

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

President Steve Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Central Administration Office, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

**1) Call to Order**

***Open Meeting***        7:00 pm

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

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

**4) Reading of the District Mission**

By Mr. Rossi

**5) Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Dr. Eraca, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

**6) Correspondence**

None at this time.

**7) Public Comment**

There were approximately 40 people in attendance. Several residents spoke in favor of the Veterans' Tax Exemption.

**8) Board President's Remarks**

Mr. Rossi welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that he, Mrs. Herr, Dr. Lyons, Dr. Fanuele, and Mr. Carroll visited Mrs. Bellino's civics class. It was a great experience. The students asked very good, probing questions and they found the class to be very interesting and informative.

**9) Superintendent's Remarks**

Dr. Lyons thanked the Vail Farm Elementary School community for their hospitality. Dr. Lyons will be conducting school visits to all the buildings throughout the school year. His next visit will be to Noxon Elementary School. Dr. Lyons announced the football team will be playing their first playoff game

on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They will be playing Mt. Vernon. The football team is undefeated with a record of 6-0. He also stated that the Arlington Education Foundation has a funding raiser scheduled for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, called Restaurant Day. Many local restaurants are participating. If you eat in those restaurants on that day, they will donate 15% of the check to the Arlington Education Foundation. More information can be found at [www.aefny.org](http://www.aefny.org).

**10) Reports and Board  
Discussion Items**

**State Assessment Results – Mr. Philip Benante**

Mr. Benante reviewed the annual report on the NYS Assessment results. Mrs. Galente and Mrs. Brown also reported on their respective areas. Mr. Benante stated that the state may be going through a period of transition. He has seen some changes at the state level with respect to these exams that may influence more community support in the years ahead. The State Education Department has been candid in acknowledging that there is public concern around the amount of time students spend taking state assessment tests as well as the implications of the assessment system, teacher evaluation and principal evaluation. The results of the ELA and Math testing were reviewed. Mr. Benante reviewed the next steps and what to expect moving forward.

**Veterans' Partial Tax Exemption, updated calculations –Mr. Kevin Sheldon**

Mr. Sheldon gave an updated presentation with the most accurate data and information regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption. He stated that he has spent much time working with the representatives of the veterans' group and the Dutchess County Office of Real Property Tax. He reviewed the topics to discuss including the 2016-2017 data, new law to add Cold War Veterans', next steps, key dates, and a couple of samples of the impacts on veterans and non-veteran taxpayers.

The Board Members discussed their options and seven Board Members were in agreement to move forward with a Public Hearing. A tentative date of November 29<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon. The Public Hearing would start at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Special Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**11) New Business**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to extend the meeting to 9:15 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

The Board of Education acknowledged that it has reviewed the below policies as a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Policy	Policy Number
School District and Board of Education Legal Status and Authority	1110
Board of Education: Qualifications, Numbers, and Terms of Office	1120
Candidates and Campaigning	1215
Resignation and Dismissal	1230
Annual District Meeting and Election/Budget Vote	1610
Annual Organizational Meeting	1620
Legal Qualifications of Voters at School District Meetings	1630
Absentee Ballots	1640
Submission of Questions and Propositions at the Annual Meeting and Election and Special District Meetings	1650
Employee Health Insurance	6510

**b) Acting Assistant Principal**

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 approves the appointment of Anthony Celenza as Acting Assistant Principal of Arlington High School commencing on October 17, 2016, and ending on or about February 3, 2017. Mr. Celenza will serve in the position with a personal services contract executed by the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of Education. Mr. Celenza's per diem rate of pay will be \$500.

**c) Settlement Agreement**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement Agreement with Employee No. 128006 dated October 3, 2016, as

presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of this Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**12) Business Consent Agenda**

**a) Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approves the Minutes of the September 27<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.

**b) Approving Personnel Agenda**

**i) Certified Appointments**

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

<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>
John Timm	Acting House Principal, Arlington High School	HP 03	\$109,464 (prorated)	10/17/16 - 2/5/17
Angela Fumo	Part-Time Contractual Teaching Assistant, LaGrange Middle	H 02	\$15,308 (prorated)	10/28/16
Elaine Watton	Part-Time Contractual Teaching Assistant, Vail Farm Elementary	H 01	\$14,215 (prorated)	10/13/16

**ii) Certified Change of Appointment Date**

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

<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>
Rita Roman	0.8 FTE Foreign Language, LaGrange Middle	M 02	\$47,483 (prorated)	10/31/16-6/30/17*
*previously Board approved on 9/27/16				

**iii) Certified Leave**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following unpaid leave of absence:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Sally Nicholas	Health Aide, Vail Farm Elementary	9/6/16-9/27/16

**iv) Certified Leave Correction**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following correction of unpaid leave start date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patricia Schaaf	Teaching Assistant, Arlington High School	9/21/16-9/21/16*
*previously Board approved on 9/27/16		

v) **Certified Co-Curricular Appointments**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following co-curricular appointments:

**Arlington High School**

Interscholastic:

Athletic Director Support Liaison - Winter -	Colleen Napora
Basketball - Boys Freshman Head Coach -	Jesse Borle
Basketball - Boys JV Assistant Coach, Volunteer -	Austin Crittenden
Basketball - Boys JV Head Coach -	Christopher Lucia
Basketball - Boys Varsity Assistant Coach -	Ernest Verdis
Basketball - Boys Varsity Head Coach -	Matthew Hoyt
Basketball - Boys Varsity Assistant Coaches, Volunteers -	James Feicht, Darrell Flynn
Basketball - Girls JV Head Coach -	Sarah Mesuch
Basketball - Girls Varsity Head Coach -	Kimberly Costello
Bowling - Head Coach -	James Golding
Cheerleading - JV Coach, Winter -	Danielle Camporese
Cheerleading - Varsity Coach, Winter -	Naisha Morales
Fencing - Head Coach -	William Barnhart
Swimming - Boys Varsity Assistant Coach -	Pamela Terwilliger
Swimming - Boys Varsity Head Coach -	Ron Terwilliger
Track - Boys Winter Assistant Coach -	Michael Rubin
Track - Boys Winter Head Coach -	Stephen Arnett
Track - Girls Winter Assistant Coach -	Diana Lucas
Track - Girls Winter Head Coach -	Brian Powers
Weight Training, Winter -	Michael P. Morano
Wrestling - JV Head Coach -	John Bautochka
Wrestling - Varsity Head Coach -	Fred Perry
Wrestling - Varsity Assistant Coach -	David Grafmuller
Wrestling - Varsity Assistant Coaches, Volunteers -	Norman Dean, Anthony Stewart

**LaGrange Middle School**

Interscholastic:

Wrestling - Assistant Coach -	Joseph Sullivan
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Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Math Counts -	Angelina Vazquez
Detention Supervisor 2 -	Caroline Cave

**Arthur S. May Elementary School**

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Girls Empowered to be Motivated and Successful (GEMS) Volunteer -	Nyhisha Gibbs
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**Overlook Primary School****Co-curricular:**

Club Advisor - Lego -

Genna Hanson

**Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate School****Co-curricular:**

Club Advisor - Drill Team -

Diane Sizemore

Club Advisor - Maker Morning -

Hildegard Cioffi

Club Co-advisors - Bucket Brigade -

Stephanie Deickler, Danielle Smith

Club Co-advisors - Walking -

Kristin Angevine, Darren Kittle, Barbara

Roberts-Kurdziel, Kristen Stephan

**vi) ENL Homework Center Program: (funded through Federal Title III LEP Aid funds)****BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments:**Arthur S. May School:**

Coordinator	Alice Estevez	\$500/year
Teacher	Alice Estevez	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistant	Christine O'Connell	Contractual Rate
Substitute Teachers	Debra Muenzler-Romeo, Kimberlee Vallo	\$48/hour
Substitute Teaching Assistants	Kathleen Drohan, Melissa LaBare, Sandy Lewis, Jennifer Nathanson	Contractual Rate

**Noxon Road Elementary School:**

Coordinator	Melissa Meneses-Tirado	\$500/year
Teachers	Tara Gilliard, Melissa Meneses-Tirado	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistants	Susan Carroll, Maureen King, Susan Lake, Theresa Wechsler	Contractual Rate
Substitute Teachers	Maureen Frischknecht, Juliet Menasche	\$48/hour

**Overlook Primary School:**

Coordinator	Lily Cheung	\$500/year
Teachers	Jeanne Buckley, Damian Kortan	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistants	Ellen Fincham, Theresa Hughes	Contractual Rate
Substitute Teacher	Lily Cheung	\$48/hour

**Titusville Intermediate School:**

Coordinator	Allison Lauchaire	\$500/year
Teachers	Allison Lauchaire, Gina Mucci	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistants	Terri Rzodkiewicz, Wendy Wolfe	Contractual Rate
Substitute Teacher	MaryAnn McCabe, Beth Plotsky	\$48/hour
Substitute Teaching Assistants	Donna Wright, Sahar Elsamra	Contractual Rate

**Traver Road Primary School/Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate School (Shared Program):**

Coordinator	Kerry McCarthy	\$500/year
Teacher	Kerry McCarthy	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistants	AnnMarie Motlow, Raghda Rabadi-Cahill	Contractual Rate
Substitute Teacher	Danielle Smith	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistant Substitute	Gail Rau	Contractual Rate

**vii) Arlington Blended Learning Educational (ABLE) Lab**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following Teaching Assistant for the Arlington Blended Learning Education Lab:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eleanor Greco	Teaching Assistant	Contractual Rate

**viii) Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following rate of pay for independent contractors for the 2016/2017 school year for the service listed below:

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) Rate  
IEP Mandated Consultation: \$57.37/hr

**ix) Continuing Education Fall Program Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following individuals to teach in the 2016 self-funded Fall Continuing Education Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Pamela Frye	\$768/course

**x) Continuing Education Full Year Program Staff**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following individual to teach in the 2016-2017 self-funded Continuing Education Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Joann Woods	\$1,200/course

**xi) Certified Substitutes - Continuing**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments of individuals to continue in the substitute lists in the below categories in the 2016-2017 school year:

**Non-Certified Teacher**

Regina Mezzone

**Teaching Assistant**

Regina Mezzone

**Home Tutor**

Laura Bracken

xii) **Certified Substitutes**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments of individuals to the substitute lists in the below categories in the 2016-2017 school year:

**Certified Teachers**

Beth Anderson  
Elise Caroompas

**Teaching Assistants**

Elise Caroompas  
Elisa Gambino

xiii) **Classified Rescindment of Appointment**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the following rescindment of appointment:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Roderick Armstrong	Bus Driver	10/1/16*
*previously Board approved on 9/27/16		

xiv) **Classified Resignations**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Kimberly Christian	Bus Driver/Custodial Worker	9/23/16
Kathleen Calogero	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	10/14/16
Joseph Lawrence	Bus Driver/Custodial Worker	10/11/16
Anthony Miller	Bus Driver	10/11/16
Cesar Iaconetti	Custodial Worker, Traver Road Elementary	10/3/16

xv) **Classified Retirements**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that 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>
Anna Santilli	Typist, Central Administration Office	10/30/16
Mirta Vazquez	Bus Monitor	10/30/17

xvi) **Student Technology Intern Helper**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following temporary appointment:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Devon Ashley	Student Technology Intern Helper	\$9/hr	10/13/16-12/31/16

*xvii) Classified Termination*

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amy Muscat	Bus Driver	9/9/16

*xviii) 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>
Crystal Drummond	Custodial Worker, Vail Farm Elementary	\$32,668 (prorated)	10/12/16
Kimberly Christian	Bus Driver	\$26,512 (prorated)	9/26/16
Anthony Miller	Bus Monitor	\$15,230 (prorated)	10/13/16
Joseph Lawrence	Bus Monitor	\$17,382 (prorated)	10/13/16
Derek Frederick	Bus Driver/Automotive Mechanic Helper	\$29,721 (prorated)	10/13/16
Raymond Grizzard	Bus Driver/Automotive Mechanic Helper	\$29,721 (prorated)	10/13/16
*Deborah Gale	Bus Monitor	\$12,307 (prorated)	10/17/16
*Jill Palmiotti	Microcomputer System Specialist, Central Administration Office	\$48,000 (prorated)	10/31/16

\*Pending fingerprint clearance

*xix) Classified Change of Date for Leave of Absence*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following change of date for unpaid leave of absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joseph Lawrence	Bus Driver/Custodial Worker	9/19/16-10/12/16*
*previously Board approved on 9/13/16		

*xx) Classified Substitutes*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following appointments of individuals to the substitute list in the below categories in the 2016-2017 school year:

**School Monitor**

Barbara Kressman

**Transportation**

Kevin Gross

Drew Barry

Wendy Fisk

**Food Service**

Dana Bishop

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) **Independent Evaluators/Service Providers**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves these additional rates for the following independent evaluators/service providers for the 2016/17 school year:

Augmentative Communication Evaluations  
and Assistive Technology Evaluations

Westchester Institute of Human  
Development \$25 for travel fee

Outside Provider Services

HTA of New York \$93-\$117 per session for OT, PT & speech therapy  
\$205 per session for OT, PT & speech evaluation  
\$50-\$90 per session for consult for related services  
(OT, PT & speech)  
\$98 per hour for related service facility (at school)  
(OT, PT & speech)  
\$100 per hour for ABA services/special education,  
teachers of the deaf, blind & visually impaired  
\$70-\$150 per session for parent training/counseling  
\$335 for psychological evaluation  
\$42 per hour for teaching assistant

d) **Approving Business and Finance Items**

i) **Donations**

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Donated by</b>	<b>Donation</b>
Titusville Intermediate School	Hauke Charitable Foundation Trust 9950 S. Ocean Drive, Apt 703 Jensen Beach, FL 34957	\$300.00
Titusville Intermediate School	Audrey G. Ohnikian 9950 S. Ocean Drive, Apt 1003 Jensen Beach, FL 34957	\$200.00
Titusville Intermediate School	M. Sasgen 10072 S. Ocean Drive Jensen Beach, FL 34957	\$100.00

ii) **Extra Classroom Activity Purpose Statements**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the following Extra Classroom Activities for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>AHS</u>
Admiral Players
Arlingtonian
Bridges to Community
Class of 2019
French
Interact
Mixed Ensemble
Step Team
Student Athletic Council

iii) **Extra Classroom Activity Closing Clubs**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves closing the following Extra Classroom Activities for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>AHS</u>
Fashion Show Club
Ski Club

iv) **Declaration of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following items as surplus/obsolete equipment. These items will 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. If it is determined those reasonable attempts to dispose of the equipment have been made and such attempts have not produced an adequate return, the Superintendent or his designee, may dispose of the equipment in any manner which he deems appropriate, in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Kronos Series 400 Terminal	R000080832	Good
Kronos Series 400 Terminal	R000080813	Good

v) **Acceptance of Audit Report and the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts, as recommended by the Audit Committee, the annual Audit Report, the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Audit

Report, and the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular in Accordance A-133, prepared by our independent auditor, D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, for the Year Ended June 30, 2016.

vi) **Acceptance of the Risk Assessment Update Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2016 and the Internal Audit Report on Capital Asset Procedures**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts, as recommended by the Audit Committee, the annual Risk Assessment Update Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2016 and the Internal Audit Report on Capital Asset Procedures, prepared by our independent auditor, R. S. Abrams & Co., LLP.

**Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Tornatore, 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**

Several residents spoke in favor of the Veterans' Tax Exemption. One resident thanked Mr. Sheldon for his presentation.

**14) Committee Reports**

**Policy** – Mr. McLeod stated that the next Policy Meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

**Audit/Finance** – Mr. Rossi reported that the Audit Committee met with the internal and external auditors. The District received an excellent rating from the external auditors. The District also received a very good rating from the internal auditors with a couple of comments and suggestions.

**Advocacy** – Mr. Bodnar stated that the committee is working on presenting advocacy change to Albany.

**15) Organization Reports**

Dutchess County School Board Association – The next meeting is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**16) Superintendent Closing Remarks**

None at this time.

**17) Future Discussion Items**

None at this time.

**18) Board Reflections**

Dr. Eraca thanked Dr. Lyons for the school visits. She feels that this is very important. Mr. Tornatore added that he thought it was a very positive move for Dr. Lyons to visit each building. Mr. Bodnar stated that Mr. Beaton sends his regards from Iraq.

**19) Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Bodnar, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Margie Flynn, District Clerk