

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**February 27, 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 February 27, 2018, at the Central Administration Office, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540.

**Call to Order:**

President Pauline Herr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Kerri Fasulo, to enter into Executive Session to review the employment history of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Tornatore, seconded by Charles McLeod, to return to the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Peter Bodnar, Edward McCormick

**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 Charles McLeod, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

None at this time.

**Public Comment:**

There were approximately 225 people in attendance. Residents spoke in support of the March 14<sup>th</sup> high school student walkout.

**Board President's Remarks:**

Mrs. Herr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Superintendent's Remarks:**

Dr. Lyons welcomed all the students and community members to the meeting. He announced that the MST Expo will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Arlington High School from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. He stated that it is more than just a science fair, it's a great event and everyone is welcome to come.

Dr. Lyons introduced Angela McDevitt. He wanted to recognize this student for her bravery and willingness to come forward. She shared information with authorities of a potential school shooting in Vermont, and in doing so she may have saved many lives.

**Reports and Discussion Items:**

**Arlington High School Student Government Report**

The students reported on various events that have taken place as well as some upcoming events, including the Junior Prom on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the Arlington Education Foundation Run on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Arlington Education Foundation Presentation – Mrs. MaryBeth Kaminsky**

Mrs. Kaminsky stated she is pleased to be here. She stated that the mission of the foundation is to invest in the education excellence of all Arlington students by raising funds. She was proud to present a check in the amount of \$10,000 in support of the STEM labs. Dr. Lyons along with the Board of Education thanked the Foundation for all their work to enhance the education of Arlington students.

**Request for Extension of Closing on Contract of Sale – Azzy and Jacob Reckess**

Mr. Reckess asked the Board of Education for an extension to the contract of sale. He thanked Dr. Lyons and Mr. Sheldon for all their help.

**School Safety Discussion and Presentation – Dr. Lyons, Dr. DeSa, and Board Members**

Dr. Lyons gave a brief history of school safety and security in the District. He reviewed information regarding the School Resource Officers and the Greeters. Currently there is one full time SRO at the high school and two SROs that rotate among the elementary and middle schools. There is one Greeter at each elementary and middle school. He reviewed the requirements for emergency practice drills, evacuation drills, and lockdown drills per year.

He also went over the role of the Altaris Company in supporting the District. He also reviewed the ongoing student support, the providers, and linking families to Dutchess County community resources. Dr. Lyons spoke about the Student Walkout scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about balancing safety, logistics, the educational environment, and student expression.

#### **Extend Meeting**

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Kerri Fasulo, to extend the meeting to 9:35 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Budget Workshop – Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Daniel McNamara, Mr. Kevin Sheldon**

The Transportation and Operations & Maintenance budgets were presented. The increase for Transportation is 2.68%. The increase for this budget is due to increasing the budget for gas, diesel and propane, and an additional shared BOCES route for students with special needs. The history of the Transportation budget was reviewed. The decrease for Operations & Maintenance is .40%. The history of the Operations & Maintenance budget was reviewed.

#### **Extend Meeting**

Motion by Mark Tornatore, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to extend the meeting to 9:50 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

##### **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:

1312 School Board Member Use of Electronic Mail  
5681 School Safety Plan  
5682 Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public School Facilities  
5740 Qualifications of Bus Drivers

##### **Delete Policies**

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 policies:

2710 School Board Use of Electronic Mail  
8240 Traffic and Parking on School Property  
5170 Student Attendance Accounting  
5650 Student Volunteers For School and Public Service

**Municipal Cooperation Agreement: New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF)**

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

Resolution of the Board of Education (“Governing Body”) of the Arlington Central School District (“Participant”), authorizing the execution and delivery of an amended and restated Municipal Cooperation Agreement and related documents by and among the several municipal corporations, school district, fire districts and/or boards of cooperative educational services to provide for the cooperative temporary investment of public funds.

WHEREAS, the Participant, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and its investment policy, after due investigation, evaluation and deliberation, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Participant to invest a portion of its public funds on a cooperative basis pursuant to the terms of a Municipal Cooperation Agreement dated as of April 29, 2016 (the “Agreement”) among the Red Hook Central School District, as Lead Agent, and various other municipal corporations, under the trade name “New York Liquid Asset Fund” (“NYLAF”);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body (the “Finance Board”) of the Participant, located in Dutchess County, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The terms, conditions and provisions of the Agreement attached hereto are hereby approved. The Board President (the “Chief Fiscal Officer”) of the Participant is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement, and the Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Participant thereto and attest such seal. The Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to from time to time effect and consent to such changes to the Agreement in the form attached hereto as may be necessary or convenient in order to further carry out the purposes of the Agreement or to clarify or correct the terms thereof. The Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to delegate the foregoing duties to his or her designees as authorized by the Law (as that term is defined in the Agreement), which designee is an authorized employee officer of the Participant. Upon the execution in full and delivery of the Agreement, the Participant shall become a Participant, as that term is defined in the Agreement.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any term or provision of the Agreement to the contrary, the Participant may withdraw from the Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Governing Board of NYLAF by the Chief Fiscal Officer and thereafter the Participant shall cease to have any rights or obligations under the Agreement.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its due adoption by the Finance Board.

**Amendment to Contract of Sale of Raymond Avenue Property**

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

WHEREAS, the Arlington Central School District (ACSD) as the Seller has executed a Contract of Sale with Arthur May Redevelopment LLC (formerly known as Paz Management Inc.) as the Purchaser for the sale of

the former Arthur S. May Elementary School Building located at 25 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Arthur May Redevelopment LLC requires more time to conduct its due diligence and will compensate the ACSD for the additional time by making an additional down payment, said payment being applicable to the purchase price, but nonrefundable if Arthur May Redevelopment LLC does not close on the property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the ACSD authorizes an Amendment to the Contract of Sale extending the time for due diligence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute said Amendment to the Contract of Sale upon approval of the same by the School Attorney.

#### **Personnel: Hearing Officer Appointment and Suspension**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Sheila Cole as the Hearing Officer pursuant to Section 75 of the New York Civil Service Law, with respect to Employee No 121888, and authorizes the Hearing Officer to hear evidence, make a transcript of proceedings and to issue a written report of her findings of fact and recommendations, including a disciplinary penalty, if any.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends Employee No.121888, without pay, commencing on February 28, 2018 up to the maximum permitted by the New York Civil Service Law during the months of the employee's paid work year and then with pay during the pendency of these proceedings, if during a time when the employee would otherwise be paid.

#### **Business Consent Agenda**

##### **Consent Vote**

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Mark Tornatore, 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 February 13, 2018, Board Meeting.

#### **Personnel: Certified Recommendations**

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

##### **Certified Retirements**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Suzanne Ramsden	N-6 Elementary, Titusville Intermediate	6/30/18

BM 022718

MF minutes

Denise Tierney	Salaried TA, Union Vale Middle	6/30/18
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### **Certified Resignations**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Eric Rothbard	Science, LaGrange Middle	8/31/18
Jenna Thorn	School Library Media Specialist Intern, Arthur S. May and Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	3/2/18

### **Certified Appointments**

<b>Name:</b> Christine Johanson <b>Position:</b> School Library Media Specialist <b>Location:</b> Noxon Road Elementary/Traver Road Primary <b>Tenure Area:</b> School Library Media Specialist <b>Certification &amp; Status:</b> Library Media Specialist, Professional <b>Beginning date of Probation:</b> April 9, 2018 <b>End date of Probation:</b> April 8, 2022* <b>Salary:</b> \$69,319 (prorated) <b>Step:</b> M 07
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\* In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Marlene Econom	Temp. Remedial Reading, Beekman Elementary	M 01	\$59,381 (prorated)	1/5/18-1/12/18, 1/19/18-2/9/18
Samantha Rymer	Temp. Remedial Reading, Arthur S. May	M 01	\$59,381 (prorated)	1/3/18-4/6/18
Marija Camaj	Hourly TA, Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	H 01	\$12.16/hr	2/28/18

### **Increased Assignment**

Contractual compensation for an additional assignment.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Section Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Compensation</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Kerry Confrey	One additional mathematics section at Arlington High School	\$10,000 (prorated)	2/12/18- TBD

**Certified Appointment for After-School Activity**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Krista Muttee	Hourly TA, Arlington High School	H 12	\$16.84/hr	3/12/18-6/1/18

**ENL Homework Center Program (funded through Federal Title III LEP Aid funds)****Overlook Primary School**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule</u></b>
Substitute Teacher	Sucheta Baichwal	\$48/hr

**Student Activity Fund Stipend (Reimbursement funds raised through Student Activity Fund)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Hollis Bakke	Drama Club Spring Production - Pit Musician	\$500	LaGrange Middle
Jeffrey Geller	Drama Club Spring Production - Pit Musician	\$500	LaGrange Middle
John Harper	Drama Club Spring Production - Pit Musician	\$500	LaGrange Middle
Eric Wagner	Drama Club Spring Production - Pit Musician	\$500	LaGrange Middle

**Self-Funded Continuing Education - 2017/2018 Winter/Spring Program**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Bradley Veeder	\$768/course
Bradley Veeder - replacing Michael Reiter	\$480/course

**Certified Substitutes**

<b><u>Certified Teachers</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Certified Teachers</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Assistants</u></b>
Sanford Cohen Diane Darragh Justina Donovan	Eleni Backos Megan Burke Craig Canavan Giuliana Coccia Nicole Cring Miranda Moore Algelia Rivera Marea Van Tilburg	Eleni Backos Teresa Bova Nicole Cring Kim Lambertus Algelia Rivera Debra Strehl Jilian Weihs

<b><u>Home Tutor</u></b>	<b><u>Interpreter</u></b>	<b><u>Accompanist</u></b>
Kacey Marinelli	Yevgeniya Ferris	Eric Wagner

**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>
Donna Mattino	Bus Monitor	2/15/18

### Classified Unpaid Leave

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Heather Rogers	Bus Monitor	2/5/18-3/14/18

### Classified Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Catherine O'Neill	Typist, Facilities	\$34,275 (prorated)	3/5/18
Maja Middleton	Bus Monitor	\$12,507 (prorated)	2/28/18
Jessica Callaghan	Bus Driver	\$17,864 (prorated)	3/1/18

### Classified Substitutes

<u>Transportation</u>
Arlem Garcia
Jo Ann Mann-Vitolo

### Personnel: Co-curricular Appointments

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

<b>Arlington High School</b>	
<b>Co-curricular:</b>	
Club Advisor - Anime -	Lori Tse
Club Advisor - Engineering -	Peter Ziemins (previously Board approved on 8/15/17 as volunteer)
Club Advisor - Mountain Bike -	Bradley Veeder (previously Board approved on 8/15/17 as volunteer)
Club Co-advisors - Link Crew -	Michelle Hartman, Stephanie Maher, Michael Wiesenthal (previously Board approved on 8/15/17 as volunteers)
Club Co-advisors - Model UN -	Lauren Collet-Gildard, Richard Dima (previously Board approved on 10/10/17 as volunteers)
<b>LaGrange Middle School</b>	
<b>Co-curricular:</b>	



Club Advisor - Poetry Slam -	Felecia White (previously Board approved on 9/26/17 as co-advisor)
<b>Interscholastic:</b>	
Track - Boys Spring, Assistant Coach -	Aimee Paolo
Track - Girls Spring, Assistant Coach -	Kevin Walsh
<b>Union Vale Middle School</b>	
<b>Co-curricular:</b>	
Club Advisor - Advanced Jazz Band, Spring -	William Stevens III
Club Advisor - Novice Jazz Band, Spring -	Gina Garabedian
Club Advisor - Select Chorus, Spring -	Cassandra Leonard
Drama - Costume Design, Spring Musical -	Michael Tucci
Drama - Pit Band Director, Spring Musical -	Angelina Vazquez
Drama - Scenic Designer, Spring Musical -	Michael Tucci
Lunchroom Supervision -	Nicole Cusano, Sheila Darrow, Matthew Fiedler, David Iorlano, Christopher Malet, Michael Tucci, Kathleen Vogt, Clint Walters
Musical Director, Spring Musical	William Internicola
Musical Assistant Director, Spring Musical -	Cassandra Leonard
<b>Interscholastic:</b>	
Baseball - Head Coach -	David Iorlano
Soccer - Girls Head Coach -	Ryan Sonne
Softball - Girls Head Coach -	Stephen Bronzi
Track - Boys Spring, Assistant Coach -	William Internicola
Track - Boys Spring, Co-assistant Coaches -	Jami DeLorenzo, Maureen VanAckooy
Track - Boys Spring, Head Coach -	Matthew Reilly
Track - Girls Spring, Assistant Coach -	Mia Chong
Track - Girls Spring, Head Coach -	Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago
<b>Intramurals:</b>	
Basketball, Spring -	Jana Pineiro
Flag Football, Spring -	Matthew Fiedler
Floor Hockey, Spring -	Jami DeLorenzo
Hiking, Spring -	Lisa Gizzarelli-Drago, Jonathan Pickles, Michael Timperio
Kick Ball, Spring -	Jana Pineiro
Spike Ball, Spring -	Jami DeLorenzo
Tennis, Spring	Jamieson Tall
Volleyball, Spring -	Vanessa Sugg
Wiffleball, Spring -	Matthew Fiedler

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

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

**Internal Claims Audit Report for the Month of January 2018**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of January 2018, as submitted by the Internal Claims Auditor.

**Budget Appropriation Transfers for December 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>
December	General Fund - #6	\$238,850.00

**Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2017**

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

**Tax Reductions and Refunds**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves tax adjustments and refunds to the 2017 tax roll per Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency, and Small Claim Assessment Review, as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Refund/Adj</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Authority</u>
LaGrange	Buell & Palmquist	\$1,097.89	2017	RPT
Total		\$1,097.89		

**IPA: Multi-Functional Network Printers/Copiers**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves a contract with Dutchess County BOCES for the acquisition of Multi-Functional Network Printers/Copiers through a four-year installment purchase agreement commencing in the 2017-2018 school year with a maximum total cost not to exceed \$524,000, and further, that the Arlington Central School District will pay the Dutchess County BOCES through its regular monthly billing cycle over the four-year period to commence during the 2017 – 2018 school year.

**Declaration of Obsolete Equipment – Miscellaneous School and Office Equipment**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following list of items as obsolete equipment. These items will be offered in such a way so as to maximize the net proceeds of sale which may include a bona fide public sale preceded by adequate public notice. If it is determined that those reasonable attempts to dispose of the equipment has been made and such attempts have not produced an adequate return,

the Business Administrator, or her designee, may dispose of the equipment in any manner which she deems appropriate, in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Make/ Model</u>	<u>Condition</u>
1	Computer	Dell Optiplex 755	Poor
1	DVD/VCR Player	Zenith VRB4215	Poor
7	Televisions	Various	Poor
1	Projector	Da-Lite G100	Poor
1	Laminator	GBC Ultima 65	Poor
4	Document Cameras	Smart Technologies SDC-330	Poor
2	Laptops	Various	Poor
5	Tablets	ETC LearnPad XD 16GB	Poor
6	Digital Cameras	Various	Poor
2	Interactive White Boards	E-Beam	Poor

### **Health & Welfare Services Billing**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Health and Welfare Service Contracts, as listed below:

<u>School District</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Cost per Student</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wappingers Central School District	61	\$756.04	\$46,118.44
Total			\$46,118.44

### **Extra Classroom Activity Purpose Statement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following Extra Classroom Activities for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>AHS:</u>
Everness
Math Honor Society

**Public Comment:** Community members thanked Dr. Lyons and Dr. DeSa for the Safety Presentation. Titusville students asked Dr. Lyons to protect our schools.

**Committee Reports:** Policy – Charles McLeod stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.  
Audit – Christine Baxter stated that the committee met this evening and reviewed the corrected action plan. They also reviewed policies.

Advocacy – Kerri Fasulo stated that Assembly Member, Didi Barrett, will be visiting Traver Road Primary School on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. She will be doing a walk-through with Dr. Lyons and Board Members. The Board Members will discuss better state funding for safety and mental health.

**Organization Reports:**

Dutchess County School Board Association

Christine Baxter stated that the next DCSBA meeting is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at BOCES. The topic will be Review of District Budgets, Issues, and Numbers.

**Superintendent Closing Remarks:**

Dr. Lyons thanked the Board for the great conversation and feedback to a very complicated topic. He stated that the Technology budget will be on the next agenda.

**Future Discussion Items:**

Regarding safety, Jennifer Eraca asked where do we go from here.

**Board Reflections:**

Jennifer Eraca thanked Dr. Lyons and Dr. DeSa for a very comprehensive presentation on safety. Pauline Herr commented on how far we have come. Christine Baxter stated that the work that the administration does every day is amazing and wanted to publicly thank them for their continued commitment. Mark Tornatore thanked the administration, teachers, and staff for doing their best in keeping everyone safe.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Charles McLeod, seconded by Jennifer Eraca, to adjourn to Executive Session to review the employment history of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Return to Regular Meeting:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Jennifer Eraca, seconded by Charles McLeod, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:20 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Margie Flynn, District Clerk