

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Central Administration Office, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi and Mr. Shuttleworth. Board Member absent was Mrs. Eraca. Also present were Mr. Benante, Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Muenkel, Mrs. Rafalik, and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 15.

***Call to Order***

***Open Meeting***                      **7:00 p.m.**

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

***Board  
Communications***                      Mrs. Lappan stated that several board members have attended sessions regarding Common Core, and most recently attended a dinner on this topic. Westchester Putnam School Boards Association and the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents are hosting a program on January 16, 2014, with world renowned author, Diane Ravitch. Mrs. Lappan encouraged everyone to read her book as well as attend the program.

***Public Comment***                      A parent shared concerns regarding the possible closing of a school, and the possibility of longer bus rides and larger classrooms.

***Superintendent/  
Board President  
Report***                      The District Clerk reported the upcoming events for January, 2014.  
  
Dr. Lyons confirmed that in terms of naming a school, this is at the discretion of the Board Members. Names of buildings can also be transferred.

Ms. Robin Zimmerman and Mr. John LaPlaca from Altaris, gave a District Safety Plan Presentation. Plans have been simplified and streamlined. Emergency lockdown drills and evacuation drills are practiced and improving each time, tremendous progress has been made in Arlington. This is a testament to the leadership and commitment to the process. Training has been offered to all staff. Benchmarks reached this past year were reviewed. The recent incident in Pleasant Valley was

an example of a very positive reaction, teachers were prepared and reacted properly.

Dr. Lyons and Ms. Zimmerman presented the Budget Workshop #1. The budget highlights, enrollment, staffing and revenue resources were reviewed. The purpose of this first budget workshop is to provide the board members the information that outlines the current Educational Plan. A review of the 2013-2014 budget facts were reviewed as well as the planning for 2014-2015. The impact of the property tax levy was discussed. Identifying the tax cap limit/budget gap, state aid, budget reduction history, fund balance, and the process of right sizing was also reviewed.

The Board Members discussed board communications. Workshop and Business meeting formats were discussed, as well as public board debate and being transparent.

## **8) New Business**

### **a) Drainage and Construction Easement located on the property of JSM Development**

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

The Board of Education adopt the following resolution with regard to the JSM Development property and Arlington drainage rights:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Arlington Central School District assign and release all rights, title, and interest in the compensation to be paid to JSM Development, LLC, for its property on DOT acquisition map 241 – parcels 266 and 267, and map 242 – parcels 268 and 269, which property is subject to, and will continue to be subject to, a drainage easement and rights possessed by the Arlington Central School District for the benefit of its High School property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business are empowered to execute the Assignment and Release required by the New York State Department of Transportation Office of Right-of-Way pertaining to the JSM Development, LLC property.

## **9) Business Consent Agenda**

### **a) Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2013, business meeting.

### **b) Approving Personnel Agenda**

#### **i) Certified Retirement**

The Board of Education accept the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Carol Bender	Salaried TA, Arlington Middle	6/30/14

ii) **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>
Deborah Rabasco	Temp. Elem., Noxon Elementary and Beekman Elementary	M 01	\$54,294 (prorated)	10/9/13 - 1/31/14

iii) **Certified Leaves**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Gina Coelho	Reading, Vail Farm Elementary	11/1/13 - 2/13/14
Christie Sepe	Elem., Noxon Road Elementary	12/19/13 - 12/20/13
Paula Steenbergen	PT Contractual TA, Vail Farm Elementary	11/26/13 - 11/26/13

iv) **AIS Before & After School Programs (funded through the general fund)**

The Board of Education approve the following appointments:

<b><u>Beekman Elementary School:</u></b>		
Program Facilitators -	Laura Griffone and Robin Romano	\$500/yr. each
Clerical -	Dorothy LaGuardia	\$250/yr.
Teachers -	William Mueller, Christie Boydston, Adrienne Pisciotta, Laura Griffone, Kimberly Paesano	\$48/hr.
Teaching Assistants -	Patricia DeMasi, Kimberly Leslie, Alyssa Hausler, Penelope Sawner, Anne Walsh, Laura Doyle	Contractual Rate
<b><u>Noxon Elementary School:</u></b>		
Program Facilitator -	Kelly Sutton	\$500/semester
Clerical -	Mary Ellen Ward	\$250/yr.
Teachers -	Deborah Rabasco, Sally Kemink, Tara Gilliard, Kelly Kondas	\$48/hr.
Teaching Assistant -	Elena Snyder	Contractual Rate
<b><u>Union Vale Middle School:</u></b>		
Substitute Teachers -	Patricia Melcher and Lisa Kellman	\$48/hr.

v) **Student Activity Fund Stipend (Reimbursement funds raised through Student Activity Fund)**

The Board of Education approve the following appointments:

<b><u>Names</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Erica Wolff, Maribel Pregnall, Julie Jee, Colleen Wilkinson, John Biasotti, Kim Dugard, Caitlin Dougherty, Dana Newsom, Julia Bucklin, Aimee Nyarady, Eileen Tice, Tory Biasotti, Dennis Devlin, Michael Berkley, Kirk Dornton, Mark Tornatore	Chaperones for Ski Club	\$370 each (5 ski trips)	Arlington High

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

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

<b><u>Arlington High School:</u></b>	
<b><u>Co-curricular:</u></b>	
Choreographer: Spring Musical -	Grace Mihalchik
Costume Designer: Spring Musical -	Tracey Olmoz
Director of Spring Musical -	Sarah Combs
Orchestra Director: Spring Musical -	William Stevens III
Scenic Designer: Spring Musical -	Thomas Swetz
Vocal Music Director: Spring Musical -	Caitlin Dougherty
<b><u>Arlington Middle School:</u></b>	
<b><u>Co-curricular:</u></b>	
Yearbook Advisor -	Krista Muttee (replacing Jennifer Chianelli who was Board approved on 10/22/13)
<b><u>LaGrange Middle School:</u></b>	
<b><u>Co-curricular:</u></b>	
Club Advisor - Lego -	Kevin Walsh
<b><u>Union Vale Middle School:</u></b>	
<b><u>Co-curricular:</u></b>	
Lunchroom Supervision -	Patricia Melcher (replacing Amanda Griffin who resigned 11/26/13)
<b><u>Noxon Elementary School:</u></b>	
<b><u>Co-curricular:</u></b>	
AV Specialist -	Jason Kurdi
Student Government -	Tara D'Orazio
SYSOP -	Cara Wilser
Yearbook Advisor -	Kelly Sutton

**vii) Internship**

The Board of Education accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following internship:

Jennifer Spagnola	Admin. Intern, Summer - Central Administrative Office -	5/19/14 – 8/29/14
	Admin. Intern, Fall – Titusville Intermediate -	8/30/14 – 12/19/14

**viii) Classified Retirement**

The Board of Education approve the following resignation for the purpose of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nancy Sokolewicz	Typist, 10 month, AHS	6/30/14

**ix) Classified Resignation**

The Board of Education approve the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jo-Ann Hait	Bus Driver/Custodial Worker	Change of position in the district	12/6/13

**x) Classified 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 Bus Driver Certification Unit.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brandy Pierce	12 month Bus Driver/Asst. Dispatcher	\$38,113 (prorated)	12/11/13
Jo-Ann Hait	Bus Driver	\$19,997 (prorated)	12/9/13
Stacey Vail	Custodial Worker	\$31,522 (prorated)	12/16/13

**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	Medical	12/3/13-TBD
Bethann McCaffrey	Custodial Worker	Medical	12/4/13-1/7/14(est.)

**xii) Classified Substitute**

The Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individual to the substitute list in the below category in the 2013-2014 school year:

**Transportation**

Gary Schenkel

**c) Approving Special Services**

**i) CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements**

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

**d) Approving Business and Finance Items**

**i) Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of November 2013**

The Board of Education accept the internal claims audit report for the month of November 2013, as submitted by Sandy Martino, Internal Claims Auditor.

**ii) Bid Award – Bus Tires and Rims**

The Board of Education hereby award the bid for **Bus Tires and Rims** to low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Approx. Order</b>
Corsi Tire	\$20,000.00
Van Kleeck Tire	\$15,000.00
Custom Bandag	\$5,000.00
Intercity Tire	\$4,000.00
Service Truck Tire Center	\$3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,000.00</b>

**iii) Extra-Classroom Activity Purpose Statements**

The Board of Education approve the following Extra-Classroom Activities:

**AHS**

A.C.T. (African Concerns Team)  
Class of 2016  
Debate Club  
Environmental Awareness  
FCCLA Early Childhood  
Friends of Rachel  
German  
Link Crew  
Marching Band  
Marine Biology  
Model U.N.  
Shades  
Ski  
Step Team  
Student Government

**UMS**

Yearbook

**LMS**

School Store

**AMS**

Brony Club  
Uniting Cultures Club (UCC)

e) **Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Shuttleworth, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

Community member shared concerns regarding training students and staff.

11) **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Rossi, second by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

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**Margie Flynn, District Clerk**