

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
VAIL FARM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Vail Farm Elementary School, 1659 East Noxon Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12450.

1) Call to Order

Open Meeting 6:00 pm

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

Motion by Mr. Shuttleworth, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting in order to enter into Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

7:00 pm

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to re-open the meeting.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

**4) Reading of the By Neil Martin
District Mission**

**5) Board
Communications There was an audience of approximately 95.**

Mr. McLeod announced that he received notice of a PTA meeting being held at LaGrange Middle School February 12, 2014, at 7:00 pm to discuss the transition.

Mrs. Lappan stated that she attended the National School Board Association Conference in Washington, DC. She encouraged everyone: parents, teachers, and administrators to advocate with local and federal legislative representation.

6) ***Public Comment***

A letter was read by a parent with suggestions regarding the move for middle school students. It was recommended to keep the Arthur S. May School name, and it was suggested to consider changing the name of LaGrange Middle School to Stringham Road Middle School.

A resident inquired about the ATA contract, particularly article XXI. He will direct his questions to the Superintendent. Dr. Lyons will follow up.

A resident spoke about the Veterans' Tax Exemption and supported the authorization of this. He feels it is a great benefit.

A resident shared concerns regarding the Common Core and the data dashboard. He feels that the district would be surrendering student information.

7) ***Superintendent/
Board President
Report***

Dr. Lyons introduced Mrs. MaryBeth Kaminsky and Mrs. Cindy Smith, from the Arlington Education Foundation. The Foundation was formed 13 years ago. Their mission is to enhance the education of every Arlington student. Mrs. Smith presented a check for \$33,000, in support of the 21st Century Classroom Technology Initiative. Dr. Lyons thanked them for the tremendous work the Foundation does.

Mrs. Claudine Khare stated that they are currently involved with PARP, Parents as Reading Partners. Literacy Night is scheduled for February 12th. Mrs. Khare presented the Core Values from the Strategic Plan involving Trout in the Classroom, math games, and the student mentoring writing program.

Jordan Ballantyne, President, and Brianna Ryan, Vice President, of the Student Government, gave a report on the latest events, i.e. Pasta and Dessert Contest, Basketball Tournament Fund Raiser, and Citizenship Award. They announced that Hope Tee's were on sale and that the students are practicing for the Spring Musical, Music Man. They also reported that the students are looking for new community service projects.

Mr. Jacob Lawrence presented the Energy Conservation Program update. He reviewed the energy use, cost and savings, return on investment, district energy use analysis, emergency cost performance, and the future of the Energy Program. He also shared success stories in the district.

Ms. Robin Zimmerman and Mr. Carmine Crisci presented the Operations and Maintenance Budget Presentation. They reviewed the

building data, budget-to-budget comparisons, custodial staffing and maintenance staffing, professional and technical services, and energy costs. They also reviewed plant repairs, security upgrades and proposed capital projects for 2014/2015.

The Board Members had a discussion regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption. Some Board Members agreed that the governor and legislature proposed this exemption, but this would place the burden on school tax payers. It was decided to schedule a Public Hearing in the near future for community comments.

Dr. Lyons and Mr. Beckwith reported on the new, proposed attendance zones. They reviewed factors and priorities. They reported that the list would be posted on the website by the morning. The resolution will be on the next agenda.

8) New Business

a) Release and Settlement Agreement

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised Release and Settlement Agreement between the Arlington Central School District and parent on behalf of student #267570.

b) Settlement Agreement

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorize its President to sign an Employment-related Agreement regarding Employee No. 142264, dated February 3, 2014, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

c) Resignation

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accept the resignation of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Lynn Rafalik, effective on April 8, 2014, in accordance with her letter of resignation as presented to the Board at this meeting.

d) Fitness for Duty

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including psychiatric/psychological examination and evaluation, if necessary, of Employee No. 115144 in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 115144 submit their medical records, if any, to the extent and for the time as determined by the examining physician(s) at or before such examination/evaluation.

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

Residents shared concerns regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption and inquired about the Public Hearing. Dr. Lyons stated that a date has not been established yet.

A Teacher Assistant from Vail Farm spoke about the importance of Teacher Assistants. She asked the Board to be fair as it relates to the TA contract.

10) Committee Reports/Board Reflections

2013-2014 Board Committees:

- Mr. McLeod announced that the next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on February 18, 2014, at 6:30 pm at Central Administration Office.
- Mrs. Lappan stated that the Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting will be held on February 20, 2014, at 8:00 pm.

11) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk