# ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRAVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL JANUARY 14, 2014

Vice President Steve Rossi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Traver Road Primary School, 801 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569.

#### Call to Order

## Open Meeting

6:00 pm

Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Eraca, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod (arrived at 7:10 pm), Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Shuttleworth. Board Members absent were Mr. Johnston and Mr. Martin. Also present were Mr. Benante, Dr. Lowden, Dr. Lyons, Mrs. Muenkel and Ms. Zimmerman.

# Reading of the District Mission

By Steve Rossi

## Board Communications

There was an audience of approximately 80. Mrs. Lappan asked for a resolution to be added to this agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to add a resolution to this agenda. The motion was carried 5-1 (Mr. Rossi voted no)

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to adopt the following resolution. The motion was defeated 4-2 (Mr. Rossi and Mr. Shuttleworth voted no).

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that from this date forth, all regular meetings of the Board of Education will be structured as business meetings until such time as the full Board has an opportunity to review meeting structures with district administration.

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Shuttleworth, to remove item e) from New Business. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. McLeod arrived after this segment.

#### **Public Comment**

Parents and students shared concerns regarding school closing. They spoke about lengthy bus rides, diversity training, community building, transition timetable, and opportunity for students to play sports. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders specifically spoke about the effects the move would have on the students and teachers and they shared concerns regarding after school activities.

Mrs. Erlebacher stated the Tribute to Martin Luther King is scheduled for January 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm, at Arlington High School.

Mr. Maloney, resident, shared concerns regarding the Common Core and the data dashboard.

# Superintendent/ Board President Report

Dr. Lyons wished Dr. Lowden best of luck and best wishes in her retirement. Mrs. Brown, Principal, welcomed the Board of Education, Dr. Lyons, administration, and residents to the Board Meeting. Mrs. Brown introduced Mrs. Dwyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Dwyer gave a presentation entitled "Literacy Lessons." She gave an overview of items that are shared among colleagues. Some of these items are reflective practitioners, classrooms as vibrant learning environments, how they use the lessons, sample session, and benefits to teaching and learning.

Ms. Jordan Ballantyne and Ms. Brianna Ryan, President and Vice President of Student Government gave a report to the Board of Education. Some of the highlights were the distribution of food baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas to families in need, holiday cards sent to troops abroad, a visit to a local nursing home and the Spirit of Giving project. Mr. Arlington, an event that took place in December, was a huge success as well as the Seniors in the City trip. Sophomores and Juniors went on a BOCES field trip to the CTI site, where they looked at programs available to them for the future. They announced that winter sports were in full swing and mid-year exams were approaching.

Mrs. JoAnn Kraus, Director of Technology and Library Media Services, and Ms. Lucy Miller, Library Media Specialist, gave a District Library presentation. They gave an overview of the K-12 Library Program. They reviewed the integration and alignment of the program with the literacy program. They showed how the program aligns with the District Mission Statement.

The Board Members discussed contact information on the district website. They discussed options and it was decided to leave personal numbers and add each individual's district e-mail address.

Mrs. Kelly Lappan discussed the proposed resolution created by the Legislative Advocacy Committee. Mrs. Lappan stated that the purpose

for the resolution is to state to the community the District's beliefs. She also stated that some of the statements may need to be added to Board policy. She suggested to place on District's website and ask for community comments. Mrs. Lappan read the resolution and asked if this could be resolved by the end of February.

Dr. Lyons reviewed the benefits for Arlington Middle School and Arthur S. May students as they relate to the proposed school closure. He reviewed the cost savings, bus routes, opportunities for students, and late bus costs.

## 8) New Business

## a) Canvas of Votes

Motion by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mr. Shuttleworth, to approve the following. The motion was carried unanimously.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Canvass of Votes for the December 10, 2013 Security & Safety Referendum.

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#### b) Local Assistant Plans

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education approve the Local Assistance Plans (LAP) for Arlington Middle School, Arthur S. May Elementary School, Vail Farm Elementary School, and Joseph D'Aquanni West Road Intermediate School for school year 2013-2014 in accordance with Commissioner's Regulation 100.18 and New York State Education Department accountability requirements.

#### c) <u>Settlement Agreement</u>

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to approve the following. 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. 15523 dated November 2013, 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.

#### d) District Designees

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education approve the following changes to annual appointments in accordance to the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York:

504 Coordinator (students): Brendan Lyons, Phil Benante

504 Coordinator (adults):Margaret MuenkelResidency Determinations:Brendan LyonsHomeless Liaison:Brendan LyonsDignity Act Coordinator:Margaret Muenkel

## 9) Workshop Consent Agenda

#### a) Accepting of Minutes

The Board of Education approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2013, meeting.

## b) Approving Personnel Agenda

## i) Classified Appointment

The Board of Education approve the following appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<b>Effective</b>
Mark Hicks	Director of Food Service	\$75,000 (prorated)	1/30/14

#### ii) Acting Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

The Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individual:

Barbara Donegan as Acting Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services commencing January 15, 2014 and ending on or about June 30, 2014. Ms. Donegan will serve in the position with a personal services contract executed by the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of Education. Ms. Donegan's per diem rate of pay will be \$600.

#### iii) Lead Evaluator

The Board of Education approve the following appointment:

The following administrator is certified as a Lead Evaluator for the teacher APPR process as required by New York State Education Department regulations:

## c) Approving Special Services

## i) Section 504 Building Committee

The Board of Education approve the addition of Rosanne Strouth as a Section 504 Building Committee Chairperson for Union Vale Middle School for the 2013/14 school year.

#### d) Approving Consent Agenda

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Consent Items 9a through 9c.

# 10) Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (3 minutes per speaker)

Parents shared concerns regarding the school closing.

#### 11) Committee Reports/Board Reflections

2013-2014 Board Committees:

- Mr. McLeod announced that the next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on January 21, 2014, at 6:30 pm at Central Administration Office.
- Mr. Rossi stated the Audit Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the draft report on Technology.
- Mrs. Lappan stated that the Health Insurance Committee as well as the Legislative Advocacy Committee do not have any plans to meet at this time.

## 12) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Margie Flynn, District Clerk**