

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
LAGRANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
JANUARY 12, 2016**

President Kelly Lappan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at LaGrange Middle School, 110 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

1) **Call to Order**

Open Meeting 7:00 pm

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Eraca, Mrs. Fasulo, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Rossi. Board Member absent was Mr. Bodnar. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Flynn-Brown, Mrs. Muenkel and Mr. Sheldon.

4) **Reading of the District Mission**

By Mrs. Lappan

5) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

6) **Board Vacancy**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Kerri Fasulo as a member of the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jim Shuttleworth. Term will begin immediately upon taking the oath of office and will terminate on May 17, 2016.

The Oath of Office was given.

7) **Correspondence**

No correspondence at this time.

8) **Public Comment**

There was an audience of approximately 55. Several residents shared their thoughts regarding the veterans' tax exemption.

9) **Board President's Remarks** Mrs. Lappan stated the Board honors the veterans, however, the exemption that the Board is being asked to pass is flawed. It is not funded. The struggle with this decision should not be interpreted as an insult to the veterans. The Board is working very hard to find a fair way to implement this law. The New York State School Board Association has been advocating and has put forth a lobbying position. The Board will continue to advocate as well.

10) **Superintendent's Remarks** Dr. Lyons welcomed the new Board Member, Kerri Fasulo. He thanked Eric Schetter and the PTA for hosting the meeting. Dr. Lyons spoke about the Poughkeepsie Journal article regarding graduation rates. The District currently has a 90% graduation rates. Dr. Lyons stated that the District will continue to strive for 100% graduation rate.

11) **Reports and Board Discussion Items**

LaGrange Middle School Professional Learning Communities Report – Eric Schetter

Mr. Schetter thanked his PTA for the refreshments. He stated it has been a very busy month. They had three concerts, Poetry Slam event and their annual spelling bee. There were several holiday festivities. Mr. Schetter spoke about fulfilling the mission and striving for student success by focusing on the professional learning communities, Restorative Justice Program and technology. He reviewed the PLC goals, curriculum mapping, curriculum planning, common benchmark skill assessments, data driven instructions and target learning gaps with intervention. He went into detail about the Restorative Justice Program. Students have to complete a “reflective sheet” and have a face-to-face apology in addition to community service with the PTA. This has been working out very well.

Solar Project Update – Kevin Sheldon

Mr. Sheldon gave a presentation regarding the solar project. He explained that no money will be spent. This is a reduction in the District's expenses. He explained how the process works.

Budget Workshop #1 – Brendan Lyons and Kevin Sheldon

Dr. Lyons and Mr. Sheldon presented the “Educational Plan and Budget 2016-2017.” Dr. Lyons explained how the District would support the mission through sustainability – the Three Rs – Reviewing, Right sizing and Reallocation. The current reality was reviewed as well as closing the gap. Levy, spending and state aid history were discussed. Fund Balance and reserve history numbers were shown. Past, current and projected future enrollment numbers were also discussed.

Motion by Jen Eraca, seconded by Pauline Herr, to extend the meeting time to 9:30 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

MacDonnell Heights PILOT proposal – Kirchhoff Companies

Meadow View Properties, LLC proposes to develop the MacDonnell Heights Center District. This project includes a 288-unit apartment community and mixed commercial development. The representatives presented maps and charts, and shared much information about the concept plan.

12) New Business

a) Tax Adjustments and Refunds

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 7-1. Mrs. Eraca abstained.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves tax refunds to the 2015 tax roll per Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency and Small Claim settlements, as follows:

TOWN	YEAR	OWNER	Adjustment/ Refund	Small Claim	RPT	SCAR
Beekman	2015	Kunzelman Debra	(\$24.09)	X		
Beekman	2015	Kunzelman Debra	(\$69.86)	X		
Beekman	2015	Kunzelman Debra	(\$72.26)	X		
Beekman	2015	Kunzelman Paul	(\$93.95)	X		
Beekman	2015	Magee William	(\$2,408.92)	X		
Beekman	2015	Sharpy Dwayne&Yvonne	(\$1,399.58)	X		
Beekman	2015	Swarthout Tiffany	(\$722.67)	X		
LaGrange	2015	Eraca Jennifer	(\$723.30)			X
LaGrange	2015	Grillot Philip	(\$602.76)	X		
LaGrange	2015	Kraemer Glenn	(\$241.10)	X		
LaGrange	2015	Kusior Lawrence	(\$1,145.23)	X		
LaGrange	2015	Matula Charles	(\$636.50)	X		
LaGrange	2015	Nesheiwat Mousa	(\$2,039.71)	X		
LaGrange	2015	O'Dea Daniel	(\$385.76)	X		
Poughkeepsie	2015	Menking Kirsten	(\$368.45)	X		
Poughkeepsie	2015	Phelps Alison	(\$653.70)	X		
Poughkeepsie	2015	Brown Stephan *	(\$439.76)	X		
		Total=	(\$12,027.60)			

		*Reduction made by Poughkeepsie Rec. of Taxes				
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b) Board Policies: 1st Reading

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has reviewed the below Policies as a First Reading.

Policy	Policy Number
Flag Display	3140
Public Complaints	3230

c) Pilot Proposal

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 7-1. Mr. Rossi abstained.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT FOR MEADOW VIEW PROPERTIES, LLC
MACDONNELL HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District (“School District”) has received and reviewed a letter request from Meadow View Properties, LLC (“Meadow View”) dated January 6, 2016, a copy of which, including attachments and schedules, is appended hereto and made part hereof (Exhibit A), seeking support for a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) agreement with the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”), for a mixed use development located in the MacDonnell Heights Center (“MHC”) District as depicted on the Town Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Meadow View have met with the Board and, among other information, informed it that the development includes approximately 288 residential units and approximately 85,400 square feet of commercial space (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the proposed Project conforms to Chapter 210-27 of the Town Code, which sets forth the purposes of the MHC District, specifically to:

- 1) *Promote a mix of business, commercial, and residential uses in single-story and multi-story buildings designed as an integrated community spanning both sides of Route 44.*
- 2) *Promote pedestrian activity through a safe and walkable environment, encourage a park once and walk around core and establish connections to adjacent residential neighborhoods.*
- 3) *Minimize the visual impact of the automobile by managing the placement and screening/landscaping of parking areas.*
- 4) *Create an interconnected street system for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.*
- 5) *Encourage the development of both on-street parking and shared parking areas between nearby uses.*

- 6) *Promote a sufficient critical mass of employees, shoppers and residents within in close proximity to a commercial and mixed-use core which encourages people to park once and walk because walking becomes more convenient than driving for short trips within the core.*
- 7) *Promote a retail shopping and business environment that is not strip-retail oriented, where shoppers park once and walk between adjoining commercial uses where the buildings are primarily connected to each other or use zero lot lines.*
- 8) *Provide public gathering spaces such as central greens and centerpiece buildings.*
- 9) *Provide for a variety of housing options within walkable proximity to the commercial core including single-family, two-family homes, and multi-family units.*
- 10) *Preserve, enhance and incorporate natural and historic features in order to enhance a sense of place, greenway connections and natural edge conditions.*

WHEREAS, Meadow View proposes to enter into an agreement with the IDA, in which it would make certain PILOT payments to the various taxing authorities, including the Arlington Central School District (Exhibit A, payment schedule); and

WHEREAS, the PILOT agreement will require Meadow View to agree to payment of full taxes on those portions of the Project that would be used solely for retail purposes or restaurant purposes as those terms are defined in Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law and the Tax Law, the intent being to have the tax abatement of the PILOT apply to those portions of the Project that would be used for offices, mixed use business, business-related uses and services, and residential rental units; and

WHEREAS, the tax abatement of the PILOT would also not apply to any assessments normally applied against real property for special district (i.e. sewer, water, drainage, lighting) and fire services, thus ensuring that the Project would pay 100% of any special district and Arlington Fire District taxes regardless of the underlying uses; and

WHEREAS, the School District has been asked to formally support the proposed PILOT for the Project, and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to support such a PILOT agreement between Meadow View and the IDA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education supports the payment and allocation terms of a PILOT agreement as stated in Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby requested to send a copy of this Resolution to the IDA and to Meadow View.

d) Acting Assistant Principal

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Rossi to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Anthony Celenza as Acting Assistant Principal of Vail Farm Elementary School commencing on January 11, 2016 and ending on or about June 30, 2016. Mr. Celenza will serve in the position with a personal services contract executed by the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of Education. Mr. Celenza's per diem rate of pay will be \$450.

e) **Settlement Agreement**

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Rossi 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. 118875 dated December 2015, 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.

13) **Business Consent Agenda**

a) **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approves the Minutes of the December 8th Business Meeting as written.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **Certified Retirements**

The Board of Education accepts the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Micah Brown	Principal, Traver Road Primary	8/31/16
Donna Hoag	Teaching Assistant, Overlook Primary	6/30/16
Linda Mayes-Godoy	Teaching Assistant, Beekman Elementary	6/30/16
Donna Gundersen	Teaching Assistant, Overlook Primary	6/30/16

ii) **Certified Resignation**

The Board of Education approves the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Meagan Sullivan	Assistant Principal, Vail Farm Elementary	1/12/16

iii) **Certified Appointments**

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kathryn Byrnes	Temp. Special Education, Arthur S. May	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	10/13/15-12/23/15
Ann-Marie Howard	Temp. N-6 Elementary, Arthur S. May	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	10/19/15-12/21/15 (12/21 – ½ day)
Arelis Reinoso	Hourly TA, Overlook Primary	H 01	\$11.82/hr	1/13/16

iv) **Certified Leaves**

The Board of Education approves the following unpaid leaves of absences:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Heather Riley	N-6 Elementary, LaGrange Middle	2/2/16-6/30/16
April Meyer	N-6 Elementary, Arthur S. May	11/30/15-11/30/15

v) **Change of Appointment End Dates**

The Board of Education approves the following change of appointment end dates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Veronica Freeman	Temp. N-6 Elementary, Beekman Elementary	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	9/21/15-1/5/16*
Nicole Maiorano	Temp. Special Education, Arthur S. May	B 01	\$52,652 (prorated)	9/8/15-TBD*
Marlene Econom	Temp. N-6 Elementary, Titusville Intermediate	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	10/19/15-12/23/15*
LeeAnn Willie	Temp. Special Education, Arlington High School	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	11/23/15-1/15/16*

*previously Board approved

vi) **Certified Co-Curricular Appointments**

The Board of Education approves the following co-curricular appointments:

<u>Arlington High School</u>	
<u>Interscholastic:</u>	
Basketball - Boys JV Assistant Coach, Volunteer	Austin Crittenden
<u>Co-curricular:</u>	
Choreographer: Spring Musical -	Grace Mihalchik
Costume Designer: Spring Musical -	Tracey Olmoz
Director of Spring Musical -	Sarah Combs
Orchestra Director: Spring Musical -	William Stevens III
Scenic Designer: Spring Musical -	Thomas Swetz
Vocal Music Director: Spring Musical -	Amy Kilroy

vii) **ENL Homework Center Program: (funded through Federal Title III LEP Aid funds)**

The Board of Education approves the following appointment:

<u>Arthur S. May School:</u>		
Substitute Teacher	Christine O'Connell	\$48/hr

viii) **Tenure**

The Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to grant tenure to the following individuals in their respective tenure areas:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
John Timm	Assistant Principal	1/19/16

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

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School</u>
Karen Turcio	2016 Spring Production Artwork	\$700	Arlington High School

x) **Winter Guard**

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following staff paid through the Arlington Band Boosters, Inc.:

Nathan Eby	David Kroner	Kaylin Romero
Cedric James	Branden Lane	Seema Soni
Darrell Keech	Vishesh Nandedkar	

xi) **Occupational Therapist and Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA)**

The Board of Education approves the contract between the District and the following individuals listed as independent contractors for the 2015/2016 school year:

Occupational Therapist:

Nancy Pate

COTA:

Lisa Capuani

xii) **Occupational Therapist Termination of Contract**

The Board of Education approves the following occupational therapist termination of contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Mary Ellen Smith	Occupational Therapist	12/31/15

xiii) **Certified Substitutes**

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to the substitute lists in the below categories in the 2015-2016 school year:

Certified Teachers

Christine Larson
Andrea Turck

Teaching Assistant

Gail Hermann

Home Tutors

Jessica Seager
Diane Sizemore
Andrea Turck

Chaperone

Christine Fitzgerald

*xiv) **Classified Change of Retirement Date***

The Board of Education accepts the following change of resignation date for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Carol Blodgett	Bus Driver	12/29/15*

*Previously Board approved on 11/10/15 agenda

*xv) **Classified Appointments***

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Samantha Lopez	Bus Monitor	1/13/16	\$12,107(prorated)
Tammy Pecora	Bus Monitor	1/13/16	\$12,107(prorated)
Radoslaw Dudalo	Custodial Worker, Facilities	1/13/16	\$14.42/hr
Marc MacKenzie	Custodian, Arlington High School	1/19/16	\$36,525 (prorated)
Corey Grossman	Custodial Worker, Arlington High School	1/19/16	\$32,268 (prorated)

*xvi) **Classified Resignations***

The Board of Education accepts the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lisa Graff	Bus Monitor	12/11/15
Teresa Costigan	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	1/1/16

*xvii) **Classified Substitutes***

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to the substitute list in the below categories in the 2015-2016 school year:

Transportation

David Barlow
Reed Ihlo
James Cusumano
Jennifer Lent

Monitors

Frana Baruch

Clerical

Filomena Dimisko
Linda Pucci

MidHudson Regional Hospital
of Westchester Medical Center,
Center for Communication
Disorders

\$400 for Audiological Evaluation
\$450 for Auditory Processing Disorder
Evaluation
\$250 for Audiological Treatment Visits
\$400 for Speech-Language Evaluation
\$800 for Augmentative Communication
Evaluation
\$270 for Home-based CSE Speech Treatment
\$250 for Office-based CSE Speech Treatment
\$800 for Bilingual Speech Language Evaluation

Northeast Provider Solutions, Inc. \$120 per hour
d/b/a The Hearing Works

iii) **Section 504 Building Committee Chairpersons**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the following Section 504 Building Committee Chairperson for the 2015/16 school year:

Claudine Khare

iv) **Dignity Act Coordinators**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints the following Dignity Act Coordinator for the 2015/16 school year:

	Principals/Admin. Designee
Vail Farm Elementary School	Claudine Khare

d) **Approving Business and Finance Items**

i) **Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2015**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2015.

ii) **Budget Appropriation Transfers for October 2015**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

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

Budget Appropriation Transfers
2015/2016

Month	Fund/Schedule#	Amount
October	General Fund - #6	\$676,700.00
October	Capital Fund - #6	\$80,000.00

iii) Internal Claims Audit Report for the Month of November 2015

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of November 2015, as submitted by the Internal Claims Auditor.

iv) Donations

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following donations:

For	Donated by	Items Donated/Use
Arlington Central School District	Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene 230 North Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	Second Step Social Skills Curriculum Kits
Arlington High School	John Renne Class of 1995 1431 Euterpe Street New Orleans, LA 70130	\$500 to School Climate Team
LaGrange Middle School	Trevin Colburn – Customer Support Manager 3D Innovations, LLC 12220 Couty Rd 66 Greeley, CO 80631	15 Desk Cycle Bikes
Arthur S. May School	Arthur S. May PTA 601 Dutchess Turnpike Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	Junior Coil Vault Board 3 Gymnastics Mats

v) Extra-Classroom Activity Purpose Statements

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following Extra- Classroom Activities for the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>AHS</u>	<u>LMS</u>
Everness	Yearbook
Ping Pong	
Spanish Honor Society	
Bridges to Community	
String Ensemble	

vi) **Surplus/Obsolete Vehicles**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following items as surplus/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.

Vehicle #	VIN #	Year	Make	Model	Condition
A-3	1FAFP58UX2A136066	2001	FORD	TAURUS	POOR
M-18	3B7KF26Z61M283852	2001	DODGE	PICKUP 1500	POOR
M-21	1GCHG35R421169958	2002	CHEVY	VAN 1500	POOR
200	1MEFM50U9YA628870	2000	MERCURY	SABLE	POOR
540	1GNFK16Z63J299998	2003	CHEVY	SUBURBAN	POOR

Approving Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the consent items 13a. through 13d.

14) Public Comment

A resident commented on how much he enjoys the board meetings. Several residents spoke in favor of the veteran's tax exemption.

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to extend the meeting to 10:00 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

15) Committee Reports

Policy – Mr. McLeod stated the next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2016, at 4:00 pm. at the Central Administration Office.

Audit – Mr. Rossi stated there is no report at this time.

Advocacy – Mrs. Lappan stated a date will be set for the next meeting. She suggested that the committee revisit the resolution on Common Core. She announced that the Dutchess County School Board Association will be hosting the District's regent on April 4th. More information will be provided.

16) Organization Reports

Dutchess County School Boards Association/New York State School Boards Association – Mrs. Baxter reported the next meeting is scheduled for February 4th.

17) Superintendent Closing Remarks

Dr. Lyons congratulated Mr. Timm on earning tenure. He also congratulated Mrs. Brown for her 14 years of service and dedication to the District.

18) Future Discussion Items

None at this time.

19) Board Reflections

Mr. McLeod took a tour of Arthur S. May School. He enjoyed seeing the students having fun and engaged in learning.

20) Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss AESA and ADSA negotiations, and matters leading to the possible discipline of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to return to the regular meeting at 10:14 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

21) *Arlington Directors & Supervisors Association Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement*

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiators for the Arlington Directors & Supervisors Association and the District, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the terms of the July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018 collectively negotiated agreement.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to extend the meeting to 10:15 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

22) *Arlington Educational Secretaries Association Memorandum of Agreement*

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 7-1. Mr. Rossi opposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiators for the Arlington Educational Secretaries Association and the District, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the terms of the July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018 collectively negotiated agreement.

23) *Adjournment*

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Herr, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk