

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAGRANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

Vice President Steve Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at LaGrange Middle School, 110 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Eraca, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Shuttleworth. Board Member absent was Mr. Martin. Also present were Mr. Benante, Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Muenkel, Mrs. Rafalik and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 200.

Call to Order

Open Meeting **6:30 p.m.**

Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. McCormick to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel item. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Shuttleworth, seconded by Mrs. Baxter to re-open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

***Reading of the
District Mission***

By Steve Rossi

***Board
Communications***

None at this time.

Public Comment

Concerned parents and Coach Steve Arnett spoke about the loss of opportunity for the Cross Country and Track athletes if the district were to vote on moving to Section IX. It was suggested to delay the vote.

***Superintendent/
Board President
Report***

Dr. Lyons thanked the PTA for the refreshments and hospitality. Mr. Eric Schetter, Principal, welcomed the Board and community. He stated that it has been an excellent start of the year. He thanked the PTA for the refreshments. He recognized Mrs. Margaret Romano who received the NYS Association of Family and Consumer Science Educator's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leader of America) Advisor of the Year Award. He also recognized Student Hannah-Lee Campell who received the FCCLA Junior Leader District Three on the State Leadership Board Award. Both individuals have made significant contributions to LaGrange Middle School. Mr. Schetter also stated that

Hannah-Lee Campell is the first student in Arlington to receive this award.

Mr. Schetter's presentation highlighted the Art Department. He introduced two Art Teachers, Heidi Every and Jill Freeswick. He announced that the students' art work was displayed in the hallway. A short video was shown emphasizing the way Common Core is integrated into the Art Program.

Dr. Lyons introduced Student Government President Jordan Ballantyne and Vice President Brianna Ryan. They updated the Board on activities and events. HomecomingFest was a huge success. Sports teams had a very successful season and the Halloween event was also a big hit. A few upcoming events are the fall production of Aida, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Mr. Arlington pageant. Upcoming community service activities are the Thanksgiving donation baskets and the annual trip to the Avalon Nursing Home in addition to the "Seniors Helping Seniors" program.

Dr. Lyons stated the Athletic Director, high school principal and the vast majority of coaches have supported the move from Section I to Section IX. He feels that overall Section IX's philosophy is clear and sound. He did have a meeting with Section I, and left the meeting with serious concerns. Dr. Lyons is recommending the move to Section IX. Board Members discussed. 100% participation could not be guaranteed. It was suggested to wait until March.

Dr. Lyons presented an "Enrollment & School Closing" report. He thanked Robin Zimmerman, George Beckwith and Carmine Crisci, for all their help in developing the report. He reviewed the purpose of the report, enrollment staffing, 5 year comparison and current enrollment and trends. He also reviewed the projected long range fiscal outlook, middle school capacities vs. enrollment, condition and adequacy of the facilities, potential costing savings, transportation impact and timeframe. Dr. Lyons made his recommendation to the Board – the closure of Arlington Middle School as a middle school, LaGrange Middle School and Union Vale Middle School have adequate space to accommodate all 6-8 students. And also the closure of Arthur S. May to move the students and staff to the Arlington Middle School building, both recommendations to take place for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Rossi encouraged the board members to go through the board membership document and decide whether or not to stay or withdraw from these organizations.

8) **New Business**

- a) Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Lappan, 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
Concussion Management	7522
Evaluation of Personnel	6130

- b) Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mrs. Eraca, to table the following resolution. The motion was defeated 6-2. (Mrs. Eraca and Mr. Johnston voted yes, the remaining board members voted no)

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approved the following resolution. The motion was defeated 4-4. (Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Shuttleworth voted yes, Mrs. Eraca, Mr. Johnston, Mr. McCormick, and Mr. Rossi voted no)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Director of Athletics to apply for admission to Section IX for the purpose of participation in interscholastic athletics beginning in the 2014-2015 school year contingent on the modified fee structure as presented by Section IX.

Mr. McCormick left the meeting at 10:00 p.m. due to illness.

- c) Motion by Mr. Shuttleworth, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the following resolution. The motion was passed 6-1 (Mrs. Eraca voted no)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt A Story of Ratios, SED Modules, for grades 6-8 as a curriculum resource to teach Common Core Learning Standards in Mathematics, to be implemented beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

- d) Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the following resolution. The motion was passed 6-1 (Mrs. Eraca voted no)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt Pearson **Prentice Hall Common Core 2013** Textbook Series for grades 6-8 as a curriculum resource to teach Common Core Learning Standards in Mathematics to be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year.

- e) Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. Shuttleworth, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Louis Patack, as the Hearing Officer pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law, with respect to Employee No. 15523 and authorizes the Hearing Officer to hear evidence, make a transcript of proceedings and to issue a written report of his findings of fact and recommendations, including a disciplinary penalty, if any.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends Employee No. 15523 without pay, commencing on November 7, 2013, up to the maximum permitted by the New York Civil Service Law during the months of the employee's paid work year and then with pay during the pendency of these proceedings, if during a time when the employee would otherwise be paid.

9) Workshop Consent Agenda

a. Accepting of Minutes

The Board of Education approve the Minutes of the October 8th Workshop Meeting, October 22nd Business Meeting.

b. Approving Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Shuttleworth, 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 Item 9a.

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

Concerned parents spoke about the school closing recommendation regarding longer bus rides, the walkway at Arthur S. May, security for elementary aged students in the bigger building, renovations, and class sizes. One community member would like clarification regarding the Common Core. Dr. Lyons requested that he put his questions in writing and submit them to the Superintendent.

10) Committee Reports/Board Reflections

2013-2014 Board Committees:

- Mr. McLeod announced the next Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 6:30 pm at the Central Administration Office.
- Mr. Rossi stated that the Audit Committee is waiting for a draft of the internal audit.
- The ATA contract required that the Board and ATA meet to discuss the recalibration of the teacher salary schedule for new hires. Should no agreement on the recalibration of the salary schedule be attained, the teachers 'contract, which is set to expire in June 2015 would then expire in June of 2014. The Board and ATA has met twice and determined that no agreement would be forthcoming at this time. Therefore the ATA contract will now expire in June 2014 and the Recalibration Committee is disbanded.
- Mrs. Lappan stated that the Health Committee will be meeting within a month.
- Mrs. Lappan announced the Legislative Committee Meeting will be meeting next week to review the plan.

11) Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, second by Mrs. Eraca, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk