

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
BEEKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MAY 9, 2017**

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

1) Call to Order

Open Meeting 6:30 pm

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

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

**4) Reading of the
District Mission** By Mrs. Herr

Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget

i) Open Public Budget Hearing

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to open the Public Budget Hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

ii) Public Comment on Public Budget Hearing

No public comment at this time.

iii) Close Public Budget Hearing

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Tornatore, to close the Public Budget Hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

iv) Return to Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to return to the regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

- 5) **Approval of the Agenda** Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 6) **Correspondence** None at this time.
- 7) **Public Comment** None at this time.
- 8) **Board President's Remarks** Mrs. Herr thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- 9) **Superintendent's Remarks** Dr. Lyons introduced Mr. Latvis, Principal of Beekman Elementary School. Mr. Latvis recognized Ms. Eileen Hartney, Teaching Assistant at Beekman Elementary School. Mr. Latvis explained that in January, Ms. Hartney was supervising her students during lunch when one of her students came up to her but couldn't speak and was not breathing. Ms. Hartney quickly used the Heimlich Maneuver. The child expelled the obstruction and began breathing properly. Mr. Latvis stated that he couldn't be more grateful and proud of Ms. Hartney for her quick response and professionalism. The Board and audience agreed with a standing ovation.
- 10) **Reports and Board Discussion Items**
- Choice Based Art – Ms. Thyberg, Ms. Delaguarra, Ms. Klass, and Mr. Benante**
Mr. Benante introduced the elementary art teachers. The teachers have engaged in a study, Choice Based Art, which has evolved and expanded in the last few school years. The Art Fair featured several examples of the Choice Based Art program. In the past two years, there has been a huge shift in the way art is being taught. The teachers went from teacher directed projects to a student directed, choice based curriculum. This transition has been accomplished through professional development, research, visits to choice based art classrooms outside of Arlington, and the support of their administrators. As a result, students now plan, create and reflect on their art making process. Each class begins with a mini-lesson which introduces essential skills, techniques, art style, art history and/or themes. The students then move to a station of their choice to work on their own art project. The art teachers ended their presentation with a wonderful video of the students in action.
- Professional Learning Communities Report – Mr. Latvis, Principal**
Mr. Latvis presented the annual Professional Learning Communities Report.

He spoke about their focus for the 2016-2017 school year. He explained their “scientific approach” to PLCs. The process of intervention and enrichment blocks was explained. Mr. Latvis reviewed the flex time experience and how it targets multiple content areas. Flex time allows experimenting with ideas for enrichment as well as extra help and involves students in the process. He also reviewed the process the PLC team uses as they reflect on areas of strength and growth.

Pre-K Program – Board Discussion

Mr. Benante provided the background for the difference between Universal Pre-K and Pre-K for all. Universal Pre-K would be state funded and limited to a specific number of students. Pre-K for all would include everyone and would be funded locally. Dr. Lyons pointed out the limitations to Pre-K for all. These include: classroom space, funding, transportation, and staffing. Mr. Bodnar inquired as to the will of the Board as to which direction the Advocacy Committee might take. If the Board is going to advocate, Dr. Lyons recommended Pre-K for all. After some discussion, the consensus was to continue the discussion when the full Board is present, possibly as a Retreat conversation.

Potential Donation of Land to the District – Mr. Sheldon

Mr. Sheldon gave an overview regarding a resident who is interested in donating about 11.5 acres of land to the school district. Mr. Sheldon reviewed some facts about the property and the process with the Board. The Board does not need a public vote to receive this donation, it can be accepted at any board meeting. The discussion among the board members concerned the opportunity to investigate the property. The District wants to make sure that the property has value, is in good standing, and does not have any environment issues. Mr. Sheldon has contacted an environmental firm and reported that it is slightly less than \$10,000 to investigate and survey the property. Providing a map without the full survey would cut the cost to \$5,000. Mr. Sheldon stated that there is no limited timeframe in which we need to make a decision. After Board discussion, the Board would like to move forward with the investigation minus the survey.

11) New Business

a) Computer Hardware, Software and Related Equipment IPA

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

Adoption of a resolution approving a contract with the Dutchess County BOCES for the acquisition of computer/technology hardware, software and related equipment through a four-year installment purchase agreement commencing in the 2017 - 2018 school year with a maximum total principal cost of \$600,000.00 and further that the Arlington Central School District will pay the Dutchess County BOCES through its regular monthly billing cycle over the four-year period to commence during the 2017 - 2018 school year.

b) End User Agreement – BoardDocs Pro

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the BoardDocs Pro End User Agreement with Emerald Data Solutions, Inc. (“Emerald”), and Erie 1 BOCES. The initial cost of this end user agreement is \$10,000. Training, administrative, and other miscellaneous expenses are estimated to be \$2,400 for a total approximate cost of \$12,400. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

c) County-Wide Shared Services Initiative

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin Sheldon as the District’s representative for the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.

d) Legal Defense and Indemnification - Approval

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 hereby approves the provision of a legal defense and indemnification in the case of Fasano v. Arlington CSD et al, 17-cv-02390 (NSR), 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 May 9, 2017.

12) Business Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes of the April 18th and April 25th Business Meetings and the April 18th Executive Session Minutes.

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>
Steven Corbett	Principal, Overlook Primary	7/15/17
Christine Jamin	Assistant Principal, Union Vale Middle	6/30/17
Melissa LaBare	Part-Time Contractual TA, Arthur S. May	6/5/17

ii) **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 Malone	Remedial Reading, Vail Farm Elementary	6/12/17-6/30/17

iii) **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>Overlook Primary School:</u>		
Teaching Assistant	Roseann Turner	Contractual Rate

iv) **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

Monet Halliday
Donna Lankard
Stephanie Rivera
Elizabeth Urena

Non-Certified Teachers

Danielle Christ
Ronald Johnson

Teaching Assistants

Soheli Azad
Eva Young

Home Tutor

Elizabeth Urena

Interpreters

Soheli Azad
Elizabeth Urena

v) **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>
Joyann Simmons	Bus Driver	6/21/17

vi) **Classified Resignation**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Paola Valencia Cano	Custodial Worker, Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate School	5/5/17

vii) Classified Change of Appointment Date

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amber Haan	Bus Monitor	4/19/17*
* Previously Board approved on 4/18/17		

viii) 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>
Paul Correa	Instructional Technology Specialist	\$54,000 (prorated)	6/5/17
Angela Metzler	Custodial Worker, Facilities	\$14.82/hr	5/15/17
Anthony Costanzo	Custodial Worker, Facilities	\$14.82/hr	5/15/17

ix) Classified 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 Maxon	Bus Driver	3/17/17-6/30/17

x) Arlington High School Turtle Research Interns

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to staff the 2017 AHS Blanding Turtle Research which runs from May 1, 2017 through July 3, 2017 at Arlington High School. (This program is self-funded through money won in The Lexus Environmental Competitions.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Lindsay Charlop	\$1,000
Sonia Limaye	\$800
Julia Pollack	\$600
Matthew Tibault	\$800

xi) **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.

Transportation

*Aimee O'Dell

*Carlos Maier

Clerical

Barbara Miuccio

Food Service

Mercedes Pereiro

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.

ii) **Consulting Services Agreement Renewal**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the renewal of an agreement between the District and Management Advisory Group Business Operations, Inc., to provide Medicaid billing services at the rate of \$13,659 payable in equal monthly installments for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

iii) **Consulting Services Agreement Renewal**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the renewal of an agreement between the District and Health Quest Urgent Medical Care Practice, P.C., for Medical Director and School Physician for student services at the rate of \$60,500 payable in equal monthly installments for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

d) **Approving Business and Finance Items**

i) **Internal Claims Audit Report for the Month of April 2017**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of April 2017, as submitted by the Internal Claims Auditor.

ii) **Donations**

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

For	Donated by	Donation
Titusville Intermediate School	TEG Federal Credit Union Elaine Lacy 1 Commerce Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	\$250 for Free Comic Book Day

Overlook Primary School	Grade Industrial Supply LLC 1486 Route 55 LaGrangeville, NY 12540	\$800 for Outdoor Classroom Kyle VanCoughnett's Eagle Scout Project
Traver Road Primary School	Dan Flannery and Paul Mashburn Peckham Industries, Dutchess Quarry 410 North Avenue Pleasant Valley, NY 12569	Cedar Fence – 70x23, 48” high, 4 sided Gate and Hardware
Arlington High School	Dufresne Nicolas Morgan Stanley Wealth Management 91 North Front Street Kingston, NY 12401	Two Office Desks Shelving

iii) Increase to Budget for the Purpose of Replacing School Bus #609 Damaged in an Accident

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following resolution in accordance with Chapter 818 of the Laws of 1982 which modified (§1709 subdivision (a) section (25) of Education Law):

WHEREAS, the Arlington Central School District (ACSD) already owned bus #609 for use by the Transportation Department to transport pupils residing within the District;

WHEREAS, this bus was damaged beyond repair in an accident that occurred on February 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board declares bus #609 surplus and authorizes its removal from inventory;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ACSD will increase the 2016 - 2017 budget code A5510.210.31.0000 in the amount of \$121,000 for the replacement of said bus with a new IC Propane Type C bus to be purchased in accordance with District policy.
2. The increase in budget will be funded by unanticipated revenues as follows:
Insurance Recovery/Transportation Auto A2680.05 in the amount of \$121,000.

Approving Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, 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

None at this time.

14) Committee Reports

Policy – Mr. McLeod stated that the next Policy Meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 4:00 pm, at the Central Administration Office.

Audit/Finance – None at this time.

Advocacy – Mr. Bodnar stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 8:00 pm, at the Central Administration Office.

15) Organization Reports

Dutchess County School Board Association – Mrs. Baxter stated the next meeting, regarding social media, is scheduled for June 1st at 7:00 pm at BOCES.

16) Superintendent Closing Remarks

Dr. Lyons thanked Dr. Corbett and Ms. Jamin for their strong leadership, and wished them well as they leave Arlington. He also reminded everyone to vote. He commented that the musical performance, *Oklahoma*, was outstanding. He also attended Arlington Education Foundation's first 5K where over 300 runners were in attendance. It was a very nice day. Proceeds of the 5K will support the STEAM initiatives.

17) Future Discussion Items

None at this time.

18) Board Reflections

Mrs. Fasulo attended the 2nd grade concert and thought it was very nice. She stated the music selection was wonderful and praised the District's music program. Mrs. Baxter attended the musical, *Oklahoma*, and thought it was amazing. Mrs. Herr attended the Honor Key Ceremony and found it impressive. Mr. Bodnar attended the Jazz Concert and enjoyed the music very much, especially the professionalism of the Jazz Machine. He also commented that the April Art Show was phenomenal.

19) Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Fasulo, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk