

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
UNION VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MAY 13, 2014**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Union Vale Middle School, 1657 E. Noxon Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540.

**1) Call to Order**

**Open Meeting          6:00 pm**

Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting in order to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, the employment history of a particular individual as well as confidential District security matters. The motion was carried unanimously.

**7:00 pm**

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to re-open the meeting.

A moment of silence for retirees, Andy Arenson and Charlotte Larson.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

- 3) **Roll Call**                      Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Eraca, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Shuttleworth. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Muenkel, and Ms. Zimmerman.

- 4) **Reading of the District Mission**      By Neil Martin

**Open Public Budget Hearing**              Motion by Mrs. Eraca, seconded by Mr. Shuttleworth, to open the Public Hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Presentation**                      Ms. Zimmerman gave an overview of the proposed 2014-2015 Educational Plan and Budget. She reviewed the three-part component budget, three-part budget overview, and the revenue distribution. Ms. Zimmerman also reviewed the propositions under consideration and options if the budget is defeated.

**Public Comment**                  None at this time.

***Close Public  
Budget Hearing***

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

***Return to Regular  
Board Meeting***

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to return to the regular Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

5) ***Board  
Communications***

Mrs. Lappan announced that the PTA Council Banquet is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. She also stated that the Dutchess County School Board Association is having a dinner on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

6) ***Public Comment***

Community member, Mr. Maloney, attended Candidates Night and stated that the Board's responsibility is to keep the constituencies informed.

Community member, Dr. Miller, spoke about an alternative he created as it relates to the Common Core. His website, [itmeansmath.com](http://itmeansmath.com), is designed to supplement what is being taught.

7) ***Superintendent/  
Board President  
Report***

Dr. Lyons thanked the PTA for the refreshments. Dr. Lyons paid tribute to Andy Arenson. Mr. Arenson discovered the Charlie Johnson story and also wrote "The History of Arlington." Mr. Arenson was also the founding father of the Lacrosse Program. He contributed so much and will be missed by many.

Mr. Scott Wood, Principal, thanked the PTA for the refreshments. Mr. Wood spoke about the upcoming student events. Some of these events are the Washington, D.C. trip as well as the induction of the National Jr. Honor Society students and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Medieval Times. Mr. Wood and several teachers gave a presentation about Inquiry-Based Learning and its process. They reviewed how this applies to the Arlington Mission and what it requires. A model of the Inquiry-Based Learning was demonstrated on a slide and shown how it is applied to instruction.

Student Government President, Jordan Ballantyne and Vice President, Brianna Ryan, presented the Student Government Report. Hope Spirit Week was a big success as well as the Junior Prom. They announced many upcoming events. The "Under the Ice" fund raiser project will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Arlington Aquarium. The Hope Car Show will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. On May 18<sup>th</sup> the Bobby J 5K will be held in honor of Mr. Bobby Jacovino and a trip to the Bronx Zoo on May 31<sup>st</sup> is scheduled. In addition, the Relay for Life will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the Senior Prom on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Lyons also stated that the Memorial Day Concert will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm honoring our Veterans.

Mr. Phil Benante gave a presentation regarding “Ensuring a Smooth Transition Update.” Building teams continue to meet and student transition activities have taken place at Union Vale Middle School and LaGrange Middle School. Mr. Benante reviewed the activities as it relates to social media, i.e. question boxes. Mr. Carmine Crisci gave an overview of the facilities planning, and he also reviewed the timeline for the move this summer. Both Mr. Benante and Mr. Crisci stated that they are on budget for the move. Mr. Benante also did a brief overview of the four year grade rate by subgroup and cohort.

Dr. Lyons attended a training course regarding safety in schools. Topics included lessons learned after Sandy Hook and how to get schools into a safer state quickly. Dr. Lyons stated that Arlington is on the right track. He felt that this was an excellent training.

Dr. Lyons asked the Board for their input regarding the Exit Poll and if the concept was acceptable. The Board agreed with the poll. Dr. Lyons explained that a box would be set up at a separate table at each polling location and the surveys would be filled out anonymously.

#### 8) **New Business**

##### a) **Memorandum of Agreement**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiators for the New York State Teaching Assistants’ Association and the District, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the terms of the July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2017 Collectively Negotiated Agreement with the New York State Teaching Assistants’ Association.

#### 9) **Workshop Consent Agenda**

##### a) **Accepting of Minutes**

The Board of Education approve the Minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> business meeting.

##### b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

##### i) **Certified Resignations**

The Board of Education accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Robin Zimmerman	Assistant Superintendent for Business, Central Administration Office	Other employment	6/30/14
John Jacobs	Mathematics, LaGrange Middle	Personal	8/31/14
Rebecca Mauriello	Special Education, Jos. D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate	Personal	8/31/14

ii) **Certified Elimination of Position**

The Board of Education accept the following elimination of position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Peter Amen	PT Contractual TA, Overlook Primary	As per CSE	4/12/14

iii) **Certified Retirements**

The Board of Education accept the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Heidemarie Moore	.2 Foreign Language and .4 Sp. Ed., Arlington High	6/30/14
Donald Dingee	Mathematics, Arlington Middle	6/30/14
David Whalen	Elementary, Arthur S. May	6/30/14

iv) **Certified Appointment**

The Board of Education approve the following appointment: An asterisk (\*) before the name of any individual below indicates that the appointment is conditional pending clearance for employment by the Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cindy Torrellas	Temp. School Psychologist, Overlook Primary & Titusville Intermediate	M 01	\$55,353 (prorated)	5/5/14*

\*Assignment extended to end 5/5/14 instead of 5/1/14 as previously board approved on 3/25/14.

v) **Student Activity Fund Stipend (Reimbursement funds raised through Student Activity Fund)**

The Board of Education approve the following appointments:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School</u>
Marc Ouimet	Ski Club	\$222	High School
Tara DiCorcia	Ski Club	\$148	High School
Tiffany Brown	Cheerleading Mardi Gras Judge	\$200	High School

vi) **Certified Substitutes**

The Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individuals to the substitute list in the below categories in the 2013-2014 school year:

**Teachers**

Mary Anne Enea

**Teaching Assistants**

Corinne Polocko

Kimberly Childs

vii) **Classified Retirement**

The Board of Education approve the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Andrew Steiner	Custodial Worker, Overlook Primary	6/30/14

c) **Approving Special Services**

i) **Election Inspector**

The Board of Education appoint the following named qualified voter of the Arlington Central School District as election personnel for the vote on May 20, 2014. Election Inspector's rate of pay is \$12.50/hr.

**Overlook**

Roseanne Turner

d) **Approving Consent Agenda**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Consent Items 9a through 9c.

9) **Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (3 minutes per speaker)**

Dr. Miller stated he was opposed to the recommended survey.

10) **Committee Reports/Board Reflections**

2013-2014 Board Committees:

- Mr. McLeod announced that the next Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Central Administrative Offices.
- Mrs. Lappan stated she would like to schedule the next Health Insurance Committee Meeting for June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Lappan announced that the next Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

***11) Adjournment***

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

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**Margie Flynn, District Clerk**