

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

President Steven Rossi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Central Administration Office, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

1) Call to Order

Open Meeting 6:00 pm

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual (Superintendent's mid-year evaluation) and to discuss matters leading to the discipline of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, 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, Dr. Eraca, Mrs. Fasulo, Mrs. Herr, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi and Mr. Tornatore. Board Member absent was Mr. Bodnar. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Dr. DeSa, Mrs. Muenkel, and Mr. Sheldon.

4) Reading of the District Mission

By Mr. Rossi

5) Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Tornatore, to add Executive Session to the end of the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

6) New Business Item

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to add Item D under the New Business section of the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

7) Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

- 8) **Correspondence** Dr. Eraca stated she was selected to participate in the Principal Preparation Project as a member of a four person focus group from our region of the state. The Principal Preparation Project is an initiative of Commissioner Elia to help determine qualities of effective leadership skills for principals. This is an 18 month effort supported by a \$1 million grant from the Wallace Foundation. Mr. Rossi congratulated Dr. Eraca.
- 9) **Public Comment** A parent shared concerns regarding issues at the high school. He asked the Board to consider hiring an additional SRO (School Resource Officer).
- A parent asked if efforts were being made in regards to racism and violence.
- 10) **Board President's Remarks** Mr. Rossi encouraged residents to attend the Board Meetings to learn how the operations and finances work.
- 11) **Superintendent's Remarks** Dr. Lyons encouraged everyone to attend the MST Expo, the District's Science Fair, on March 4th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Arlington High School. He also stated that the District was recognized by United Way as the "School District of the Year." There will be a formal recognition in April. Dr. Lyons announced that the Arlington Education Foundation will have their first 5K fund raiser. He also stated that "Cram the Classroom" begins this week.
- 12) **Reports and Board Discussion Items**
- Arlington High School Student Government Report – Colman Feighan, AHS Student Body President and Zach Tamweber, AHS Student Body Vice President**
- Mr. Feighan and Mr. Tamweber spoke about the upcoming events. The freshmen class was recognized for their admiral spirit. They are beginning to plan fund raisers. The freshmen trip this year will be to Lake Compounce. The sophomores made a visit to the BOCES Career Center. The sophomores were recognized for their school leadership and behavior. Their annual volleyball tournament will be held on March 9th. The juniors are very busy with college visits and preparing for SATs. The Junior Prom is scheduled for May 19th. The seniors are awaiting acceptance letters. They are also planning a slumber party at school with activities and events planned through the night. The Senior Follies was on February 24th, and it was a very nice event. The Senior Prom is scheduled for June 22nd and Graduation is planned for June 24th. Also, the Relay for Life event is planned for June 10th and the Senior Citizen Prom is scheduled for April 21st.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Budget Report – Mr. Benante and Mrs. Kraus

Mr. Benante presented the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Budget Report. He reviewed the current initiatives and planning priorities. He also reviewed the federal funding and the local funding. The ENL student population for the 2011-2012 through the 2016-2017 school years were reviewed. Mr. Benante also reviewed the expenditures including the cost of textbooks. He stated the budget for the 2017-2018 school year includes \$25,000 to be used for family engagement strategies. The budget also includes \$25,000 to train ten teachers to become certified in the Wilson Reading System. Lastly, the budget includes \$25,000 to expand summer reading programs at the elementary level.

Mrs. Kraus presented the Technology, Library, and Audio Visual Budget Report. She went over the three major components to the budget: Technical, Administrative, Teaching and Learning Infrastructures. She reviewed the technology support services as well as the teaching and learning infrastructure goals, learning tools, and technical infrastructure and initiatives. She went over the computer assisted instruction budget summary and the technology budget which includes the services from BOCES. She explained the five year equipment purchase plan. She also reviewed the School Library/Audio Visual budget summary.

Operations & Maintenance and Transportation Budget Report – Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. McNamara

Mr. Sheldon reviewed the Operations and Maintenance and the Transportation budget report. The history of the transportation budget was reviewed. There is an overall 4.64% decrease in the transportation budget and the primary reasons for the savings were reviewed. Mr. Sheldon gave an overview of the Operations and Maintenance Department. The budget for this department has an overall 2.23% decrease. The reasons for this decrease were reviewed.

Mr. Bastian, Financial Advisor from Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., reviewed the timetable for the voter referendum regarding the proposed capital project. He also gave an update on the status of the debt service, local share and the proposed capital project.

Dr. Lyons stated that there will be a Budget Forum held on March 16th at 7:00 pm at Arlington High School.

Pre-K Program – Board Discussion Item

Mr. McLeod asked if all students in the Arlington attendance zone attended a Pre-K program, what the cost would be. Mr. Benante estimated that there would be around 450 four year olds that would be eligible to attend the program. Mr. Benante also stated that the projected cost for the total number of students in the area is estimated at \$3.5 million. Mr. Benante reviewed the

answer to Mr. McLeod's second question as to why do some districts run a Pre-K program and others do not. Mr. Benante stated that it is based on a range of eligibility criteria. Most districts running a Pre-K program are running a universal Pre-K program which is funded through New York State for eligible districts. Arlington School District is not eligible. Mr. Benante reviewed other sources of funding. Mr. McCormick asked if there is a return in having a Pre-K program. Mr. Benante stated he believes so. There are three major studies that are often cited on the benefits of a Pre-K program. These studies have shown that investing in Pre-K programs leads to long term tax dollar savings and also academic benefits. Mr. Benante stated that the assumption is that students in later years will not require intervention services in the long term.

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

Mr. Benante stated the program would not include Transportation costs. He also said that he was not sure that the District would be able to provide this program for all children eligible. Mr. McCormick has asked for a more detailed study.

Mr. McLeod asked if there are other steps that the District is implementing. Mr. Benante stated that last summer the District examined the summer opportunities that were being provided to Arlington students, providing opportunities to the needy students, which then shifted how Title I funds were being used. Also, the Board has funded additional academic support services for students at the elementary level. Mr. Benante is an advocate for a Pre-K program, but Administration does not want to make a recommendation and potentially put other programs at risk.

Transportation Facilities Project – Board Discussion Item

Mr. Sheldon was asked why did he pick this project. He stated that when he first started here, he was asked to look at the phone system and the Transportation Facility for improvements. These two areas needed solutions. He stated that the transportation buildings have not been modified in 50 years. There were several studies done on transportation. There is a huge history within the District of issues that have needed improvements. The buildings have not kept up with the regulatory changes. Mr. Sheldon stated that the buildings were built in a time that was so much different than how things operate today. He stated that this is an opportunity to do a project that will solve a longstanding problem. This will not burden the tax payer. Mr. Rossi stated he is in favor of this project and explained the reasons why. Mr. Tornatore asked Mr. Sheldon what would be the priorities. Mr. Sheldon stated the buildings, changing the fueling stations, followed by the parking spaces. Mr. Tornatore stated that he is in favor of this project. Mr. McCormick stated he is not in favor of this project and stated the reasons why.

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

13) New Business

a) Board Policies: 2nd Reading

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, 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
Alcohol and Drug Testing for Bus Drivers	8414.5
Smoking/Tobacco Use	5640
Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities	7222
Public Access to Records	3310
Graduation Options/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs	7220
Instruction for English Language Learners	8280

b) Delete Policies

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education deletes the following policies:

Policy	Policy Number
Accident Prevention and Safety Procedures	8120
Aids Instruction	4315.1
School District Records	1120
Authorized Signatures	6410
Early Graduation	4771

Graduation Requirements	4770
High School Credit for College Courses	4334.1
Limited English Proficiency Instruction	4326
Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials	1420

c) **Acting Supervisor of Special Education**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lorraine Costello as Acting Supervisor of Special Education commencing on March 2, 2017 and ending on or about June 30, 2017. Ms. Costello will serve in the position with a personal services contract executed by the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of Education. Ms. Costello's per diem rate of pay will be \$500.

d) **Legal Defense and Indemnification**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the provision of a legal defense and indemnification in the case of Beaton v. Arlington CSD et al, 7:16-cv-09797 (NRS), pursuant to Education Law Sections 3023, 3028, 3811 and Public Officer's Law Section 18, as well as through applicable insurance provided by the District's Insurer New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) for the individuals referenced in a memo to the Board of Education from the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, dated February 28, 2017.

14) Business Consent Agenda

a) **Approval of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes of the February 28th Business Meetings.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **Certified Resignations**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kerry McCarthy	English Language Learner Teacher, Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate and Traver Road Primary	3/27/17
Ellen Bosan	Part-Time Contractual TA, Union Vale Middle	2/22/17
Jennifer Chodan	Part-Time Contractual TA, Beekman Elementary	3/3/17

ii) **Change of Resignation Date**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following change of resignation date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Erin Curnan	School Library Media Specialist, Arthur S. May/Titusville Intermediate	3/17/17*
*previously Board approved 2/7/17		

iii) **Certified Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Roy Coates	Temp. Music, Vail Farm Elementary	M 01	\$58,503 (prorated)	1/3/17-3/24/17
Daniel Kane	0.5 FTE Temp. Special Education, Titusville Intermediate School and Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate School	B 01	\$27,301 (prorated)	12/19/16-3/6/17

iv) **Certified Leave**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following unpaid leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patricia Rogers	Part-Time Contractual TA, Arlington High School	2/27/17-3/3/17

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following appointment:

<u>Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate School:</u>		
Substitute Teaching Assistant	Deborah Potter	Contractual Rate
<u>Titusville Intermediate School:</u>		

vi) Certified Co-Curricular Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following co-curricular appointments:

LaGrange Middle School:**Interscholastic:**

Softball - Head Coach -

Jared D'Aleo

Intramurals:

Gymnastics, Winter -

Michael O'Halloran

Co-curricular:

Lunchroom Supervision -

Kerri Benante, Jean Copley, Heidi Every, Kelley Hand, Noreen Horodyski, Sara Jernigan, Brigitte Luongo, Shannon Malan, Fredrick Meluson, Michael O'Halloran, Victoria Pudney, Alison Schwartz, Peter Seigny, Joseph Sullivan, Staci Wagner, Felecia White

Union Vale Middle School:**Interscholastic:**

Baseball - Head Coach -

David Iorlano

Soccer - Girls Assistant Coach -

Michael Tucci

Soccer - Girls Head Coach -

Ryan Sonne

Softball - Assistant Coach, Volunteer -

Megan Bender

Softball, Girls Head Coach -

Stephen Bronzi

Track - Boys Spring, Assistant Coach -

William Internicola

Track - Boys Spring, Head Coach -

Matthew Reilly

Track - Girls Spring, Assistant Coach -

Mia Chong

Track - Girls Spring, Head Coach -

Lisa Gizzarelli

Track - Spring, Co-assistant Coaches -

Jami DeLorenzo, Maureen VanAckooy

Intramurals:

Basketball, Spring -

Jana Pineiro

Flag Football, Spring -

Matthew Fiedler

Flag Rugby, Spring -

Daniel Braun

Floor Hockey, Spring -

Jami DeLorenzo

Hiking, Spring -

Lisa Gizzarelli, Jonathan Pickles, Michael Timperio

Kickball, Spring -

Jana Pineiro

Spike Ball, Spring -

Jami DeLorenzo

Tennis, Spring -

Jamieson Tall

Volleyball, Spring -

Vanessa Sugg

Wiffleball, Spring -

Matthew Fiedler

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Advanced Jazz Band, Spring -

Gina Garabedian

Club Advisor - Novice Jazz Band, Spring -	Gina Garabedian
Club Advisor - Select Chorus 2 -	Cassandra Leonard
Lunchroom Supervision -	Sheila Darrow, Matthew Fiedler, Andrew Franks, David Iorlano, Christopher Malet, Michelle Martinez-Leffert, Julie Mejias, Clint Walters

Vail Farm Elementary:

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - It's Game Time! -	Alexa Oscarlece (replacing L. Burack who was Board approved on 9/27/16 for second half of year)
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vii) Certified Substitutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments to the substitute lists in the below categories for the 2016-2017 school year:

Certified Teachers

Ellen Bosan
Chelsea McAvoy
Samuel Rebelein
Paula Richardson

Non-Certified Teachers

Sarah Altmann
Dorothy Crespo
Alisha Hayes
Veronica Malloy
Kristen Popolizio
Petra Sagliano

Teaching Assistants

Ellen Bosan
Alisha Hayes
Veronica Malloy
Jody Milholm

Interpreter

Paula Richardson

viii) Classified Retirements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Shirley Hernandez	Bus Driver	3/31/17
Mary Jakubek	Nurse	8/31/17
Catherine DiBello	Senior Typist, Maintenance	7/28/17

ix) Classified Change of Retirement Date

BE IT RESOLVED, that 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>
Jeffrey Rose	Bus Driver	3/30/17*
*previously Board approved on 4/12/16		

x) **Classified Resignations**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Thomas Brandl	Custodian	3/30/17
Felix Pagan	Bus Driver	2/15/17

xi) **Classified Correction of Salary**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Robert Roma	Auto Mechanic	\$49,514 (prorated)*	2/15/17
*previously Board approved on 2/14/17			

xii) **Classified Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Thomas Brandl	Custodial Worker, Facilities	\$43,058 (prorated)	3/30/17
Karen Scaramellino	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	\$11.12/hr	3/1/17
Lisa Smida	Cook Manager, Overlook Primary	\$22,566 (prorated)	3/1/17
John Bisson	Bus Driver	\$17,664 (prorated)	3/1/17
Matthew Rice	Bus Driver	\$17,664 (prorated)	3/1/17
Justin Gault	Maintenance Mechanic	\$39,463 (prorated)	3/20/17

xiii) **Classified Substitutes**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments to the substitute list in the below categories in the 2016-2017 school year. An asterisk (*) before the name of any individual below indicates that the appointment is conditional pending clearance for employment by the Bus Driver Certification Unit:

Food Service

Jessica St. John

Transportation

*Paul Mathis

*Wayne Girard

*Terrence Hofweber

Paul Pulicano

Marie Colabello

Helen Davis

John Marto

c) **Approving Special Services**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the CSE & CPSE designations and placements.

d) **Approving Business and Finance Items**

i) **Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2016**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2016.

ii) **Budget Appropriation Transfers for December 2016**

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
2016-2017

Month	Fund/Schedule#	Amount
December	General Fund - #6	\$67,766.15

iii) **School Tax Collector's Report**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the tax collection report as submitted by the Tax Collector.

	2016-2017
Tax Warrant	\$ 134,411,046.00
Taxes collected (including STAR)	\$ 127,153,703.03
Percentage Collected	84%
Taxes returned to County	\$ 6,554,656.41

iv) **Tax Reductions and Refunds**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves tax refunds to the 2016 tax roll per Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency and Small Claim settlements, as follows:

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Town	Year	Owner	Refund	Small Claim	RPT	SCAR
Poughkeepsie	2016	Brown	269.44	X		
Poughkeepsie	2016	Starzyk	1,042.62	X		
Poughkeepsie	2016	Ghnam	984.05	X		
LaGrange	2016	Campagna	<u>856.86</u>			X
			3,152.97			

Approving Consent Agenda

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the consent items 12a. through 12d. The motion was carried unanimously.

15) Public Comment

A parent shared his concerns regarding elementary education programs.

16) Committee Reports

Policy – Mr. McLeod stated that the next Policy Meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 4:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

Audit/Finance – No report at this time.

Advocacy – Mr. Rossi stated that the next Advocacy Meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

17) Organization Reports

Dutchess County School Board Association - Mrs. Baxter will be attending the next meeting scheduled for March 2nd. The topic will be “Superintendent Evaluations.” Mr. Rossi stated that Mr. Bodnar has asked to attend the National School Board Association Conference. Mr. Rossi asked if anyone else was interested in attending.

18) Superintendent Closing Remarks

Dr. Lyons congratulated the retirees on this agenda. He wished them health and happiness in their retirement years.

19) Future Discussion Items

Dr. Eraca would like to have a future discussion about the new Secretary of State, Betsy DeVos. She has had inquiries about the Board’s stance on Ms. DeVos’ statements and abilities. She also stated that the Board has received e-mails from both Attorney General Schneiderman as well as the Commissioner of Education in regards to New York State supporting transgender youth and

immigrants. Dr. Eraca thinks it would be helpful and informative for the public to know where the District stands on these two topics.

Mr. Tornatore asked that the Board discuss School Resource Officers at a future meeting. He suggested inviting the current SRO to get his thoughts on the needs at the high school. Dr. Eraca asked if it was possible to get opinions from the students.

20) Board Reflections

Mrs. Herr attended the All District Orchestra Concert. She stated it was wonderful and very well done.

21) Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Dr. Eraca, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual (Superintendent's mid-year evaluation). The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Eraca, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to return to the regular meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

22) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk