

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEEKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MAY 27, 2014**

President Neil Martin 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

Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Eraca, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Rossi. Also present were Dr. Lyons, Mr. Benante, Mrs. Donegan, Mrs. Muenkel, and Ms. Zimmerman.

Motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular contractual and personnel matters as well as confidential District security matters. The motion was carried unanimously.

7:10 pm

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to re-open the Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

4) Reading of the District Mission By Neil Martin

5) Board Communications None at this time.

6) Public Comment There was an audience of approximately 35.
No comment at this time.

**7) Superintendent/
Board President
Report**

Dr. Lyons introduced Mrs. Kathleen Lowell, Principal of Beekman Elementary School. Mrs. Lowell's presentation highlighted how Common Core is integrated with ELA and math in the special areas, i.e. music, physical education, art and library. One example given was using math to convert steps into miles.

The District Clerk reported the upcoming events for June, 2014.

Dr. Lyons reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Remembrance event will take place on June 1st at 3:00 pm to honor our veterans. The event will be held at Arlington High School.

Mr. Benante followed up on the Board resolution regarding state and local assessments. The Board approved the resolution at the March 24, 2014 business meeting. Mr. Benante spoke about an excerpt from the resolution "Our curriculum will never support 'teaching to the test' at the expense of students' continuing classroom educational experience." He reviewed guidance to teachers, test preparation, and the article entitled, "Beyond the Five-Paragraph Essay."

Ms. Zimmerman gave a presentation on school resource officers. She reviewed the role of the school resource officer, prevention and the first line of defense. She also reviewed the building coverage and how the school resource officers' presence has enhanced the school environment. Mrs. Roberto, Arlington High School House Principal, spoke about the positive rapport the officer has with the students. He provides counseling in a proactive way. Mr. Dan Shornstein spoke on behalf of school resource officers in elementary and middle school buildings. He stated the officers are supportive of the students and what a wonderful asset they are to all the buildings.

Mr. Steven Tinkelman, Tinkleman Bros. Development Corporation reported to the Board on the Van Wagner/Springside Tax Pilot Presentation. Mr. Todd Tancredi, Poughkeepsie Town Supervisor, and Mr. Eric Hollman, Poughkeepsie Town Planner were also in attendance. Mr. Tinkleman is proposing to bring a new project to the Arlington area. He referred to filling the vacant spots in the "Arlington Town Center." He is proposing a 15 year pilot project. The three individuals reviewed details about the project explaining the plans to redevelop the area. They need the school district's approval to move forward with this project. The Board Members discussed and asked questions. Ms. Zimmerman reviewed how the pilot effects the tax cap and tax levy.

Ms. Zimmerman reviewed the county's intent to run two levels of exemptions as it relates to the Veteran's tax exemption. The Board discussed and asked Ms. Zimmerman to report back on two data points.

Dr. Lyons thanked the community for passing the budget. He welcomed the Board's new Board Member, Pauline Herr. He also congratulated the employees receiving tenure and Ms. Donna Flynn-Brown, newly appointed Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services.

8) **New Business**

a) **Canvass of Votes**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Canvass of Votes for the May 20, 2014 Election.

Canvass of Votes	Yes	No
Proposition I – Budget	2,220	1,189
Proposition II – Bus	2,180	1,218
Proposition III – Health & Safety	1,993	1,393

b) **Pilot Agreement**

Motion by Mrs. Eraca, seconded by Mrs. Lappan, to replace the following resolution with the one that follows. The motion was carried 8-0-1. Mr. Steve Rossi abstained due to conflict of interest.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Build Parcel Three, LLC, and Build Parcel Four, LLC, are applying to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency for financial assistance for a new project located in the Town of Poughkeepsie, New York on: tax parcels: 6161-08-838906-0000, 6161-08-841910-0000, 6161-08-809927 and 6161-08-845933; New York State Department of

Transportation (“DOT”) parcels M230-P264, M230-P265, M269-P313, M231-P266, M241-P279, and M235-P270; and a .07 acre strip (currently owned by the Town of Poughkeepsie) on Springside Avenue bounded by the DOT property and tax parcel 6161-08-821910, and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance includes a request for a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement which will provide a fifteen (15) year sliding scale tax abatement on the properties which will decline from 50% in year one to 5% in year fifteen (15), and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Central School District supports the request of the property owners for the aforementioned financial assistance and tax relief,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District (“ACSD”) support the application of Build Parcel III, LLC, and Build Parcel IV, LLC, for financial assistance, including the sliding scale declining abatement Payment In Lieu of Tax (“PILOT”) Agreement as described above, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to document and convey to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency the ACSD’s support for the aforementioned application and financial assistance.

Revised Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, Build Parcel Three, LLC, and Build Parcel Four, LLC, (the “Developers”) are applying to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (the “IDA”) for financial assistance for a new project located in the Town of Poughkeepsie, New York on: tax parcels: 6161-08-838906-0000, 6161-08-841910-0000, 6161-08-809927 and 6161-08-845933; New York State Department of Transportation (“DOT”) parcels M230-P264, M230-P265, M269-P313, M231-P266, M241-P279, and M235-P270; and a .07 acre strip (currently owned by the Town of Poughkeepsie) on Springside Avenue bounded by the DOT property and tax parcel 6161-08-821910, and

WHEREAS, the financial assistance includes a request for a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement which will provide a fifteen (15) year

sliding scale tax abatement on the properties which will decline from 50% in year one to 5% in year fifteen (15), and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Central School District supports in theory the request of the property owners for the aforementioned financial assistance and tax relief, and

WHEREAS, the specific terms of the PILOT have yet to be determined, and

WHEREAS, the IDA has agreed to provide to the ACSD, prior to finalization of the PILOT, a copy of the PILOT and the IDA Lease Agreement with the Developers for review and to invite material comment from the ACSD on these documents,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District (“ACSD”) support the application of the Developers, for financial assistance, including the sliding scale declining abatement Payment In Lieu of Tax (“PILOT”) as described above, subject to the ACSD’s review and approval of the specific terms of the PILOT Agreement between the Developers and the IDA prior to the finalization of the PILOT; and

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to document and convey to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency the ACSD’s support for the aforementioned application and financial assistance as set forth in this resolution.

c) **Approve Contract with DC BOCES for IPA for Computer/Technology Hardware/Software**

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

The Board of Education adopt 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 2014/15 school year with a maximum total principal cost of \$650,000.00 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 2014-15 school year.

9) **Business Consent Agenda**

a) **Approval of Minutes**

None at this time.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **Certified Resignation**

The Board of Education accept the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Takisha Reid	Science, Arlington High	Other employment	6/30/14

ii) **Certified Appointments**

The Board of Education approve the following appointments: 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>
Donna Flynn-Brown	Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Location: Central Administration	
Tenure Area: Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services	
Certification & Status: School District Administrator, Permanent Certificate	
Beginning date of Probation: July 1, 2014	
End date of probation: June 30, 2017	
Salary: \$150,000	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Andrew Sheldon	Temp. Health, LaGrange Middle	B 01	\$51,452 (prorated)	3/14/14 – 6/30/14

iii) **Certified Leaves**

The Board of Education approve the following paid leaves of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Maeghan Schmitt	Sp. Ed., Arlington High	4/2/14 – 6/16/14
Lori Mandy	N-6 Elementary, Vail Farm Elementary	5/23/14*
*Originally approved on 4/22/14 agenda as an unpaid day on 5/23/14. This action changes it to a paid day.		

iv) **Certified Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Appointments**

The Board of Education approve the following appointments paid in accordance with the ATA contract:

Arlington High School:

Interscholastic:

Crew - Boys Varsity Assistant Coach - Ryan Washburn

Arlington Middle School:

Co-curricular:

Musical Director, Spring Musical - Kristen Way
Musical Co-assistant Directors, Spring Musical - Christine Oberrieth, Christopher Slattery, Kristen Way

v) **Tenure**

The Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to grant tenure to the following individuals in their respective tenure areas:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Gregory Brown	Assistant Principal	7/13/14
Brian Hogaboom	Assistant Principal	7/13/14
Melissa Meneses-Tirado	English as a Second Language	3/5/14
Christie Boydston	Special Education	9/1/14
Marcia Brant	Special Education	9/1/14
Maureen Frischknecht	N-6 Elementary	9/1/14
Amanda Gibbons	Foreign Language	9/1/14
Eva Mimran	Music	9/1/14
Mary Beth Neils	School Psychologist	9/1/14
Christina Powers	Remedial Speech	11/21/14
Kathleen Spinelli	Special Education	9/1/14
Kylie Urso	School Psychologist	9/1/14
Kimberly Van Voorhis	N-6 Elementary	9/1/14
Peter Ziemins	Technical Education	9/1/14

vi) **Arlington Continuing Education Driver Education Program - Summer**

The Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individual to teach in the self-funded 2014 Arlington Summer Driver Education Program:

Name	Rate
JoAnn Woods	\$1,152 per session (\$48/hour)

vii) 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

Jonathan Pai

Interpreter

Debra Arroyo

viii) Classified Resignation

The Board of Education approve the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patricia Worthy	Food Service Helper, Arlington Middle	Personal	5/1/14

ix) Classified Termination

The Board of Education approve the following termination:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Maryann Gardner	Bus Monitor	Civil Service Law §73	4/7/14

x) Classified Appointments

The Board of Education approve the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Gary Masters	Bus Driver	\$17,093 (prorated)	6/1/14
Emmanuel Singleton	Bus Driver	\$17,093 (prorated)	6/1/14

xi) Classified Leaves

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patricia Scanlan	Custodial Worker, Arlington Middle	Medical	12/3/13 - 4/30/14
Ellen Guido	Bus Driver	Family Medical	1/21/14 - 4/17/14
Carl Sassaman	Bus Driver	Date change	2/24/14 - 4/8/14 *
*Originally approved on 4/22/14 agenda with an ending date of 4/11/14			

xii) Classified 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: 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

Eleanor Greco
Nancy Sokolewicz
Joan Cox

d) Approving Special Services

i) CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements

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

ii) 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.

Arthur S. May School
Amanda Miranda

iii) Machine Trained Inspector

The Board of Education appoint the following named qualified voter of the Arlington Central School District as Machine Trained Inspector, rate of pay is \$200.00 for the full day.

Noxon Elementary School
Donna Herbst

e) Approving Business and Finance Items

i) Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2014

The Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2014.

ii) **Budget Appropriation Transfers for the months of March 2014**

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

Budget Appropriation Transfers	
March 2014	
2013/2014 General Fund	
<i>Schedule Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9	\$183,679.49

iii) **Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of April 2014**

The Board of Education accept the internal claims audit report for the month of April 2014, as submitted by Sandy Martino, Internal Claims Auditor.

iv) **Donations**

The Board of Education accept the following donations:

For	Donated by	Items Donated/Use	Amount
Titusville Intermediate School	Anonymous	To fund ESL Field Trip to Catskill Animal Sanctuary.	\$600.00
Vail Farm Elementary School	Vail Farm PTA	15 Epson Document Cameras for classroom use.	\$2,895.00

v) **Health & Welfare Services Contracts**

The Board of Education approve Health & 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	\$819.26	\$819.26
Lakeland Central School District	2	\$968.84	\$1,937.68
Total			\$2,756.94

vi) **Tax Certiorari Settlement**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Page Five LLC v. Town of Poughkeepsie;

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

Grid #6162-19-692147-0000 - 126 Innis Avenue

Tax Years	Original AV	Proposed AV	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2013	\$430,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$100,000.00	0.288054	\$2,880.54

vii) **Cooperative Bid for Diesel Fuel and Kerosene with Clarkstown Central School District**

The Board of Education approve the cooperative bid through Clarkstown Central School District for diesel fuel and kerosene, as awarded to East River Energy Inc. for differential price of .0187 for Premium Diesel and 0.25 for Kerosene, for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

viii) **Extraclassroom Activity Quarterly Report**

The Board of Education accept the Extraclassroom 3rd Quarter Financial Report as presented by Christine Futyma, Jr. Accountant, to conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

ix) **Extraclassroom Activity Purpose Statements**

The Board of Education approve the following Extraclassroom Activities:

Arlington High School
Girls Learn International

x) **Health & Welfare Services Fee Calculation**

The Board of Education hereby establish the 2013-2014 Health & Welfare Services Fee at the amount of \$564.20 per pupil.

10) Approving Consent Agenda

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the Consent Items 9a. through 9d.

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

None at this time.

12) Committee Reports/Board Reflections

2013-2014 Board Committees:

- Mr. McLeod announced that the Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for June 17th has been cancelled and rescheduled for June 26th at 6:30 pm.
- Mrs. Lappan stated that the next Health Insurance Committee Meeting will be held on June 24th at 6:00 pm.
- Mrs. Lappan stated that the next Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting will be held on June 26th at 7:30 pm. Mrs. Lappan also announced that the New York State School Board Association will be having their convention October 26-28, 2014 in New York City.

13) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.
The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk