

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
UNION VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

President Steve Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Union Vale Middle School, 1657 E. Noxon 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, Dr. Eraca, Mrs. Fasulo, Mrs. Herr, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Tornatore. Board Member absent was Mr. Bodnar. 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 Mr. Tornatore, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to approve the agenda as amended to add Ms. Denise Trumpler to item 12b) vii Certified Substitutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to table items 11b) SEQRA – Overlook Property and 11c) SEQRA – Bruzgul Road, under New Business. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to modify the agenda with changes as indicated. The motion was carried unanimously.

Board Members discussed the solar project and had questions regarding safety protocols, the investment and savings, solar panel effects, and screening concerns. They have requested more information.

6) Correspondence

Mr. McLeod received a number of e-mails from concerned citizens regarding the solar project.

7) Public Comment

There were approximately 40 people in attendance. A resident thanked the District for getting the Veterans' Tax Exemption survey on the website so quickly. Several residents shared concerns regarding the solar project. A representative from

SoCore stated he would be able to clarify a lot of the questions that the Board and residents have regarding the project.

- 8) **Board President's Remarks** Mr. Rossi welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commented on a speaker's remarks questioning the integrity of the Board. Mr. Rossi cited the historical transparency and openness of the Board and if anyone had concerns to contact him. He reminded everyone that there will be a Public Hearing on November 29th regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption.
- 9) **Superintendent Remarks** Dr. Lyons shared several "good news" items. Marching Band were the state champions this year, a tremendous accomplishment on their part. The girls' soccer team is in the state final four. The boys cross country athletes were named sectional champions. Two swimmers are going to the state meet. A lot of great news out of our athletic program. The drama production, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is on November 11, 12 and 13. Dr. Lyons wished everyone a Happy Veterans' Day.
- 10) **Reports and Board Discussion Items**

Union Vale Middle School Professional Learning Communities Report – Scott Wood

Mr. Wood stated that the Veterans' Day celebration will be on November 10th at 7:30 am at Union Vale Middle School. He thanked the PTA for the refreshments. He presented the PLC Report. He reviewed what guides the PLC work, the goals and plans for 7th grade math, what they hope to accomplish and what steps will be taken to move forward. He also reviewed the summative and formative assessments as well as questions the students struggled with and he shared samples of students' work.

External Auditors Report, Leonard P. Carissimo, CPA/Partner, D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP – Kevin Sheldon

Mr. Sheldon introduced Mr. Carissimo. Mr. Carissimo presented the audit review. He reviewed the three reports in the Executive Summary. The first was the Independent Auditor's Report. The District received an "unmodified opinion" rating which means there were no qualifications, it was in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (GAP), and no scope limitations. This was a fairly good report. The second report that was issued was the report on compliance with requirements for each major program and on internal control over compliance. This report identified no weaknesses. The third item was a letter that specifically addresses required communication to the Board of Education. There were no comments of concern.

Mr. Rossi commented on the audit report. The District received an unmodified opinion, which means the financial statements are accurate. It is the highest rating one can get in an audit. Also, there were no management letter comments meaning the audit firm

found all the proper financial controls in place. Mr. Sheldon and his staff have done an excellent job as this type of result is uncommon.

Transportation Bond Followup – Kevin Sheldon

Dr. Lyons stated he asked Mr. Sheldon to present a follow-up report regarding the potential Transportation Proposition to renovate the District's existing Transportation Facilities. Mr. Sheldon reviewed the monetary savings, employee time, and work space. His presentation included pictures of what the renovated space would look like. He also reviewed the recommendations.

11) New Business

a) Board Policies: 1st Reading

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

Policy	Policy Number
Voting Procedures	1625
Advertising in the Schools	3272
Student Grading Information Systems	5675
Operation of Motor-Driven Vehicles on District Property	3290
Title I Parent Involvement	8260

b and c tabled

d) Bus Garage Capital Project

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District (ACSD) is considering a proposal for a Bus Garage Capital Project, and

WHEREAS, the project includes a small additions to the Arlington and LaGrange Bus Garages, general facilities renovations and alterations, a new maintenance building at the Lagrange site, and accompanying site work at both sites, and

WHEREAS, the ACSD has been advised by its consultant, Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers, that this project consists of activities designated as Unlisted actions under SEQRA, because the project consists of actions that exceed Type II thresholds, but do not meet Type I thresholds,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the ACSD, as the involved agency principally responsible for authorizing and carrying out the action, declares its intent to become the lead agency in the SEQRA process for the proposed Bus Garage Capital Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board declares it to be an Unlisted Action under 6 NYCRR Part 617, and will complete a Short Environmental Assessment Form to determine the significance of this action.

e) Contract – Aegis Energy Services, Inc.

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 approves the maintenance agreement, dated March 1, 2016, with Aegis Energy Services, Inc. to provide maintenance for the 75LE Cogeneration Unit at Arlington High School at the rates specified (\$1.60 per kWh) for the fiscal year 2016-2017. A copy of said agreement will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting.

12) Business Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approves the Minutes of the October 25th Business Meeting.

b) Approving Personnel Agenda

i) Certified Appointments

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joseph P. Hines III	0.8 FTE Temp. Foreign Language, LaGrange Middle	M 01	\$46,802 (prorated)	9/7/16-10/31/16
Brittney DePaola	Temp. Remedial Speech, Union Vale Middle	M 01	\$58,503 (prorated)	9/16/16-6/30/17
Rebecca Bundick	Temp. Health, LaGrange Middle	B 01	\$54,602 (prorated)	9/14/16-1/27/17
Dinah Weiss	Temp. Mathematics, Arlington High School	M 01	\$58,503 (prorated)	9/15/16-12/7/16
Wendy Burt	Part-Time Contractual TA, Noxon Road Elementary	H 03	\$14,500 (prorated)	11/28/16
Tara Pearce	Hourly TA, Beekman Elementary	H 01	\$11.82/hr	11/9/16

ii) **Certified Leaves**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following unpaid leaves of absences:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Leanne Sowul	Music, Beekman Elementary, Vail Farm Elementary	12/19/16-6/30/17
Tammy Rodriguez	School Psychologist, Overlook Primary	12/9/16-1/20/17
Linda Cunningham	Part-Time Contractual TA, LaGrange Middle	10/13/16-10/21/16
Paula Steenbergen	Part-Time Contractual TA, Vail Farm Elementary	11/22/16-11/22/16
Rita Kramek	Part-Time Contractual TA, Arlington High School	11/14/16-1/2/17

iii) **Change of Certified Leave End Date**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Christina Powers	Remedial Speech, Union Vale Middle	10/13/16-6/30/17*

*previously Board approved 9/13/16

iv) **Certified Co-Curricular Appointments**

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

Arlington High School:

Interscholastic:

Basketball - Girls Freshman Head Coach -

Robert Misch

Track - Girls Winter Assistant Coach, Volunteer -

Diana Lucas (corrected to volunteer, previously approved as paid on 10/11/16 agenda)

Track - Girls Winter Assistant Coach -

Alex Cunningham

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Arlington Safety Patrol, Volunteer -

Steven Kanuk

Club Advisor - Spanish Honor Society, Volunteer -

Julie Pineau-Kelsey

LaGrange Middle School:

Intramurals:

Intramurals - Gymnastics, Fall -

Michael O'Halloran

Joseph D'Aquanni/West Road Intermediate School & Traver Road Primary School:

Co-curricular:

Yearbook Advisors, Volunteers -

Mark Hurley, Karen Quimby

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

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

<u>Beekman Elementary School:</u>		
Program Facilitator	Robin Romano	\$1,000/year
Teachers	Kathleen Menton, William Mueller, Eileen Snook, Kim Paesano	\$48/hour
Teaching Assistants	Patricia DeMasi, Laura Doyle, Eileen Hartney, Jacqueline Perrone, Penelope Sawner	Contractual Rate
Substitute Teacher	Robin Romano	\$48/hour
<u>Overlook Primary School:</u>		
Program Facilitator	Patricia Haverkamp	\$500/year
Teachers	Julie Fagan, Melinda Grey, Nancy Thomas, Kristen Way	\$48/hour
<u>Titusville Intermediate School:</u>		
Program Facilitator	Beth Plotsky	\$1,000/year
Teachers	Eileen Finnerty, Susan Grega, Richard Nigro, Beth Plotsky, Johanna Roth	\$48/hour
Substitute Teacher	Carrie Green	\$48/hour
<u>Traver Road Primary School:</u>		
Program Facilitator	Elaine Tellerday	\$500/year
Clerical	Jayne Murphy	\$250/year
Teachers	Meredith Geerlings, Caryn Presti, Elaine Tellerday	\$48/hour
<u>Vail Farm Elementary School:</u>		
Program Facilitator	Amy Pagano	\$1,000/year
Clerical	Karen Walberer	\$250/year
	Karin Riley	\$250/year
Teachers	Dixie Anderson, Alison Durkin, Erin Killmer, Amy Pagano, Rebecca Provost, Jason Venier	\$48/hour
Substitute Teachers	Jill Abrams, Eleni Anemelos, Pina Bruno, Erin Butt, Kerry Kraus, Lori Mandy, Bridgette Pasquarella	\$48/hour
<u>Union Vale Middle School:</u>		
Clerical	Kristin Moses	\$250/year
	Maureen Zaccardi	\$250/year

vi) **Curriculum Development/Mapping**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves District teachers for Curriculum Development/Mapping in the area of Physical Education. Teachers will be compensated at the contractual rate of \$45 per hour from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Compensation will be funded through Federal Title IIA.

Steven Ciano
Elena Fallon

David Gatta
 Christopher Lucia
 Timothy Murphy
 David Ostrander
 Nancy Schroeder
 Anthony Stewart
 Michael Timperio
 Aidan Topley

vii) **Certified Substitutes**

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

Certified Teachers

Tara Pearce
 Emily Silvern
 Denise Trumpler

Non-Certified Teacher

Roseann Turner

Teaching Assistant

Tara Pearce

Home Tutor

Amalia Gonzalez

viii) **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>
Heather Rancourt	Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	\$11.12/hr	11/9/16
Jorge Plaza	Custodial Worker, Vail Farm Elementary	\$14.82/hr	11/9/16
Vanessa Fleissner	Bus Driver	\$17,664(prorated)	11/9/16
Mary Jane Moore	Typist, Maintenance Dept.	\$33,375(prorated)	11/9/16

ix) **Classified Retirement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Grace Rose	School Monitor, LaGrange Middle	6/30/17

x) **Classified Resignations**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Deborah Gale	Bus Monitor	10/21/16
Katrina Listwan	Sr. Food Service Helper, Arlington High School	11/28/16

*xi) **Classified Correction of Salary***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following salary correction:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Anthony Miller	Bus Monitor	\$15,557* (prorated)	10/13/16

*Previously approved on 10/11/16 agenda

*xii) **Classified Substitutes***

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

School Security Monitor
Gregory Vince

School Monitor
Faten Ghobashy

Clerical
Gloria Uhle

*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) **Consulting Services Agreement***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves an agreement between the District and Felicia Watson to provide Dignity For All Students Act (DASA) training to Arlington staff for the 2016/17 school year. The cost for the training is \$2,625.

*d) **Approving Business and Finance Items***

*i) **Donations***

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

For	Donated by	Donation
Arlington High School	Jean-Claude Fouere 102 Sutton Park Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	35mm Canon A-1 camera 3 lenses Polarizing and color filters Shutter release cables
Union Vale Middle School	Jill Sitler UVMS Teacher 6 Edgewood Drive Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	Gemeinhardt Flute

ii) Extra Classroom Quarterly Financial Report – July 1 – September 30, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Extra Classroom First Quarter Financial Report as presented by the District Extra Classroom Auditor to conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

iii) Extra Classroom Activity Fund Purpose Statements

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

Arlington High School	LaGrange Middle School
Class of 2018	Drama/ Musical
Environmental Awareness	LMS Honor Key Club
Everness	
FCCLA Culinary Arts	Union Vale Middle School
French National Honor Society	Arlington Publishing Kids (APK)
Friends of Rachel	Band Club
Jazz Machine	Chorus Club
Link Crew	Drama Club and School Musical
Marine Biology	Library Club
Mountain Biking	Orchestra
Ping Pong	School Store
Safety Patrol	Yearbook
Together	
United States Political Forum	

iv) Tax Certiorari

BE IT 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 William W. Patrick and John W. Patrick as Executors of the Estate of Jean W. Patrick 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.

Year	Original AV	Eq Rate	Equalized MV (EMV rounded)	Proposed AV	Proposed (EMV Rounded)	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2015	\$2,205,000	100.00	\$2,205,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$105,000	30.543241870	\$3,207.04

v) **Tax Certiorari**

BE IT 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 JSM Development, LLC v. Town of LaGrange and Arlington CSD;

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

Year	Original AV	Eq Rate	Equalized MV (EMV rounded)	Proposed AV	Proposed (EMV Rounded)	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2016	\$3,974,400	100.00	\$3,974,400	\$2,880,000	\$2,900,000	\$1,094,000	30.175701981	\$33,024.29

Approving Consent Agenda

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that he Board of Education approves the consent items 12a. through 12d as amended.

13) Public Comment

Several residents shared their concerns regarding the solar project.

14) Committee Reports

Policy – Mr. McLeod stated that the next Policy Meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 4:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

Audit/Finance – No report at this time.

Advocacy – Mr. Rossi stated that the next Advocacy Meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Office.

15) Organization Reports

Dutchess County School Board Association – Mrs. Baxter attended the meeting on November 3rd. The Superintendent from Hyde Park spoke about their Pre-K program that is fully funded by the state. She stated that the program has a lot of value and is very successful. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1st. A very dynamic person is scheduled to speak that evening, Mr. Rick Timms from the Statewide School Consortium. She also attended the PTSA meeting. There are amazing events going on in the District.

16) Superintendent Closing Remarks

Dr. Lyons thanked Mr. Wood, his staff, and the PTA for the refreshments.

17) Future Discussion Items

None at this time.

18) Board Reflections

Mrs. Baxter was invited to speak at a boy scout troop meeting. It was a terrific experience. Mr. Tornatore thanked the Veterans for their services.

19) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to adjourn to Executive Session, pursuant to Section 105(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Law for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Eraca, seconded by Mrs. Fasulo, to return to the regular meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk