

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
APRIL 10, 2012**

President Kelly Lappan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Central Administration Office, 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, Dr. Kaul, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Wilson. Member absent was Mr. Adams. Also present were Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Rafalik and Ms. Zimmerman and an audience of approximately 25.

Correspondence Mrs. Lappan received letters from the BOCES candidates. She also received a letter from the New York Library Association regarding future library plans. In addition, she received the invitation to the Honor Key Ceremony.

Public Comment Ms. Pauline Herr, Librarian at LaGrange Middle School, reviewed the assignments that Librarians are responsible for. She shared her concerns as it relates to the budget cuts.

Dr. Miller, resident, stated that the Poughkeepsie Journal puts much emphasis on extracurricular rather than academics when it comes to reporting stories. He would like to see students recognized for academics in the newspaper. He stated that the Science Fair did not get much coverage, and he feels that academics is not getting the attention it deserves.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Licopoli welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Mr. Phil Benante, Principal at Beekman Elementary School. Mr. Benante presented the PLC Report. He reviewed the mission statement, the enrollment, free and reduced, ethnicity, Special Education Services, as well as the ELA and Math scores. He reviewed the Action Plan highlights and SMART goals.

Dr. Licopoli reported on the State Aid Analysis. He reviewed the projected aid and discussed the additional aid in terms of protecting the programs that are in place. Ms. Zimmerman reviewed in more detail.

Dr. Licopoli announced the dates of the upcoming high school musical and also the fundraiser event for the Arlington Education Foundation.

G. Workshop Business Item

G.1. Donation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$115,000 from the Dyson Foundation to be used for the Admirals Educational Travel Baseball Initiative.

G.1. was tabled.

G.2. Amendment

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, second by Mrs. Smith, to approve the amendment. The motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an Amendment dated April 10, 2012 to the Interim Superintendent Contract dated June 21, 2011 that extends the duration of Dr. Licopoli's employment as Interim Superintendent of Schools through no later than June 30, 2013, a copy of which Amendment shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

H. Public Comment

Dr. Miller expressed his concerns regarding the difficulty to analyze school data.

I. Reflection

Dr. Lisa Kaul shared her concerns regarding the Librarian positions. Dr. Licopoli stated that services will remain the same.

J. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McCormick, second by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legal matters made confidential by State and/or Federal law (attorney/client privilege). The motion was carried unanimously.

K. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.
The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk