

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
APRIL 9, 2013**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Arlington Middle School School, 601 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Kaul, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi and Mrs. Smith. Also present were Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Rafalik, and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 30.

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. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Lappan, to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McLeod, 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

None at this time.

***Superintendent/
Board President
Report***

Mr. Carroll, Arlington Middle School Principal, shared several highlights, i.e. artwork displayed in the main lobby, music is simply outstanding, Drama Club put on a fabulous musical, trip to Washington DC was meaningful and successful. He also shared that 42 new members were inducted to the National Junior Honor Society.

Mr. Carroll along with three teachers, Ms. DiCorcia, Ms. DiStefano, and Mr. Healy, presented on an 8th grade project. The pilot was funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The teachers collaborated with the Children's Media Project (CMP) and received training on the concept of "visual learning". This program, called Power Up, utilizes technology to engage students, transform content, and improve learning. The science and math

classes combined forces to create videos on alternative energy forces, a science research project that included reading non-fiction materials and the use of proper MLA citations. The students learned to create a storyboard, write scripts and create a PSA (Public Service Announcement). The teachers found the students to be engaged using media arts and digital tools.

Dr. Christine Lowden presented a brief status and update of the Curriculum Instruction Assessment Report. The CIA plan is directly in line with the Strategic Plan and objectives. Dr. Lowden reviewed the structure and the draft plan that was developed September through December of 2012. In February the plan was finalized and content and core teams were developed. The purpose of the teams is to monitor the initiatives. Dr. Lowden reviewed the role of the team players and shared examples of the CIA Plan. She also reviewed future plans for 2013-2014.

Dr. Margaret Ruller spoke about the concerns regarding the Music schedule. A committee was established and the proposal from the parents was evaluated. After much review, the best possible compromise was established. Dr. Ruller expressed that people on the committee felt valued.

Dr. Licopoli and Ms. Robin Zimmerman gave a brief overview of the Educational Plan and Budget. The budget summary and budget detail were reviewed, as well as the increase in state aid. They discussed considerations and several scenarios of how to handle the additional state aid.

Dr. Licopoli announced that the high school musical, West Side Story will be performed April 12-14. He encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Martin noted that the board members received a copy of the Visitor's Policy and would like the board's input and/or questions.

8) **New Business**

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

- a) **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

- b) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopts the 2013-2014 tentative budget in the amount of \$191,133,727.00.

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

- c) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby award the Request for Proposal for Benefits Consulting Services to The Segal Company for \$23,000.

Motion Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the following resolution.
The motion was carried 8-1, Mr. Johnston opposed.

- d) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the appointment of David Gatta as Principal of the 2013 Arlington High School Summer School at a salary of \$9,675.00.

e) **Board Policy: 1st Reading**

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

Acknowledgement of 1st Reading (voting not required)

Policy	ERIE Number	Board Number
Appointment and Duties of the Claim Auditor	1335	6760
Duties of the Internal Auditor	1339	6650

Bonding of Employees and School Board Members	5310	6500
Visitors to the Schools	3210	1240

9) **Workshop Consent Agenda**

a. **Approving Personnel Agenda**

i. **Classified Appointment**

That the Board of Education approve the following appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lauri Mulholland	LPN, 1:1, AHS	\$29,277 (pro-rated)	4/12/13

10) **Approving Consent Agenda**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Consent Item 9a.

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

Mrs. Tina Vaitkus, parent, thanked the Board for the elementary Music education. She shared concerns regarding communication to parents regarding the Music Program.

12) **Committee Reports/Board Reflections**

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

Mrs. Lappan offered to put together a resolution regarding high stake testing. Prior to the resolution, she would like to have dialogue with the board members. There is much information on this topic, some misleading.

13) Executive Session

None at this time.

14) Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Rossi, second by Mr. McLeod, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk