mrs. Meaden stated that she enjoyed the Martin Luther King tribute very much. Mrs. Fasulo stated that her daughter is taking recorder lessons at Traver Road School. She is very impressed with her progress in learning the instrument. Mrs. Baxter attended the Martin Luther King tribute as well and thought it was a wonderful evening. Mr. Tornatore was very impressed with the Arlington Communicator and thanked Melissa Erlebacher for all her hard work in putting it together.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk