

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OCTOBER 8, 2013**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Noxon Elementary School, 4 Old Noxon Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. 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 Mr. Benante, Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Muenkel, Mrs. Rafalik and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 75.

Call to Order

Open Meeting 7:00 p.m.

***Reading of the
District Mission*** By Neil Martin

***Board
Communications*** None at this time.

Public Comment Concerned parents spoke about the proposed change from Section I to Section IX, and how this would affect the athletes, specifically Cross Country and Track.

There was also a parent that expressed her concerns regarding the use of free time for Teacher Assistants.

***Superintendent/
Board President
Report*** Dr. Lyons thanked Dr. Fister for hosting the meeting. Dr. Fister welcomed board members, Dr. Lyons, Administration and the public to the meeting. Dr. Fister stated that Noxon is off to a great start and how the mission statement is being implemented through the ESL program. Ms. Sue Baichwal and Ms. Melissa Tirado, both ESL teachers, gave a presentation reviewing the ESL strategies and instructional program as well as the acquisition activities and how objects are used to help direct students. Ms. Alicia Jazayeri and Ms. Donna Piehler gave a presentation regarding the Reading Partners Program. The teachers stressed how important communication is and samples of activities were given.

Ms. Jordan Ballantyne, Student Government President, gave a report to the Board. She stated that the Freshman had a very successful orientation. Fall sports are up and running. The students held the first Senior Breakfast. Spirit week will lead into Homecoming and

the annual food drive. Homecoming takes on a whole new meaning this year. The name has been changed to Homecoming Fest, and rather than a dance, there will be a bonfire after the football game.

Mr. Goddard, Athletic Director, was present for the Section IX discussion. Suggestions were made to survey parents and to have a Question and Answer on the website. The Board has requested more information.

Mr. Phil Benante, Deputy Superintendent, gave a Strategic Plan Update. He is seeking to put in place a measurement and evaluation system for our strategic objectives. He also reviewed the process that has been put in place as well as the assessment protocols. Board Members had a dialogue with Mr. Benante regarding the measurement of success.

Ms. Dawn Galente, Director of Math, Science, and Engineering, gave a 6-8 Math Textbook presentation. She spoke about the rationale and recommendation. She reviewed the process and implementation. She also spoke about how the committee made their choice based on the very strong alignment with the common core and it being at the lower end of the cost.

Mr. Neil Martin stated that during the budget process the Board will review the benefits of continued Board membership in various associations. Mrs. Jennifer Eraca attended a Round Table Discussion. Board Members around the state requested to speak to the Commissioner. Ms. Eraca reported on what was discussed. There were concerns shared regarding GAP elimination, funding, and excessive testing. She also shared her observations.

8) New Business

- a) Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education has completed a 2nd reading and adopts the policies listed below:

Policy	ERIE Number
Duties of District Clerk	1331

Duties of School District Treasurer	1332
Duties of Tax Collector	1333
Hall of Fame	7431

9) **Workshop Consent Agenda**

a) **Accepting of Minutes**

The Board of Education approve the Minutes of the September 10th Workshop Meeting, September 17th Special Meeting, and September 24th Business Meeting.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i) **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>
Carrie Erish	Hr. TA, Overlook	PTH 1	\$11.33/hr.	10/9/13

ii) **Certified Substitutes**

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

Teachers

Susan Grega
Robert Chasse

Teaching Assistants

Susan Grega
Linda Cunningham
Kerry Kennett
Fran Ocasio
Andrea Perry
Jennifer Simmons

Interpreter

Diana Reyes

Home Tutors

Patricia Loomis
Robert Chasse

iii) **Classified Appointment**

The Board of Education approve the following appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kathy Poponiak	.2 FTE Library Clerk, TIS	\$16.27/hr	10/9/13

c) **Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. McLeod, 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)**

Concerned parents spoke about the possible change to Section IX.

10) **Committee Reports/Board Reflections**

2013-2014 Board Committees:

- Mr. McLeod announced the change of Policy Committee Meetings. They are now scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Administration Office.
- Mr. Rossi stated that the Audit Committee met. The committee reviewed the 2012-2013 draft financial statements.
- Mr. Rossi also stated the Recalibration Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 16th at 6:00 pm at Central Administration Office.
- Mrs. Lappan stated that the Health Committee has not met yet.
- Mrs. Lappan announced the change of the Legislative Committee Meetings to the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at Central Administration Office.

11) **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, second by Mr. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk