

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
ARTHUR S. MAY SCHOOL  
JANUARY 26, 2016**

President Kelly Lappan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at Arthur S. May School, 601 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**1) Call to Order**

***Open Meeting***            6:30 pm

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the AAA contract. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Bodnar, Mrs. Eraca, Mrs. Fasulo, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Rossi. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Flynn-Brown, 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) Correspondence**

Mrs. Eraca has received several e-mails opposing the veterans' tax exemption.

**7) Public Comment**

There was an audience of approximately 45. Several residents shared their thoughts regarding the veterans' tax exemption.

**8) Board President's  
Remarks**

None at this time.

9) **Superintendent's  
Remarks**

Dr. Lyons thanked the Arthur S. May PTA for the refreshments. He also thanked Sheri Primeaux and staff for hosting the meeting. Dr. Lyons recognized Christine Baxter, Peter Bodnar, Jennifer Eraca, Pauline Herr, Kelly Lappan, and Charles McLeod for their training hours and school board activities completed through the New York State School Board Association. He thanked the Board Members for their service and their time. Dr. Lyons spoke about the incident that occurred on January 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated the administration at the high school did an outstanding job of handling the concerns at the high school. Dr. Lyons would like anyone with concerns to reach out to his office.

10) **Reports and Board  
Discussion Items**

**Arlington High School Student Government Report**

The students gave a brief overview of the past and current events at the high school. Some of these included a trip to the city on December 18, a trip to the Avalon Nursing Home on December 21, a "Toys for Tots Drive", and holiday deliveries of gifts and meals to local families. The Martin Luther King Tribute was an amazing event. The students are looking forward to the Senior Follies scheduled for February 26 as well as a new event, "Teacher Untalent Show," which is in the planning stages.

**Arthur S. May School Professional Learning Communities Report – Sheri Primeaux**

Mrs. Primeaux welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the PTA for the refreshments. Mrs. Primeaux and her PLC team focused on 4<sup>th</sup> grade math intervention block. They reviewed what guided the math strategy groups and how the math strategy groups were formed. The presentation included bar graphs indicating how the gaps are starting to close. They reviewed what they acted on and analyzed the results. They also shared samples of the students' work.

**Advisory Proposition for Veterans' Tax Exemption - Discussion**

The Board discussed the option of adding a proposition to the ballot. Each board member discussed their thoughts. The majority of the board members agreed that this exemption is fundamentally flawed and that ultimately it is the board's responsibility to make these decisions. After much discussion seven board members agreed that this should not go on the ballot.

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to extend the meeting time to 9:30 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Propane Bus Purchase Proposal – Kevin Sheldon**

Mr. Sheldon presented a new fuel type for the large buses which will be requested in the yearly bus propositions. Mr. Sheldon compared diesel to autogas and the advantages to using autogas. He also spoke about the safety comparisons and features, driver and rider experiences, and maintenance considerations. He showed slides of all the components that would be eliminated and reviewed the cost consideration. He firmly believes that autogas is safer than diesel.

## **11) New Business**

### **a) Board Policies: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. 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:

Policy	Policy Number
Flag Display	3140
Public Complaints	3230

### **b) Delete Policies**

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

The Board of Education deletes the following policies:

Policy	Policy Number
Display of the Flag	4311.1
Public Complaints	1400
Buildings and Grounds	8210
Community Relations Goals	1000

c) **Certified Retirement**

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

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Margaret Maraia	Elementary Principal	8/1/2016

Dr. Lyons and the Board thanked Mrs. Maraia for her years of service and commitment to the Arlington Central School District.

12) **Business Consent Agenda**

a) **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approves the Minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting as written.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **Certified Appointments**

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<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>
Regina Raffaele	Temp. N-6 Elementary, LaGrange Middle	M 01	\$56,929 (prorated)	11/30/15-6/30/16
Jesse LaGuerre	0.8 FTE Temp. School Social Worker, Vail Farm Elementary/Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	M 04	\$49,865 (prorated)	11/25/15-2/12/16

ii) **Certified Leave**

The Board of Education approves the following unpaid leave of absence:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Sahar Elsamra	Teaching Assistant, Titusville Intermediate	3/28/16-4/1/16

iii) **Change of Appointment End Date**

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

<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>
Ashley Romm	Temp. N-6 Elementary, Noxon Road Elementary	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	9/10/15-2/1/16*
Susan Francese	Temp. Math Teacher, Union Vale Middle	M 03	\$58,229 (prorated)	12/14/15- 1/29/16*

\*previously Board approved

**iv) Correction of Appointment End Date**

The Board of Education approves the following correction of salary:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Ann-Marie Howard	Temp. N-6 Elementary, Arthur S. May	M 01	\$56,553 (prorated)	10/19/15-12/23/15 (12/23 – ½ day)
*previously Board approved on 1/12/16				

**v) Certified Co-Curricular Appointments**

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

<b><u>Arlington High School</u></b>	
<b><u>Co-curricular:</u></b>	
Yearbook - Literature -	Marcia Brant (for the second semester replacing Peter Ziemins who was previously Board approved on 8/4/15)
Club Advisor - Bridges to Community, Volunteer -	Vilma Hasbrouck

**vi) AIS Before & After School Program**

The Board of Education approves the following appointment:

<b><u>Vail Farm Elementary School:</u></b>		
Teacher	Lori Mandy	\$48/hour

**vii) Continuing Education Winter/Spring Semester Program Staff**

The Board of Education approves the following individuals to teach in the 2015/16 self-funded Winter/Spring Continuing Education Program:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
John Biasotti	\$75/trip
Tory Biasotti	\$115/trip
John Bautochka	\$400/program
Genarro Bonfiglio	\$75/trip
Tanya Bracero	\$520-\$780/program
John Carter	\$75/student
Fan Chin	\$48/student
Shari Ciorciari	\$748/program
Joseph Coogan	\$150/program
Peter Dama	\$720/program
Geraldo DePorres	\$180/program

Keith Doughty	\$900/program
Ashley Gannon	\$39-\$62/student
David Gatta	\$240/program
Maria Greenwood	\$315-\$420/program
Susan Hughes	\$480/program
Sharlon Kinnear	\$576/program
Elaine Lacy	No Fee
Amy Levitan	\$176-\$440/program
Bonnie Luft	\$200-\$250/program
Gina Luna-Maserjian	\$600/program
Stephanie Mauro	No Fee
Vita Mesnick	\$480/program
Edward Mullaney	\$360-\$540/program
Bohdanna Mury nec	\$12-\$28.80/student
Esther Odescalschi	\$50.40/student
Susan Olin-Dabrowski	\$200-\$250/program
Ivan Pitt	\$768/program
Michael Reiter	\$768/program
Rebecca Smith	\$440/program
Kathleen Sprague-Hicks	\$88/program
Theresa Stufano	\$10-\$45/program
Patrick Sullivan	\$300-\$900/program
Pamela Terwilliger	\$30/student
Janine Turcio	\$75/trip
Denise Van Dongen	\$480/program
Bradley Veeder	\$768/program
Elia Willms	\$352/program

J9Fitness	\$44.80/student
HealthQuest	\$30-\$150/student
Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited	\$62/student
National Traffic Safety	\$15/student
Silver Starlites	\$64/student
TST Enterprises, Inc.	\$40-\$110/student

**viii) Continuing Education Full Year Program**

The Board of Education approves the following agency to provide the driving portion of the self-funded drivers' education program:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rate</b>
PAS Auto Driving School	\$292/student

**ix) 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**

Rebecca Clina  
Regina Davis  
Leslie deLeeuw  
Kathleen Hegarty  
Kayla Krusen

**Non-Certified Teachers**

Evette Alphonse  
Courtney Bartosh  
Zachary Basso  
Jacqueline Del Bene  
Alexa Oscarlece  
Arelis Reinoso  
Jessica Woodin

**Teaching Assistants**

Evette Alphonse  
Jacqueline Del Bene  
Jessica Woodin

**Home Tutor**

Andrea Ireland

**x) Classified Retirements**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Deborah Young	Typist	7/12/16
Jeffrey VanLeuvan, Sr.	Maintenance Mechanic (Plumbing and Heating)	1/16/17

**xi) Classified Appointments**

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Priscilla Beckwith	Bus Driver	\$17,464 (prorated)	2/1/16
Shannon Linnane	Senior Food Service Helper, Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	\$12.35/hr	1/27/16
Carole Kosakowski	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	\$10.90/hr	1/27/16

**xii) Classified Resignation**

The Board of Education accepts the following resignation:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Kathryn Somme	Library Clerk	1/13/16

**xiii) Classified Leaves**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amy Muscat	Bus Driver	11/2/15-TBD
Aniello Di Lorenzo	Bus Driver	1/5/16-2/5/16

*xiv) **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:

**Food Service**

Theresa Costigan  
Victoria Munson

**Clerical**

Eileen Blazina  
Ruth Palladino

**School Monitor**

Majlinda Bardhi

**Nurse**

Kathleen Kane

*c) **Approving Special Services***

*i) **CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements***

The Board of Education approves the CSE & CPSE designations and placements.

*d) **Approving Business and Finance Items***

*i) **Treasurer's Report for November 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 November 2015.

*ii) **Budget Transfers for November 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 the General Fund Budget Appropriations Transfers, as follows:

Budget Appropriation Transfers  
2015/2016

Month	Fund/Schedule#	Amount
November	General Fund - #7	\$110,861.00



iii) **Internal Claims Report December 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 December 2015, as submitted by the Internal Claims Auditor.

iv) **Change Order: Hudson Valley Door and Hardware**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves Hudson Valley Door and Hardware, LLC Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,292.00.

	Hudson Valley Door and Hardware Change Order	
<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Removal and replacement of existing locks and door hardware. Replacement of selected interior doors.	\$ 1,292.00

v) **Surplus/Obsolete Equipment**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby 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. If it is determined those reasonable attempts to dispose of the equipment have been made and such attempts have not produced an adequate return, the Superintendent or his designee, may dispose of the equipment in any manner which he deems appropriate, in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Kronos In Touch 9000	00JC217372	Good
Kronos In Touch 9000	00JC220461	Good
Kronos In Touch 9000	00JC220595	Good
Kronos In Touch 9000	00JC220599	Good
Kronos In Touch 9000	00JC221909	Good

vi) **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>
Debate	Drama/Theatre
Math Honor Society	Student Council

**Approving Consent Agenda**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the consent items 12a. through 12d.

**13) Public Comment**

Several residents shared more discussion about the veterans' tax exemption. One resident commented on the proposal for propane buses. Another resident spoke about the positive impact a teacher has had on his son.

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to extend the meeting to 9:45 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bodnar and Mrs. Eraca left the meeting at 9:45 pm.

**14) Committee Reports**

**Policy** – Mr. McLeod stated the next meeting is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

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

**Advocacy** – Mrs. Lappan stated the next meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to extend the meeting to 9:50 pm. The motion was carried 7-0. Mr. Bodnar and Mrs. Eraca were not present for the vote.

**15) Organization Reports**

**Dutchess County School Boards Association/New York State School Boards Association**

Mrs. Baxter reported the next meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>. She also stated the DCSBA has scheduled a meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup> at Arlington High School. The district Regent will be attending this meeting.

**Mid-Hudson School Study Council**

Mrs. Lappan stated that their board will be electing a new executive director.

**New York State School Board Association**

Capital Conference is scheduled for February 28 and 29.

**National School Boards Association**

National lobbying was cancelled.

**16) Superintendent Closing Remarks**

Dr. Lyons stated the Martin Luther King Tribute was a great success. He thanked Melissa Erlebacher for all her hard work in putting together this event. It was a great celebration.

**17) Future Discussion Items**

None at this time.

**18) Board Reflections**

None at this time.

**19) Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Margie Flynn, District Clerk