

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
NOXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MAY 12, 2015**

President Kelly Lappan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at Noxon Elementary School, 4 Old Noxon Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

1) **Call to Order**

***Open Meeting***          6:30 pm

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

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

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. (The public portion of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Mr. Rossi, 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. Eraca, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Shuttleworth. Board Member absent was Mr. McCormick. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Flynn-Brown, Mrs. Muenkel, and Mr. Sheldon.

4) **Reading of the  
District Mission**

By Mrs. Lappan

**a. Open Public Budget Hearing**

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to open the Public Budget Hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

**b. Public Comment on Public Budget Hearing**

No public comment at this time.

**c. Close Public Budget Hearing**

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

**d. Return to Regular Board Meeting**

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

**5) Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Eraca, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to modify the agenda to add a discussion item. The discussion item will follow the New Business section. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Eraca asked for a discussion item regarding Field Testing.

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Herr, to accept the agenda as modified. The motion was carried unanimously

**6) Correspondence**

No correspondence at this time.

**7) Public Comment**

There was an audience of approximately 55.

Mr. Vaughn Feighan, student, presented the Board of Education with a proposal to name the track after Coach Stephen Arnett. He stated that Coach Arnett has dedicated many seasons and has won numerous league and sectional titles. Mr. Feighan also had 1,600 signatures from students, faculty and staff in support of this proposal. Mr. Feighan stated that Coach Arnett shaped the lives of many students on the field as well as off the field. Several students and Dr. Irvin Miller, community member, also spoke in support of this proposal.

**8) Board President's Remarks**

Mrs. Lappan stated that it is very gratifying to see students work together to present this proposal to the Board. The Board of Education will have a discussion about this.

**9) Superintendent's Remarks**

Dr. Brendan Lyons thanked the PTA and Dr. Brady Fister for preparing and hosting the Board Meeting. Dr. Lyons announced that Ms. Barbara DeLong is the recipient of the Bus Driver of the Year award given by the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board. Dr. Lyons stated that Ms. DeLong is an excellent driver with an impeccable driving record.

**10) Reports and Board Discussion Items**

**Noxon Elementary School Professional Learning Communities Report – Dr. Brady Fister**

Dr. Brady Fister, Principal of Noxon Elementary School, thanked the PTA for hosting the meeting. He also thanked the community members and staff that

were in attendance, and the staff members who helped put the presentation together. Dr. Fister presented the Professional Learning Communities Report. Three teachers, Alicia Jazayeri, Sharon Mosden and Donna Piehler also helped in presenting. Dr. Fister stated that the teachers attended a summer workshop given by Dr. Dewey. He spoke about laying the foundation, shared vision, collective commitments, and shared values. The teachers reviewed goals, assessments, progress monitoring, and plans for intervention. Strategies and activities were also reviewed. Dr. Fister stated that the students have made great strides.

Dr. Fister thanked the Board Members for their service and commitment to the District. Mrs. Lappan stated that Dr. Fister will surely be missed when he retires after this school year.

11) **New Business**

a) **Board Policies: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education has reviewed the below Policies as a First Reading.

Policy	Policy Number
Student Data Breaches	7243
Recording of Board Meetings	1516
Public Participation at Board Meetings	1517
Quorum	1514
Special Meetings	1520

b) **Central Hudson Contract**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute an agreement with Central Hudson Gas & Electric for the construction and operation of a natural gas distribution system to five school buildings and the transportation garage, as provided to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said agreement shall be incorporated by reference into the minutes of this meeting.

c) **Field Testing Discussion**

Mrs. Eraca asked for clarity as it relates to Field Testing. Mr. Benante explained the state guidelines for Field Testing. Each year since the State Assessment Program began, school districts are selected to field test certain sections of the State Assessments.

12) **Business Consent Agenda**

a) **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approves the Minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting as written.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **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>
Christopher Olsen	Music, Arlington High School	6/30/15

ii) **Certified Appointment**

The Board of Education approves the following appointment:

<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>
Douglas Salvati	Temp. N-6 Elementary, Titusville Intermediate	M 01	\$55,353 (prorated)	3/16/15-6/30/15

iii) **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>
Heather Sloat	Special Education, Arthur S. May	5/20/15-1/3/16
Patricia Malone	Remedial Reading, Vail Farm Elementary/Beekman Elementary	6/2/15-6/30/15
Meghan Guzzo	Music, Noxon Road Elementary	6/9/15-6/30/15
Donna Hoag	PT Contractual TA, Overlook Primary	5/7/15-5/7/15

iv) **Certified Co-Curricular Appointments**

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

<b><u>Union Vale Middle School:</u></b>	
<b><u>Interscholastic:</u></b>	
Track - Spring, Co-assistant Coaches -	William Internicola, Maureen VanAckooy

v) **AIS Before & After School Program**

The Board of Education approves the following appointment:

**Titusville Intermediate School:**

Teacher	Joey Sutka	\$48/hour
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vi) **Student Activity Fund Stipend (Reimbursement funds raised through Student Activity Fund)**

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<b><u>Names</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Building</u></b>
Alyssa Calixto	Mardi Gras Cheerleading Competition Judge	\$200	Arlington High School
Christopher Olsen	Admiral Players Audition Accompanist	\$296	Arlington High School

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**

Nicole Maiorano  
Veronica Smith

**Non-certified Teacher**

Patrick Tierney

**Home Tutors**

Jill Basso  
Erin Johansen

viii) **Classified Resignation**

The Board of Education accepts the following resignation:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Alyce Speziale	Senior Typist, CAO	4/29/15

ix) **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>
Eileen Blazina	Administrative School Secretary, CAO	1/4/16
Cindy Penzetta	Cook Manager, Noxon Road Elementary	6/26/15

x) **Classified Appointments**

The Board of Education approves the following appointments:

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position</b></u>	<u><b>Salary</b></u>	<u><b>Effective</b></u>
Sheila Lewis-Merced	Custodial Worker, Traver Road Primary	\$14.02/hr.	5/13/15
Neil Floughton	Bus Monitor	\$11,907 (prorated)	5/13/15
Crystal Drummond	Custodial Worker, Beekman Elementary	\$14.02/hr.	5/13/15

*xi) Classified Leaves*

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

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Position</b></u>	<u><b>Effective</b></u>
Katrina Listwan	Senior Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	5/11/15-6/30/15

*xii) Classified Substitute*

The Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individual to the substitute list in the below category in the 2014-2015 school year:

**Food Service**

Zenaida Morocho

*xiii) Extension of Probationary Period*

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent and Board President are authorized to sign an Agreement extending the probationary term of the following employee number 10040525 for a twelve-month period ending August 22, 2016 as recommended by the Superintendent.

*c) Approving Special Services*

*i) CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements*

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

*ii) Special Education Sub-Committee Chairperson and Section 504 Building Committee:*

The Board of Education approves the following member for the Special Education Sub-Committee and Section 504 Building Committee:

Special Education Sub-Committee:

Union Vale Middle School      Chairperson - Michelle Bahn

Section 504 Building Committee:

Union Vale Middle School      Other Members - Michelle Bahn

**iii) Surrogate Parent**

The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following Surrogate Parent for the Committee on Special Education for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year:

MaryBeth Kaminsky

**d) Approving Business and Finance Items**

**i) Tax Certiorari Settlement – Hillside Terrace Associates, L.P. v. Town of Poughkeepsie**

The Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Hillside Terrace Associates, L.P. v. Town of Poughkeepsie and the Arlington CSD:

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

Hillside Terrace Associates, L.P. v. Town of Poughkeepsie  
6362-01-360898-0000

Tax Year	Original AV	Eq. Rate	Equalized MV (EMV Rounded)	Proposed AV	Proposed (EMV Rounded)	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2014	\$2,129,000	100.00	\$2,100,000	\$1,875,000	\$1,900,000	\$254,000	30.163213140	\$7,661.46

**ii) Obsolete Vehicles**

That the Board of Education approves the following list of vehicles as surplus/obsolete equipment and allows each to be offered in such a way so as to maximize the net proceeds of sale which may include a bona fide public sale preceded by adequate public notice.

Vehicle #	VIN #	Year	Make	Model	Condition
479	1GNFK16TX4R156051	2003	CHEVY	SUBURBAN	POOR
501	1GNEL19X03B143064	2003	CHEVY	ASTRO	POOR
M 508	1FDXE45FX1HB26949	2001	FORD	E450	POOR
M 423	1FDSE37F1WHA36243	1998	FORD	E350	POOR

**Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McLeod, 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**

Dr. Irvin Miller, resident, inquired about the financial impact and mandates that come from the State as a result of Field Testing. Mr. Dennis Maloney, resident, also shared concerns about Field Testing.

**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 the Central Administration Office.
Audit/Finance	No report at this time.
Advocacy	Mr. Shuttleworth, Chairperson, announced that the next meeting is May 19 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

**15) Organization Reports**

Dutchess County School Boards Association – Mrs. Baxter stated that the next meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Lower Hudson Education Coalition

Mid-Hudson School Study Council

Statewide School Finance Consortium

New York State School Boards Association

National School Boards Association

Mrs. Herr attended an all-day meeting at the New York State Council of Education Association. She offered to share her notes if anyone was interested.

**16) Superintendent Closing Remarks**

Dr. Lyons announced that the Night of Jazz will be performed on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the high school at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Mrs. Lappan stated that the Jazz Cabaret will be May 13<sup>th</sup>. She also encouraged everyone to vote.

**17) Board Reflections**

Mrs. Eraca thanked Dr. Fister for the concert held on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**18) Adjourn to Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Bodnar, seconded by Mrs. Herr, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was carried unanimously.



Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to return to the regular meeting at 9:01 pm.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

***19) Adjournment***

Motion by Mrs. Eraca, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:02 pm.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

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Margie Flynn, District Clerk