

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
JANUARY 7, 2014**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Central Administration Office, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540.

Call to Order

Open Meeting **6:00 p.m.**

Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Shuttleworth. Board Member absent were Mrs. Eraca and Mr. Johnston. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Muenkel and Ms. Zimmerman.

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to go into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations under the Taylor Law (ATA) and a personnel matter. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to re-open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

***Reading of the
District Mission***

By Neil Martin

Public Hearing

Public Hearing was opened. There was an audience of approximately 110.

Dr. Lyons and Mr. Benante gave a brief overview of the information presented to date regarding school closing. The purpose of the Public Hearing was also for community members to make public comments and ask questions. The recommendation was reviewed as well as current enrollment and trends, potential cost savings, number of students impacted by redistricting, and the timeframe. Ensuring a smooth transition was also discussed.

A number of residents shared the following concerns: longer bus rides, limited opportunities for sports, class sizes, the capacity of the other two middle schools, Arthur S. May property, and communication for non-English speaking families. Staff shared concerns regarding packing, moving, logistics, inventory, budget and purchasing.

Public Hearing was closed.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk