

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

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at LaGrange Middle School, 110 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, , Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, and Mrs. Smith. Board Members absent were Mrs. Kaul and Mr. Rossi. Also present were Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Rafalik, and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 45.

Call to Order

OPEN MEETING

6:30 p.m.

- (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel item. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00PM)

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. McCormick, to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Johnston to re-open Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None at this time.

Public Comment

Mrs. Jennifer Eraca, parent and taxpayer, shared comments regarding state testing and mandates. She feels that wasteful testing occurs.

Donna DeFrancesco, taxpayer and Teaching Assistant, shared concerns regarding the position of Supervisor for Special Projects.

Ken Smith, parent and retired police officer, stated that there is value having officers in the buildings, and it's a great benefit to our students.

Dr. Miller shared wonderful praise for the "Expo" event that took place the weekend of March 9th.

Jake Eraca, student at Noxon, shared concerns regarding the music program.

***Superintendent/
Board President
Report***

Dr. Licopoli thanked the PTA for the refreshments. Mr. Eric Schetter, LaGrange Middle School Principal, reported on the Literacy Program. Three teachers, Mrs. Ouimet, Mrs. Wagner, and Mrs. Pudney, spoke about the “Expert 21” program for students that are near and above grade level. They also spoke about the “Read 180” program for students that are in need of additional reading support. The teachers described ways to help the students, i.e. small group rotation, whole group instruction, and independent reading rotation. A typical day as it relates to the 80 minute block schedule was described as well. The teachers also spoke about the activities and clubs that are offered, the Newspaper Club, the Creative Writing Club, and the Book Club. On March 21st LaGrange Middle School will host the Poetry Slam at 7:00 p.m. The 2012 Poetry Slam 3rd Place winner was Kendra Graham. She attended this meeting and read her poem entitled, “Poetry.”

Dr. Licopoli met with the consultant from the Altaris Consulting Group. Dr. Licopoli is recommending a resolution authorizing the extension of the sheriff’s program in our schools until April 2nd.

***Recommendation
For Additional
Resolution***

Motion by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to place the resolution authorizing the extension of the sheriff’s program on this agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 6-1 (Mrs. Smith opposed).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to maintain the current coverage of police officers in the Arlington School District until April 2, 2013.

***Superintendent
Report Continued***

Mrs. Lappan stated a number of school boards have passed a resolution regarding high stake testing. She attended the New York State School Association Capital Conference on March 10th, where she heard the Commissioner’s remarks on this topic. Mr. McCormick shared his views and concerns and stated it would be a worthwhile to have further discussion with the board to see if the board would like to adopt a similar resolution. Mrs. Lappan offered to draft a resolution for the board’s review.

Dr. Licopoli presented Budget Workshop #4. He reviewed the current budget proposal, overall budget status, district initiatives, fiscal responsibility, and the proposed transportation referendum.

Extracurricular procedures and paid performers were discussed. Mrs. Lappan stated that students should be the first consideration, that it might warrant a board policy. Dr. Licopoli stated that the administration will be reporting back to him on what's happening right now, and he will prepare a full report for the next board meeting on April 2nd.

Mr. Martin spoke about exploring the concept of recording board meetings. He asked what is the sense of the board. Mrs. Smith stated it would depend on the cost. The Technology Department is researching options and cost. Further discussion will take place.

Dr. Licopoli acknowledged George Holtzman's last board meeting. He thanked him for all his hard work and wished him well in his retirement.

7) New Business

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 6-1 (Mrs. Lappan opposed).

BOCES Nomination

- a) **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept nominations to fill two open seats on the Board of Education of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services.
 - i) Ralph Chiumento Jr. (Spackenkill)
 - ii) Jim Milano (Poughkeepsie)
 - iii) Other (walk on nomination)

Acknowledgement of 1st Reading (voting not required)

b) Board Policy: 1st Reading

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education has reviewed the below Policies as a First Reading:

Policy	ERIE Number	Board Number
School District Budget Hearing	5120	1040 6113
Administration of the Budget	5140	6140

Revenues	5210	6200
Sale and Disposal of School District Property	5250	6900

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

c) **Election Inspectors**

That the Board of Education appoint the following named qualified voters of the Arlington Central School District as election personnel for the vote on May 21st. Election Inspector's rate of pay is \$12.50/hr. Head Election Inspector, one per building, will receive their regular hourly rate. Machine Trained Inspectors will receive \$200.00 for the full day (two per location mandated by Board of Elections) and the Voting Machine Technician (one for all polling locations mandated by Board of Elections) will receive \$225.00 for the full day.

District 1 – Arthur S. May

Joan Cox – Head Election Inspector
 Barbara Dickinson
 Lorraine Karpinski
 Joan Kjellman
 Nancy McCombs
 Luz Miranda
 Denise Morgantini
 Christine O'Connell
 Robin Piggott
 Donna Smith
 Julie Smith
 Shaine Squillante

District 2 – Traver Road

Jayne Murphy - Head Election Inspector
 Barbara Beckley
 MaryEllen Borchert
 Kim Carlin
 Lisa DiBlasi

Connie DiPuppo
Judy Gaddis
Katherine Kittle
Marguerite McFadden
Lina Powers
Gail Rau
Dana Sullivan
Patricia Thompson

District 3 – Overlook Primary

Jo Ann Wright - Head Election Inspector
Amy Christianson
Ellen Fincham
Donna Gunderson
Patty Kuczyra
Sandy Lewis
Linda Polhemis
Kathy Poponiak
Sharon Schettino
Rose Ann Turner
Gloria Uhle

District 4 – Noxon Road

Elaine Maddox - Head Election Inspector
Judy Battaglia
Kim Bidulich
Susan Harsch
Maureen Mongelli
Susan Nowak
Stephen Piehler
Elena Seaman
Elena Snyder
Trena Swart
Suzanne Thoma
Mary Ellen Ward

District 5 – Beekman Elementary

Dorothy LaGuardia - Head Election Inspector
Patricia DeMasi
Laura Doyle
Christine DuBois
Tina Irwin
Noelle Macaluso
Pam Nieto
Linda Raguso

Penny Sawner
Nancy Venditti

District 6 – Vail Farm Elementary

Cathi DeLeon - Head Election Inspector
Dolores DiStefano
Abbey Weiner
Lynn Cavell
Catherine Gruszecki
Joanne North
Kathy Panabianco
Patrick DeLeon
Danielle DeLeon
Claudette Mack
Beatrice Simoni
Patty Angelucci
Daisy Lockwood
Karin Riley

Assistant to the District Clerk

Christine Duffy

Machine Trained Inspectors

Arthur S. May Elementary School

James Dworak
Patricia Zitz

Traver Road Primary School

John Rugar
Marilyn Smith

Overlook Primary School

Jean Albrecht
Mary Sheridan

Noxon Road Elementary School

John Casserly
Paul Doyle

Beekman Elementary School

Donna Herbst
Cindy Lewin

Vail Farm Elementary School

Gerald Hirons
Julie Kantor

Voting Machine Technician (for all polling locations)

Tom Bauer

8) Workshop Consent Agenda

a. Accepting of Minutes – None at this time

b. Approving Personnel Agenda

i. Certified Resignation

That the Board of Education accept the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ruth Henrichs	Assistant Principal	Accept another position	3/12/13

ii. Student Computer Helpers

That the Board of Education approve the following helpers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Tom Ambrosio	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13
Rishab Chhabra	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13
Bradley Dunn	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13
Kaitlyn Riley	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13
Nicholas Moses	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13
Daniel Muenkel	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13
Connor Walraven	Student Computer Helper	\$8.50/hr	3/15/13-5/24/13

iii. Creation of new position

That the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education creates the position of Supervisor for Special Projects effective March 13, 2013.

iv) Appointment

That the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Ruth Henrichs to the position of Supervisor for Special Projects at a salary of \$108,708 effective March 13, 2013, in accordance to the work agreement.

c. Approving Special Services – None at this time

d. Approving Business and Finance Items – None at this time

9) **Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Consent Item 8b.

10) **Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

Lori Abbatantuono, parent, asked Mrs. Smith a specific question. Mr. Martin, Board President, addressed Mrs. Abbatantuono asking her to speak to the entire board, not at a single board member. She thanked the Teaching Assistants for a wonderful job. She also asked what can the parents do to ensure that Mrs. Claudine Khare is hired as the permanent principal at Vail Farm. Dr. Licopoli stated that the first round of interviews will be conducted next week, and after the second round is completed, a small group of parents will get together.

Ken Smith concluded his thoughts regarding the safety of our students.

Leanne Westhoff, Teaching Assistant, read a note from a student regarding the importance of Teaching Assistants, stating how valuable they are and what an asset to the school district they are.

Dr. Miller, resident, shared concerns regarding testing, encouraged Mrs. Lappan to look at alternative plans so that students are not short changed.

Tina Vaitkis, parent, announced that the Jazz Machine won 1st Place in the Jazz Festival. She feels that students should be the first consideration for music positions.

11) **Committee Reports/Board Reflections**

Mr. Martin announced that the National Junior Honor Society at LaGrange Middle School will take place on Monday, March 18th.

12) **Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular contractual and personnel item.

13) **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Johnston, second by Mr. McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

