

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL 23, 2013**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Arlington High School, 1157 Route 55, LaGrange, NY 12540. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Kaul, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. McCormick, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Martin, Mr. Rossi and Mrs. Smith. Also present were Mrs. Rafalik and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 65.

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

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Kaul 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***

Dr. Licopoli introduced Paul Fanuele, Arlington High School Principal. Mr. Fanuele reviewed some of the highlights and academic achievements, also upcoming dates for special events. The Honor Key Ceremony is scheduled for May 1st. This ceremony honors students that have held an 85% average or above throughout their high school career. 45% of students have achieved this. Also on May 1st students will participate in the world largest bake sale to be held in Grand Central, New York City.

Highlights include 179 national honor society members, 9 national merit finalists, 1st prize (\$30,000) in the Lexus Eco Challenge, 1st place for the Jazz Band in the Berkley Jazz Festival, and three sold out shows for West Side Story.

Mr. Fanuele proudly listed college acceptances thus far: Harvard, Notre Dame, Boston University, Marist, Vassar, Cornell and Princeton.

Mr. Fanuele introduced Mr. Ouimet, Science Teacher. He spoke about the “Teaching Science” class and its success. Several students, Natalie Turner, Caitlin Dempsey, and Alexis Hotzmann, stated that they have been given the opportunity to create science classes and teach elementary age students. They spoke about the confidence this opportunity has given them and the many benefits they have gained.

Dr. Licopoli and Ms. Robin Zimmerman presented a Security and Safety update. Phase I was reviewed and the status of Phase II as well. Changes were made to the front desk areas of each building to realign the position for maximum visibility. Phase III will be looking at capital upgrades, PA system, and surveillance support.

Dr. Licopoli stated that the Educational Plan & Budget Book will be completed soon. He also stated that a video presentation will be available shortly.

Remove Agenda Items

A motion was made to remove items H, I, and J under the New Business section of the agenda. Motion by Sean Johnston, seconded by Steve Rossi, to remove items H,I, and J. Motion was carried unanimously.

8) New Business

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

- a) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Dutchess County BOCES Administrative Budget for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$4,139,645.
- b) Whereas there are two vacancies in the BOCES Board of Education to be filled at their annual election; and whereas the candidates for such vacancies are:

Ralph Chiumento
John Lumia
Jim Milano

The seats are for three-year terms. The district can vote for ONLY two – but is not obligated to do so.

- 1) Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mrs. Lappan, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 8-1 (Mr. McLeod opposed).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington Central School District Board of Education does hereby vote for Ralph Chiumento to fill a vacancy on the BOCES Board of Education.

- 2) Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. McLeod, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 0-9 (all board members opposed).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington Central School District Board of Education does hereby vote for John Lumia to fill a vacancy on the BOCES Board of Education.

- 3) Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 8-1 (Mrs. Lappan opposed).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington Central School District Board of Education does hereby vote for Jim Milano to fill a vacancy on the BOCES Board of Education.

- c) Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Lappan, to approve the following resolution. Motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

- d) Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the following resolution. Motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and appoint Claudine Khare in the Tenure area of Elementary Principal , probationary period effective April 24, 2013 to April 23, 2016, Step ESP 2A of the AAA contract, Salary: \$111,835.

- e) Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the following resolution. Motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and appoints Richard Carroll in the tenure area of House Principal, probationary period effective August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2016, Step: HP 11, Salary: \$133,239.

- f) Motion by Mrs. Lappan, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to approve the following resolution. Motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and appoints Paul Hackett to the Position of Interim Principal effective August 1, 2013 to on or about July 31, 2014, Step: MSP 8A, of the AAA Contract, Salary: \$137,868.

- g) Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the following resolution. Motion was carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and appoints Philip Benante in the tenure area of Deputy Superintendent, probationary period effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, Salary: \$155,000.

9) **Business Consent Agenda**

a. **Accepting of Minutes**

i) **Minutes**

That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the April 2nd and April 9th Meetings.

b) **Approving Personnel Agenda**

ii. **Resignations**

That the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Laura DiStefano	Special Ed., AMS	4/27/13
Kathryn Whittaker	Science, HS	8/31/13
Linnea O'Mara	Phys. Ed., HS	8/31/13
Gina Berner	Sp. Ed., Overlook	8/31/13
Richard Carroll	Middle School Principal	7/31/13
Philip Benante	Elementary Principal	6/30/13

iii. **Retirement**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Teresa Valdes-Hebrank	Speech Therapist, Overlook	6/30/13

iv. **Certified Appointment**

That 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>
Susan Grega	Temp. Elem., TIS	M 01	\$54,294 (pro-rated)	2/20/13 – 5/17/13
Michelle deJong	Temp. Phys. Ed., TIS, AHS	B 01	\$50,468 (pro-rated)	2/25/13 – 5/25/13

v. **Certified Leaves**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patricia DeMasi	PT Contractual TA, Beekman	5/13/13 – 5/17/13
Leanne Sowul	Music, Beekman	9/1/13 – 1/30/14
Melissa Hatzistergos	Elem., Noxon	9/1/13 – 6/30/14
Jennifer Halstead	Elem., Noxon	9/1/13 – 1/30/14
Nicole Hernon	English, LMS	9/1/13 – 6/30/14
Paul Hackett	Assistant Principal	7/31/13 - 6/30/14
Jennifer Luft	.6 Phys. Ed., TIS	2/22/13 – 5/24/13
Erin Ginsberg	Psychologist, Beekman	9/1/13 – 6/30/14
Deborah Blakely	PT Contractual TA, Vail Farm	4/1/13 – 4/5/13

vi. **Certified Substitutes**

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

Teachers

Ralph Sansone
Kaylee Stoneham
Young Lang Song
Joseph Napoli
Cassi Wintermantel
Theresa Borst
Elise Huff

Teaching Assistants

Celeste Gordon
Kaylee Stoneham

Home Tutor

Ralph Sansone

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School</u>
Marco Cortina	Mardi Gras Cheerleading Competition	\$850	HS
Nichole Turner	Mardi Gras Cheerleading Competition	\$210	HS
Darlene Wallin	Mardi Gras Cheerleading Competition	\$210	HS
Kristin Brucale	Mardi Gras Cheerleading Competition	\$210	HS
Lindsay Kent	Mardi Gras Cheerleading Competition	\$210	HS

viii. **Arlington Continuing Education Driver Education Program**

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of 2012-2013 Arlington Driver Education Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>
JoAnn Woods	\$1,152 per course (\$48/hour)

ix. **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: Terri Martyn, Nancy Biamonte, and Linda LoGiurato

x. **Classified Resignations**

That the Board of Education approve the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ryan Pecchia	Hourly Custodial Worker	Personal	4/10/13
Donald Ganz	Senior Automotive Mechanic	Personal	4/8/13

xi. **Classified Retirement**

That the Board of Education approve the following retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
David Kovar	Microcomputer Network Support Specialist	9/27/13

xii. **Classified Appointment**

That the Board of Education approve the following appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kristine Heaton	Hourly Library Clerk, ASM	\$16.11/hr.	4/24/13

Classified Substitutes

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

<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Clerical</u>
Adolfo Salazar	Michelle Pells

xiii. **Disciplinary Agreements**

That the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to implement the disciplinary agreement between the Arlington School District and employee #12103.

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to implement the disciplinary agreement between the Arlington School District and employee #121783.

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to implement the disciplinary agreement between the Arlington School District and employee #117563.

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to implement the disciplinary agreement between the Arlington School District and employee #18873.

c) Approving Special Services

i) CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements

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

ii) Independent Consultant Appointments

That the Board of Education approve a contract with Dr. Stephanie O'Leary to provide a neuropsychological evaluation for a student during the 2012/13 school year. Dr. O'Leary will be paid \$4,200 for her services.

That the Board of Education also approve a contract with the Center for Special Needs to provide a psycho educational evaluation for a student during the 2012/13 school year. The Center for Special Needs will be paid \$3,000 for their services.

d) Approving Business and Finance Items

i) Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2013

That the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2013 in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulation 170.02.

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

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

iii) Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

Budget Appropriation Transfers February 2013 2012/13 General Fund	
Schedule Number 10	Amount
Schedule Number	\$107,994.20

iv) **Health & Welfare Services**

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

School District	# of Students	Per Pupil Cost	Total
Hyde Park Central School District	42	\$616.80	\$25,905.60
Lakeland Central School District	3	\$927.17	\$2,781.51
Millbrook Central School District	73	\$743.08	\$54,244.84
Pine Bush Central School District	1	\$746.53	\$746.53
White Plains City School District	2	\$817.69	\$1,635.38

v) **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:

Property	Year	Original Assessment	Revised Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
Birch Acres Co-Op v. T/Beekman 6558-00-856824-00	2011	\$693,600	\$645,300	\$48,300	0.026605	\$1,285.00
	2012	\$672,800	\$645,300	\$27,500	0.02875	\$791.00
Total						\$2,076.00
Deer Hollow Farm v. T/Beekman 6757-00-326775-0000 (Land)	2012	\$1,022,600	\$900,000	\$102,600	0.02875	Exempt
(Improvements)	2012	\$816,300	\$229,000	\$587,300	0.02875	\$16,885.00
Total	2012	\$1,818,900	\$1,129,000	\$689,900	0.02875	\$16,885.00

vi) **Extra Classroom Quarterly Financial Report**

That the Board accept the Third Quarter Extra classroom Financial Report as presented by Christine Futyma, District Extra classroom Auditor, to conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

vii) **Property Tax Report Card**

That the Board approve the 2013/2014 Property Tax Report Card. (Copy attached)

e) **Approving Consent Agenda**

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

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

Ms. Jennifer Sullivan, Special Education Teacher at Vail Farm Elementary School, stated that Mrs. Khare is a great principal, and she thanked everyone for recognizing that. She also stated that the Arlington Community couldn't be in better hands with Phil Benante as the Deputy Superintendent.

10) **Committee Reports/Board Reflections**

Mrs. Smith stated that the Audit Committee will be meeting again in two weeks.

Mrs. Lappan shared concerns regarding testing and issues regarding State Education Department. She stated that we can't lose sight of the reasons why processes have been put in place. She would like the other board members to view the webinar regarding testing, and she would also like to set up a meeting to discuss this topic.

11) **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Rossi, second by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Margie Flynn, District Clerk