

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
BEEKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
APRIL 28, 2015**

President Kelly Lappan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at Beekman Elementary School, 201 Lime Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call** Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Bodnar, Mrs. Eraca, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McLeod, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Shuttleworth. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Flynn-Brown, Mrs. Muenkel, and Mr. Sheldon.
- 4) **Reading of the District Mission** By Mrs. Lappan
- 5) **Approval of the Agenda** Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to place Item 11d after Item 18, and approve the agenda as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 6) **Correspondence** No correspondence at this time.
- 7) **Public Comment** There was an audience of approximately 45.  
No public comment at this time.
- 8) **Board President's Remarks** No remarks at this time.
- 9) **Superintendent's Remarks** Dr. Brendan Lyons thanked the PTA, administration and staff for preparing and hosting the Board Meeting. Dr. Lyons stated that the high school production of Beauty and the Beast and the Arts Fair were wonderful events and hoped that many community members were able to enjoy these. Dr. Lyons thanked Ms. Falk and students for providing the Arlingtonian.

10) **Reports and Board  
Discussion Items**

**Beekman Elementary School Professional Learning Communities Report –  
Ms. Kathy Lowell**

Ms. Kathy Lowell, Principal of Beekman Elementary School, presented the Professional Learning Communities Report. The highlights showed the work the teachers have done and its effects on student achievement. She gave examples of how to bring the District Mission alive. She explained how Beekman's vision is tied into the District Mission. Ms. Lowell reviewed guiding questions and spoke about persuasive writing. She also spoke about ways of monitoring the students' progress.

**Arlington High School Student Government Report- Vaughn Feighan,  
AHS Student Body President & Skylar Christensen, AHS Student Body  
Vice President**

Mr. Vaughn Feighan and Ms. Skylar Christensen reported on the latest events at the high school. The first Senior Citizen Prom was held. Fifty senior citizens attended. It was a wonderful event. The Beauty and the Beast production was held on April 17, 18, and 19. The three performances were sold out. Mrs. Pregnall's science class was awarded \$25,000.00 through the Lexus Ecco Challenge. Several fund raisers to help students with cancer were held. The Junior Prom was a huge hit as was the Senior Trip to Disney.

**Three Year Financial Planning Update - Mr. Kevin Sheldon**

Mr. Sheldon presented a three year financial planning update. He reviewed the financial impact of the proposed budget and he spoke about the uncontrollable items.

11) **New Business**

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

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 has reviewed the below Policies as a second reading and adoption:

Policy	Policy Number
Regular Meetings	1510
Notice of Meetings	1511

Agenda Preparation and Dissemination	1512
Administration in Policy Absence	4221
Policy Dissemination	1412
Administrative Authority in the Absence of the Superintendent	4220
Develop, Review, and Disseminate Regulations	1411

***b) Delete Policies***

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board of Education approves the deletion of the following policies:

Delete	Policy Number
Development of Regulations	3310
Board Review of Regulations	3320
Regulations Dissemination	3330

***c) SEQRA Resolution***

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District (“Board”) wishes to sell a former school building on property located at 25 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York (the “Proposed Action”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to take all actions necessary in connection with the Proposed Action in order to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been advised by its Engineer that the sale is an Unlisted Action pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

**WHEREAS**, the Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (Short EAF) has been completed by the District's Engineers, The Chazen Companies, and presented to the Board for review and action;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District declares itself the Lead Agency for the purposes of determining the environmental impact of the Proposed Action under SEQRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that after having reviewed the various components and aspects of the Proposed Action and the Short EAF completed by the District's Engineers, the Board hereby determines that the Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and adopts the negative declaration prepared in conjunction with this review, and that no further action is necessary.

The Contact Person for the Arlington Central School District is: Kevin Sheldon, Assistant Superintendent for Business at (845) 486-4450.

- d) **Raymond Avenue Property**  
Item to be placed after #18.

12) **Business Consent Agenda**

- a) **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approves the Minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting and the April 21<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting.

- b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

- i) **Certified Retirement**

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>
Bettyann Saunders	Salaried TA, Arlington High School	1/1/16

- ii) **Certified Resignation**

The Board of Education approves the following resignation:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Kristen DeYorio	School Psychologist, Beekman Elementary/Private	6/30/15

**iii) 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>
Dinah Weiss	Temp. Mathematics, Arlington High School	M 01	\$55,353 (prorated)	4/16/15-TBD
Elizabeth Keating	Temp. Guidance, Arlington High School	M 01	\$55,353 (prorated)	4/24/15-6/30/15
Karen Fox	Temp. Mathematics, Arlington High School	M 01	\$55,353 (prorated)	2/25/15-4/17/15
Dawn Jawrower	Temp. Social Studies, Arlington High School	M 01	\$55,353 (prorated)	2/24/15-TBD
Chelsea McAvoy	Temp. Special Education, Union Vale Middle	B 01	\$51,452 (prorated)	3/2/15-6/30/15
Stephanie Pecorella	PT Contractual TA, Vail Farm Elementary	H 01	\$10,934 (prorated)	4/27/15

**iv) Certified Leaves**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Katherine Thyberg	Art, Traver Road Primary/Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	5/12/15-6/30/15
Lynette Battle	Special Education, Noxon Road	4/30/15-6/30/15
Robin Romano	N-6 Elementary, Beekman Elementary	5/21/15-6/19/15
Jennifer McMorris	Special Education, Traver Road Primary	9/1/15-6/30/16

**v) Medicaid Billing Stipend Appointment**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Building</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Christine Alley	Arlington High School	\$500/year (prorated)

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

The Board of Education approves the following appointment:

<b><u>Titusville Intermediate School:</u></b>		
Teacher	Douglas Salvati	\$48/hour

**vii) Certified Substitutes**

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to the substitute lists in the below categories in the 2014-2015 school year:

**Certified Teachers**

Elizabeth Keating  
Janine Turcio

**Teaching Assistants**

Stephanie Pecorella  
Tasneem Qureshi

**Interpreter**

Tasneem Qureshi

**viii) 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>
Gail Pfitzner	Bus Driver	12/31/15
Wayne Crookston	Head Custodian, Arlington High School	7/2/15

**ix) 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>
Jennifer Rohrig	Custodial Worker, Arlington High School	\$37,331 (prorated)	5/11/15
Roberto Gonzalez	Hourly Custodial Worker, Arlington High School	\$14.02/hr	5/11/15
John Dreyer	Hourly Custodial Worker, Arlington High School	\$14.02/hr	5/11/15
Katrina Listwan	Senior Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	\$11.47/hr	4/29/15

**x) Classified Change of Appointment Date**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Christopher Dugan	Bus Driver/Automotive Mechanic	\$36,125 (prorated)	4/27/15*
*Previously Board approved on 4/14/15 as 4/20/15			

**xi) Classified Leaves**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Christine Curry	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	4/13/15-5/1/15
Laura Kovacs	Registered Nurse, Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	5/11/15-5/11/15

**xii) Classified Termination**

The Board of Education approves the following termination:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Vivian Santini-Valesquez	Bus Driver	Civil Service Law §71	4/1/15

**xiii) Classified Substitutes**

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to the substitute list in the below categories in the 2014-2015 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.

**Clerical**

Deborah Omuleski  
Linda DeVries

**Transportation**

\*Clifford Plass

**Food Service**

Annmarie Waldron

**c) Approving Special Services**

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

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

**ii) Election Inspector**

The Board of Education appoints the following qualified voter of the Arlington Central School District as election personnel for the vote on May 19, 2015. Election Inspector's rate of pay is \$12.50/hr.

**Beekman**

Noelle Macaluso (taking the place of Virginia Colucci)

**d) Approving Business and Finance Items**

**i) Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2015**

The Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2015.

**ii) Budget Appropriation Transfer for the month of February 2015**

The Board of Education, as required by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, hereby approves General Fund Budget Appropriation Transfer, as follows:

**Budget Appropriation Transfers**

**2014/2015**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
February	General Fund	\$45,291.00

iii) **Extraclassroom Quarterly Financial Report, January 1 – March 31, 2015**

The Board of Education accepts the Extraclassroom Third Quarter Financial Report as presented by the District Extraclassroom Auditor to conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

iv) **Contract for Summer Transportation for 2015-16: Town of LaGrange Park and Recreation**

The Board of Education approves the contract dated April 28, 2015 for Summer Transportation with Town of LaGrange Park & Recreation for the period July 6, 2015 through August 14, 2015 and authorizes the Board of Education president to sign such contract on behalf of the Board.

v) **Health and Welfare Services Billing**

Recommend 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>
Pine Bush Central School District	1	\$813.13	\$813.13
White Plains Public Schools	1	\$855.28	\$855.28
Wappingers Central School District	88	\$633.37	\$55,736.56
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$57,404.97</b>

**Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Shuttleworth, 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** No public comment at this time.

14) **Committee Reports**

Policy	Mr. McLeod, Chairperson, announced that the next Policy meeting is scheduled for May 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm at Central Administration Office.
Audit/Finance	Mr. Rossi, Chairperson, stated that the committee met on April 27 <sup>th</sup> . He stated that the Internal Audit Report should be ready at the end of May.
Advocacy	Mr. Shuttleworth, Chairperson, stated that the committee met recently and reviewed Common Core issues. Mr. Benante reviewed the list of reports that the Board currently receives. He made suggestions that the Board may want



to pursue. Mrs. Lappan requested information on how decisions made in Albany is affecting the students in Arlington. She suggested that this could be reviewed during the summer retreat.

**15) Organization Reports**

Dutchess County School Boards Association – Mrs. Lappan stated that the next meeting will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Lower Hudson Education Coalition

Mid-Hudson School Study Council

Statewide School Finance Consortium

New York State School Boards Association

National School Boards Association

**16) Superintendent Closing Remarks**

Dr. Lyons spoke about Jonathan Mueller, an Arlington graduate, who was tragically injured when he was struck by a drunk driver. Mr. Mueller speaks to the juniors and seniors to share his experiences of how drunk driving affected his life and his family.

**17) Board Reflections**

Mrs. Eraca thanked Mrs. Ogborn and Dr. Fister for the care they both gave the Eraca family when Mrs. Eraca was dealing with a health issue.

**18) Adjourn to Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Herr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the potential sale or lease of the Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie property. The motion was carried 8-1. Mr. McCormick recused himself due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to return to the regular meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

**19) Raymond Avenue Property**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Central School District has closed and vacated the Arthur S. May Elementary School Building at 25 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York, and there is no foreseeable future use for this property for school district purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has solicited offers for the purchase of the former school building and property and has received several offers for the purchase of such property with improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes that it is in the best interest of the School District to sell such building and property to \_\_\_\_\_, the party presenting the highest offer to purchase in accordance with Section 1804(6)(c) of the Education Law;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District declares the property located at 25 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York as surplus and of no further use to the School District and authorizes its sale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a binder agreement (if necessary) with \_\_\_\_\_, at a purchase price of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and further authorizes the Board President to execute a Contract of Sale with \_\_\_\_\_, upon approval of same by the School Attorney.

**20) Add New Resolution**

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to add a new resolution to the agenda. Motion was carried unanimously.

**21) New Resolution for the Raymond Avenue Property**

Motion by Mr. Shuttleworth, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following resolution. Motion was carried 8-1. Mr. McCormick recused himself due to conflict of interest.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education are the fiduciaries of the Arlington Central School District with the obligation to obtain the highest price for real property in the best interest of the school district as determined by the Board,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the School Attorney, that the Board hereby determines that a sealed bid process be conducted for the sale/lease of the former Arthur S. May school building located at 25 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY, with the bid opening to occur on or about June 5, 2015.

**22) Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Margie Flynn, District Clerk