

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
OVERLOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
MARCH 28, 2017**

President Steven Rossi called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at Overlook Primary School, 11 Mapleview Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

1) Call to Order

Open Meeting 6:30 pm

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

4) Reading of the District Mission By Mr. Rossi

5) Approval of the Agenda Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to approve the agenda as amended to add Item E under New Business and Executive Session at the end of the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

6) Correspondence None at this time.

7) Public Comment There were 65 people in attendance. A resident shared concerns regarding a request for school supplies. He also suggested the District should hire another SRO for the high school.

- 8) **Board President's Remarks** Mr. Rossi encouraged residents to attend the PTA Budget Meetings. He also encouraged residents to vote.
- 9) **Superintendent's Remarks** Dr. Lyons thanked the Overlook PTA for the refreshments. He also thanked Dr. Corbett for hosting the meeting. Dr. Lyons announced that the Budget Forum has been rescheduled for April 4th at the Central Administration Office at 7:00 pm. He also announced that the Art Fair is April 1st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place at 10:30 am. He stated that the high school students are working on the musical production, *Oklahoma*, which is scheduled for April 28th – 30th. Dr. Lyons also congratulated the Philharmonia for coming in 1st place in the American String Teachers Association Competition. He introduced Mr. Handman, Music Teacher. Mr. Handman described the process of the Philharmonia's win at the competition. The group performed one of their winning selections, Adagio for Strings, composer Samuel Barber. They received a standing ovation.

10) **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 was not able to make the meeting. Ms. Mia Idoni came in his place. The students reported: The freshman class is currently fund raising for their class trip to Lake Compounce. The sophomore class held a volleyball fund raiser and raised \$1,000 to put towards next year's prom. The Junior Prom is scheduled for May 19th. The seniors are currently awaiting acceptance letters. It is a very exciting time for them. They are also preparing for the upcoming AP tests. The Class of 2017 t-shirts are in and a number of seniors are already wearing them. The students are planning the Senior Citizen Prom scheduled for April 21st. The Admiral Players are practicing for their spring musical production, *Oklahoma*. The Cultural Fair took place on March 16th and it went very well. Lastly, the Suicide Prevention Walk is scheduled for May 7th at 11:00 at Arlington High School with the closing ceremony at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

Professional Learning Communities Report – Dr. Corbett, Principal

Dr. Corbett welcomed the Board to the meeting. He stated it is a great honor to serve at Principal. He thanked his PTA, custodial staff, and faculty for their hard work in preparing for the meeting. He presented his PLC report along with some of his staff members. His focus was on the Kindergarten team. He explained the practical application of the PLC process. The PLC process works in a collective capacity which includes a whole school approach, bi-weekly PLC time, monthly PLC meetings, and schoolwide systems. He reviewed the current state, strengths, and areas of growth. The Kindergarten teachers shared an

example of a PLC agenda and spoke about setting smart goals. There was a video presentation showing an overview of the report.

High School SROs – Board Discussion

The Board Members discussed whether there is a need for additional SROs at the high school. The current SRO, Deputy Trout, and Dr. Fanuele, Principal, were present to answer questions. When asked if the high school needs another SRO, Deputy Trout stated that he feels the high school is a safe environment, but he would never say no to more help. Mr. Bodnar and Mr. Tornatore both feel there would be a benefit in adding one SRO to the building.

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Dr. Eraca, to extend the meeting until 9:20 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

11) New Business

a) Advocacy Letter

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

Whereas, Assembly Member Santabarbara has introduced legislation (A05192) to establish an enhanced STAR program exemption for veterans, entitled “V-Star” to replace the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption, the cost of which would be borne by the state rather than school districts and, therefore, would not create a burden for school district taxpayers; and

Whereas, the Board of Education wishes to express its concerns regarding the current Alternative Veterans’ Exemption and its support of the above-referenced legislation;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education directs the District Clerk to send the attached letter on behalf of the Board of Education to Assembly Members Santabarbara, Lalor and Barrett.

b) Settlement Agreement

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the terms of the Release and Settlement Agreement involving Student Number 399068, a copy of which shall be incorporated by reference in the minutes of the meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute such Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the District.

c) **Abolishment of Civil Service Position**

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

That the Board of Education hereby abolishes the following position effective end of day on March 28, 2017.

1.0 FTE Microcomputer Systems Specialist

d) **Creation of New Position**

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

That the Board of Education hereby creates the following position effective March 29, 2017:

1.0 FTE Special Programs Systems Specialist

e) **Legal Defense and Indemnification**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby denies the provision of a legal defense and indemnification in the case of Beaton v. Arlington CSD et al, 7:16-cv-09797 (NSR), pursuant to Education Law Sections 3023, 3028, 3811 and Pub Officer's Law Section 18 for Employee Number 117955 ,the individual referenced in a memo to the Board of Education from the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, dated March 28, 2017, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

12) **Business Consent Agenda**

a) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **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>
Margaret LoPrete	Temp. Special Education, Union Vale Middle	M 01	\$58,503 (prorated)	1/27/17-6/30/17
Dawn Portanova	Part-Time Contractual TA, Beekman Elementary	H 01	\$10,497 (prorated)	3/29/17

ii) **Change of Appointment End Date**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
John Timm	Acting House Principal, Arlington High School	HP 03	\$109,464 (prorated)	10/17/16-3/10/17*
*previously Board approved on 2/7/17				

iii) **Certified Co-Curricular Appointments**

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

Arlington High School:

Interscholastic:

Baseball - Varsity "A" Assistant Coach -	Patrick Tierney (was previously Board approved on 2/7/17 as co-assistant coach, also cancelling Tyler Albrecht who was previously Board approved on 2/7/17 as co-assistant coach)
Softball - Varsity "B" Head Coach -	Matthew Schiff (replacing Christia Besko who was previously Board approved on 2/7/17)
Softball - Varsity "B" Coach, Volunteer -	Christia Besko

LaGrange Middle School:

Interscholastic:

Wrestling - Head Coach -	Daniel Braun
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Union Vale Middle School:

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Advanced Jazz Band, Spring -	William Stevens III (replacing Gina Garabedian who was previously Board approved on 2/28/17)
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iv) **AIS Before & After School Programs**

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

Noxon Road elementary School:

Teaching Assistants	Donna Bendel, Suzanne Carroll, Susan Lake, Theresa Wechsler	Contractual Rate
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v) **Student Activity Fund Stipend (Reimbursement funds raised through Student Activity Fund)**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School</u>
Jeffrey Geller	Drama Club Spring Production - Professional Musician	\$300	LaGrange Middle
Evan R zodkiewicz	Drama Club Spring Production - Professional Musician	\$300	LaGrange Middle

vi) Continuing Education Winter/Spring Program Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following individual to teach in the 2016/17 self-funded Winter/Spring Continuing Education Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Shannon Hughes	\$225-\$300/course

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

Lindsay Olang
Matthew Relyea
Jaclyn Smith
Melissa Tyburski

Non-Certified Teachers

Erin Correa
Emily Incledon
Deanna Pansuti
Abigail Velie

Teaching Assistant

Lindsay Olang

viii) Classified Leaves

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following unpaid leaves of absences:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Julianne Serino	Licensed Practical Nurse, Arlington High School	3/13/17-TBD
Samantha Lopez	Bus Monitor	3/27/17-TBD
Christopher Dugan	Bus Driver/Automotive Mechanic	3/20/17-4/16/17

ix) Classified Retirement

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
John Libolt	Bus Driver	4/28/17

x) **Classified Resignation**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ralph Fragola	Maintenance Mechanic	3/22/17

xi) **Classified Title Change**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jill Palmiotti	From: Microcomputer System Specialist To: Special Programs Systems Specialist	\$50,000 (prorated)	3/29/17

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>
Eric Walker	Bus Driver	\$17,664 (prorated)	4/1/17
Joseph Passanisi	Custodial Worker, Noxon Road Elementary	\$14.82/hr	On or about 3/29/17
Debora Peet	Bus Driver	\$17,664 (prorated)	4/1/17
Robert Berry	Bus Driver	\$17,664 (prorated)	4/1/17
Columbus Brown	Custodial Worker, Vail Farm Elementary	\$14.82/hr	On or about 3/29/17
Richard Hasbrouck	Assistant Director (Supervisor) of Transportation	\$55,000 (prorated)	3/29/17
Nina Boyd	School Transportation Safety Coordinator	\$45,000 (prorated)	3/29/17
Dana Bishop	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	\$11.12/hr	3/29/17
Judy Roger	Relief Driver	\$29,721 (prorated)	3/29/17

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:

Clerical

Kaitlain Wray
Patricia Whalen
Sheila Dickeson

Nurse

Susan Nerf

School Monitor

Phyllis DiPalma

Transportation

Carmelo Valentin
Thomas Hankamp
Kenneth Dooris

b) Approving Special Services

i) CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements

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

ii) Independent Evaluators/Service Providers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following independent evaluator/service provider for the 2016/17 school year:

Neuropsychological Evaluations

Randall Thomas, Ph.D.

\$ 3,500

c) Approving Business and Finance Items

i) Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017.

ii) Budget Appropriation Transfers for January 2017

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
January	General Fund - #7	\$122,156.47

iii) Health and Welfare Services Fee 2016-17

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establish the 2016-2017 Health & Welfare Services Fee at the amount of \$713.17 per pupil.

iv) Health and Welfare Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Health and Welfare Services Contracts, as listed below:

<i>School District</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i>Cost per Student</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Spackenkill Union Free School District	22	\$1,071.55	\$23,574.10
Hyde Park Central School District	15	\$858.76	\$12,881.40
Total			\$36,455.50

v) RFP Award Construction Manager Bus Garage and O&M Building

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Sano-Rubin Construction Services, LLC, to perform construction management services for the District in connection with the proposed 2017 “Bus Garage and O & M Building” capital project, subject to approval by the voters at the May 16, 2017 Annual Meeting, and authorizes the District’s attorneys to negotiate the contract between the District and Sano-Rubin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Sano-Rubin Construction Services, LLC, upon approval of the contract by the District’s attorneys. A copy of said contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

vi) Bid Award: Bus Top Snow Removal Machine

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the bid for a Bus Top Snow Removal Machine (Scraper System) to Arbon Equipment Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$27,440.

Approving Consent Agenda

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

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

13) Public Comment

A resident asked the Board to consider hiring a female SRO for the high school. He also asked the Board to reach out to Emily Dyson from the Dyson Foundation.

14) Committee Reports

Policy – Mr. McLeod stated that the next Policy Meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 4:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

Audit/Finance – No report at this time.

Advocacy – Mr. Bodnar stated that the next meeting may be scheduled for April 18th at 6:00 pm at Titusville, prior to the Board Meeting.

15) Organization Reports

Dutchess County School Board Association – In Mrs. Baxter's absence, Mr. Rossi stated the next meeting is scheduled for April 6th.

16) Superintendent Closing Remarks

Dr. Lyons stated that this evening's Philharmonia performance was one of his proudest moments. He also stated that Dr. Corbett's PLC report was excellent.

17) Future Discussion Items

None at this time.

18) Board Reflections

None at this time.

19) Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to return to the regular meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

20) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk