

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
UNION VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
APRIL 2, 2013**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Union Vale Middle School, 11657 East Noxon Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Martin, Mr. Rossi and Mrs. Smith. Board Member absent was Mrs. Kaul. 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 Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

***Reading of the  
District Mission***

By Neil Martin

***Correspondence***

None at this time.

***Public Comment***

Barbara Beckley, West Road School employee and Teaching Assistant for over 20 years, shared concerns regarding teaching methods and high taxes. She stated that the Teaching Assistants in Arlington are the best deal for the dollar.

Jennifer Urabe, Vail Farm Elementary Nurse, spoke on behalf of the nurses in the district regarding the abolishing of Mrs. Bischof's position. The nurses are concerned about eliminating such an important position.

***Superintendent/  
Board President  
Report***

Dr. Licopoli introduced Kendall Coleman, Student Council Vice President. Ms. Coleman gave a brief update of the events at the high school. Some recent events celebrated were Spirit Week, Friend's Day, and the Hope Basketball game (annual faculty game to raise funds for a scholarship). Ms. Coleman also announced that on June 15<sup>th</sup> the Rely for Life will take place. She also stated that a survey has been distributed to the students regarding healthy foods. The Student Council is compiling all the data.

Dr. Lyons announced that the district was recognized nationally as one of the best communities for Music Education and its outstanding commitment to music education by the NAMM Foundation. He also announced that the Science Research team, under the guidance of Ms. Pregnall, won \$30,000 in scholarships and grants for winning the grand prize in the Lexus Eco Land & Water Challenge. Their project was Lyme Disease Prevention.

Mr. Steven Kerins, Union Vale Middle School Principal, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a brief presentation on the PBIS character education program. He spoke about the benefits that this program has had with students and staff as well. He introduced his administrative team and reviewed expectations. He thanked his PTA, stating that they are fantastic. He also thanked the Board for having confidence in him. Dr. Licopoli congratulated Mr. Kerins on his upcoming retirement, and thanked him for all the work he has done for the students and the community.

Dr. Licopoli and the Altaris Consulting Group presented the Safety and Security audit results. He introduced Sheriff Imperati and Sergeant Lutz from the NYS Police Department. Dr. Licopoli reported in terms of "where we were, where we are, and where we are going." He stated that security-greeter workstations have been upgraded. Visitor and staff entry procedures have been improved. The district has taken steps to improve safety and security at each building. The cost is included in the 2013-2014 budget. Conclusions and recommendations were reviewed.

Dr. Licopoli announced that included in the Albany state budget is a significant increase for the school district. He made recommendations for the additional state aid. He stated that the district initiatives, goals, and plans remain the same as in past budget reviews. The approval of the budget will take place at the board meeting scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget is \$191,133,727 with a 4.88% increase from last school year. The 2013-2014 budget includes improvements for safety and security, maintaining current programs, and full day Kindergarten.

8) **New Business**

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

**Notice of Annual Meeting**

- a) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the legal notice calling for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Annual District Meeting, which includes the bus proposition to be put to district voters on May 21, 2013.

Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to adopt the policies below. The motion was carried unanimously.

**b) Board Policy: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption**

- i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the board of Education has reviewed the below Policies as a Second Reading and Adoption:

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

**c) Abolishment of Civil Service Positions**

WHEREAS, the Board for reasons of economy and efficiency, has determined that it is appropriate to abolish certain civil service positions in the District;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following position, effective close of business on June 30, 2013:

1.0 FTE District Health and Safety Supervisor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent that there are more employees in the job title than there are remaining positions, the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees who shall be excessed of the termination of their employment effective at the close of business on June 30, 2013; and with further notice regarding recall rights, if any.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following position, effective close of business on April 2, 2013:

1.0 FTE Heads Groundskeeper

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent that there are more employees in the job title than there are remaining positions, the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees who shall be excessed of the termination of their employment effective at the close of business on April 2, 2013; and with further notice regarding recall rights, if any.

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

**d) Appointment: Middle School Principal**

- i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and appoints Mr. Scott Wood to the probationary position of Middle School Principal, Union Vale Middle School, Salary in accordance to the AAA Contract, Step MSP 9A, \$142,003.00, effective August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2016.

**2) Business Consent Agenda**

**a) Accepting of Minutes**

**i) Minutes**

That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

***b) Approving Personnel Agenda***

***i) Resignations***

That the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Kendra Aber-Ferri	P.T. Librarian, Traver	3/16/13
Rebecca Patton	Elem., Beekman	6/30/13
Elizabeth Spratley	PT Contractual TA, UMS	3/30/13

***ii) Certified Retirements***

That the Board of Education accept the following resignations for the purpose of retirement:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Susan Birchman	Music, Jos. D'Aquanni/West Rd.	retirement	6/30/13
Elinor Arnold	Sp. Ed., Vail Farm Elem.	retirement	6/30/13
Jan Wolff	Family & Consumer Science, HS	retirement	6/30/13
Michelle Berner	School Library Media Specialist, HS	retirement	6/30/13

***ii) Certified Correction of Effective Date***

That the Board of Education approve the following correction:

<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>
Jenna Venditti	Temp. Speech, Overlook	B 01	\$50,468	11/5/12 – TBD (previously board approved on 1/22/13 as returning on 3/11/13)

***iii) Certified Adjustment of Salary***

That the Board of Education approve the following salary adjustment:

<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>
Jill Mast	Sp. Ed., Jos. D'Aquanni/West Rd.	M 03/04	\$57,766	9/1/12

***iv) Certified Leaves***

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lina Wirszyla	N-6, TIS	4/18/13-5/17/13
Katie-Anne Veeneman	Kdgn./Sp. Ed., Noxon	9/1/13 – 6/30/14

v) **Certified Substitutes**

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individuals to the substitute lists in the below categories for the 2012-2013 school year:

**Teachers**

Tarannum Shahwar  
Risa Petrone  
Melissa Goldston  
Sarah Tree  
Yen Chih  
Amy DeNitto

**Teaching Assistants**

Tarannum Shahwar  
Sarah Tree

**Interpreter**

Tarannum Shahwar

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

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

**Arlington High School**

**Interscholastic:**

Baseball - Freshman, Head Coach -  
Baseball - JV Head Coach -  
Baseball - Varsity "A" Head Coach -  
Baseball - Varsity "B" Co-head Coaches -

William Mercurio  
Darrell Flynn  
Alfred Hammell  
Daniel LoGiurato, Christian  
Narewski  
Joseph Bruno, Michael Kohut  
Nichole Washburn  
Megan Shedden  
Catherine Quattrociocchi  
Paul Stasaitis  
Brittany Schurko, Joanna Swack  
Martin Gaw  
Elizabeth VanZandt  
Anthony Stewart  
Theodore Braggins  
Chad Jones  
Justin Schneidman  
Donald Connolly  
Stephanie Tito  
Aimee Nyarady, Michael Lowell  
Daniel Schmitt

Baseball - Volunteer Varsity -  
Crew - Boys Varsity Assistant Coach  
Crew - Boys Varsity Head Coach  
Crew - Girls Varsity Assistant Coach  
Crew - Girls Varsity Head Coach  
Crew - Volunteer  
Golf - Boys Varsity Head Coach -  
Golf - Girls Varsity Head Coach -  
Lacrosse - Boys Freshman Head Coach -  
Lacrosse - Boys JV Assistant Coach -  
Lacrosse - Boys JV Head Coach -  
Lacrosse - Boys Varsity Assistant Coach -  
Lacrosse - Boys Varsity Head Coach -  
Lacrosse - Girls JV Head Coach -  
Lacrosse - Girls Varsity Assistant Co-coaches -  
Lacrosse - Girls Varsity Head Coach -

Lacrosse - Volunteer Boys Varsity Assistant Coach -	Joseph Colarusso
Lacrosse - Volunteer Girls Varsity Head Coach -	Maeghan Schmitt
Softball - JV "A" Head Coach -	Nancy Schroeder
Softball - JV "B" Head Coach -	Michelle de Jong
Softball - Varsity "A" Head Coach -	David Ballantyne
Softball - Varsity "B" Head Coach -	Christia Besko
Softball - Volunteer Varsity "A" Assistant Coach -	David Newberry
Tennis - Boys Varsity Head Coach -	Gail Lynch
Track - Boys Spring Assistant Coach -	William Ficker
Track - Boys Spring Head Coach -	Steve Arnett
Track - Girls Spring Assistant Coach -	Aidan Topley
Track - Girls Spring Head Coach -	Diana Lucas

Intramurals:

Weight Room -	Dominick DeMatteo
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**Arlington Middle School**

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Homework	Pamela Riggins-Stabile
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Interscholastic:

Baseball - Head Coach -	Christopher Lucia
Soccer - Girls Head Coach -	Brian Powers
Softball - Head Coach -	Jennifer Sievers
Track - Boys Spring Head Coach -	John Petacchi
Track - Girls Spring Head Coach -	Brett Bernstein
Track - Spring Assistant Coach -	Amanda Sosnick

Intramurals:

Basketball, Spring -	Lisa Roloson
Tennis, Spring -	Vincent Spadaro
Wrestling, Spring -	David Grafmuller

**LaGrange Middle School**

Co-curricular:

Choreographer, Spring Musical -	Cara Ann Murray
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**Union Vale Middle School**

Interscholastic:

Soccer - Girls Head Coach -	Ryan Sonne (replacing John Curran)
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Intramurals:

Kick Ball, Spring -	Jana Pineiro (replacing Kristen Harris)
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vii) **Lunchroom Supervision Stipends**

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

**Union Vale Middle School**

Co-curricular:

Lunchroom Supervision - Jonathan Pickles (replacing Michael Tucci)

viii) **Student Activity Fund Stipends: (Reimbursement funds raised through Student Activity Fund)**

That the Board of Education approve the following stipend:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Brian Fallis	Camp Rock – The Musical (12.5 hrs.)	\$200	AMS

ix) **AIS Before/After School Programs (funded through District funds)**

That the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

**Noxon Road Elementary School:**

Clerical Support: Mary Ellen Ward \$250 stipend

**West Road Intermediate School:**

Teacher: Danielle Wilcox \$48/hour

**Arlington Middle School:**

Teachers: Barbara Breslow, Jennifer Fischetti, Heather Riley, Donald Dingee, Keira Godwin, John Jacobs, Andrew Franks, Christopher Slattery, Kimberly Conn, Lara Ivchenko, Michael Garan, Rich Jakob, Kathleen Spinelli, Kristine Jackson, Erin Dyke, Joe Healy \$48/hour

**LaGrange Middle School:**

Teachers: Victoria Pudney, Suzann Peterson, Kristen Ouimet, Dana Newsom, Felecia White, Shannon Neville, Danielle Casella, Pat Sena, Darlene Eirish-Schofield, Amanda Konunchuk, Elyssa Napoleon, Christina Hopper, Nancy Diehl \$48/hour

x) **Assessment Scorer Stipend**

That the Board approve the “assessment scorer stipend” of \$150 per day to be funded through local District funds for the purpose of scoring mandated State assessments in ELA, Math and Science.

Scorers: Sandra Jockers, Peggy Hansen, Stephanie Matthews, Pat Flintosh, Ralph Forsythe

xi) **Internship**

That the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve the following unpaid internships:

Marlene Colonna	Admin. Intern, HS	1/28/13 – 9/5/13
Michael Garabedian	Admin. Intern, LMS	1/28/13 – 6/28/13

xii) **Continuing Education Spring Semester Program Staff**

That the Board of Education approve the following individuals to teach in the 2012/13 self-funded Spring Continuing Education Program:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Julie Pineau-Kelsey	\$720/program
Rebecca Smith	\$440/program
Elizabeth Dama	\$480/program
Peter Dama	\$480/program
Glen Walden	\$450 & \$900/program
Peter Engle	\$450 & \$900/program

xiii) **Classified Resignations**

That the Board of Education approve the following resignation:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
William Lake	Auto Mechanic	To accept another District position	4/2/13
Mary Fredrickson	Bus Driver/ Custodial Worker	To accept another District position	4/5/13

***xiv) Classified Appointments***

That 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.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Jessica Callaghan	Bus Driver	\$16,758 pro-rated	4/3/13
Lisa Graff	Bus Monitor	\$11,558 pro-rated	3/18/13
Kathleen Ferland	Hourly Typist, Health Office, LMS	\$16.11/hr	2/27/13
	Temp. Hourly Typist, CAO	\$16.11/hr	3/19/13
Mary Fredrickson	Custodial Worker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shift, AHS	\$40,497 pro-rated	4/8/13
Stephen Marchese	Auto Mechanic	\$44,183 pro-rated	4/3/13
William Lake	Bus Driver/Auto Mechanic	\$39,773 pro-rated	4/3/13
Deborah A. Levy	Bus Driver	\$16,758 pro-rated	4/3/13

***xv) Classified Adjustment of Salary***

That the Board of Education approve the following adjustment:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Elaine Maddox	Typist, 10-month, NOX	2	\$25,041 pro-rated	12/12/12

***xvi) Classified Stipend***

That the Board of Education approve the following Stipend:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
Joseph Mascarenhas	Out of title work	\$2,300

***xvii) Classified Retirement***

That the Board of Education approve the following retirement:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Joseph Boracchio	Bus Driver/Custodial Worker	6/30/13

***xviii) Classified Leave***

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Tomilyn Gamache	Bus Driver/Custodial Worker	4/2/13-6/30/13

***xix) Classified Substitute Staff***

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individuals in the below classified substitute areas:

**Clerical Substitute**

Nancy O'Hara  
Sharon Smith  
Karen Kozlowski  
Shuba Balasubramanian

**Maintenance Substitute**

Robert Wilson, Jr.  
Vincent Paolicelli

**Transportation Substitute**

Robert Gillen  
Lorraine Syslo

***xx) Appointment***

That the Board of Education appoints Timothy Terralavoro to the position of Groundskeeper at a salary of \$45,811(pro-rated) effective April 3, 2013.

***c) Approving Special Services***

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

That the Board of Education approve special education and preschool special education designations and placements as recommended by the Committees on Special Education and Pre-School Special Education.

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

***i) Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013***

Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013 is being submitted in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulation 170.02.

***ii) Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the Month of February 2013***

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

***iii) Budget Appropriation Transfers***

Recommend that the Board of Education, as required by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, hereby approve General Fund Budget Appropriation Transfers, as follows:

<b>Budget Appropriation Transfers January 2013 2012/13 General Fund</b>	
<b>Schedule Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Schedule Number	\$25,060.57

*iv) Health & Welfare Services*

Recommend that the Board of Education approve Health and Welfare Services Contracts, as listed below:

<i><b>School District</b></i>	<i><b># of Students</b></i>	<i><b>Cost per Student</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
Wappingers Central School District	127.601	\$507.83	\$64,799.62

*v) Extra-Classroom Activity Purpose Statements*

That the Board approve the following Extra-Classroom Activities:

<b>UMS</b>
Chorus Club

*vi) Tax Certiorari Settlement*

That the Board of Education approve tax certiorari settlement as recommended by Leah L. Murphy of Kuntz, Murphy & Gronbach, P.C., as follows:

<b>Property</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Original Assessment</b>	<b>Revised Assessment</b>	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Refund</b>
Brian Page v. T/LaGrange 6560-02-546974	2012	\$529,900	\$250,000	\$279,900	0.02721	\$7,616
Gearhart Realty v. T/Pleasant Valley 6363-01-338998	2011	\$375,000	\$350,000	\$25,000	0.02544	\$636
	2012	\$350,000	\$350,000	0	0.02731	\$0.00
IPE Asset Management v. T/LaGrange 6261-02-828898	2012	\$189,300	\$75,000	\$114,300	0.02721	\$3,110
Rabasco, Domin, Domin, Kondas & Iozzo v. T/LaGrange	2007	\$7,675,100	\$6,000,000	\$1,675,100	0.01631	\$27,321
	2008	\$7,675,100	\$5,919,240	\$1,755,590	0.01811627	\$31,805

	2009	\$7,631,100	\$5,999,970	\$1,631,130	0.020245	\$33,022
	2010	\$7,179,515	\$5,999,970	\$1,179,545	0.02372690 2	\$27,987
	2011	\$7,104,715	\$6,000,000	\$1,104,715	0.02533575	\$27,989
					Total	\$148,124

3) **Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the Consent Items 9a. through 9d. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Melissa Erlebacher, Arts and Education Coordinator, announced that the Art Fair is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at LaGrange Middle School between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

5) **Committee Reports/Board Reflections**

Mrs. Smith announced that the Audit Committee will be meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the high school at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lappan reported that the Health Insurance Committee met and reviewed several proposals. She stated that one of the companies will be coming back with a more specific proposal.

Mr. Martin thanked the PTA for the refreshments.

6) **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. McCormick, second by Mr. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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**Margie Flynn, District Clerk**