

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
APRIL 24, 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. Board Member absent was Mr. Adams. Also present were Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Rafalik, and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 50.

Correspondence Mr. Edward McCormick thanked the Board for the BOCES nomination and their outstanding support.

Public Comment None at this time.

***Superintendent/
Board President
Report*** Dr. Licopoli presented the 2012-2013 Educational Plan and Budget. He reviewed the budget summary, budget detail, three-part component to the budget, as well as the budget history. Dr. Licopoli also stated that the 2012-2013 school calendar is on the agenda for the Board's approval.

Dr. Lowden and Mrs. Kraus gave a presentation on the Library Plan. They reviewed the individual schools, their specific enrollment, the number of librarians at each building, and the number of hours. Due to low enrollment numbers and budgetary issues, Traver and Overlook could share a librarian and still provide the basic library program for students at both buildings. The recommendation is to hire two part-time (.5) library positions. Dr. Kaul expressed her concerns regarding this recommendation. The Board discussed this issue at length, and agreed to revisit this at their retreat.

Dr. Lowden presented the State Assessment Report. She reviewed the 2010-2011 academic performance, ELA and Math scores. She talked about ways for continuous cycles of improvement, i.e. professional learning and mentoring for teachers, analyze student data for strengths and weaknesses. She gave a curriculum mapping update and reviewed the graduation rate versus the state standards.

Dr. Licopoli discussed the Dyson Donation. This gift will be used for the purpose of improving baseball and softball athletic facilities and equipment for the high school.

G. Old Business

1. Revised tabled item G.1 Dyson Donation

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Baxter to accept the following donation. The motion was carried unanimously.

- 1.1 That the Board of Education accept a donation not to exceed \$115,000 for the purpose of improving baseball and softball athletic facilities and equipment at Arlington High School.

H. Business Consent Agenda

1. Accepting of Minutes

- 1.1 *That the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the March 27th Meeting.*

2. Approving Personnel Agenda

2.1 Certified Resignations

That the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jessica Foltz	Math, LMS	personal	6/30/12
Heather Dennis	Speech Therapist, UMS	other employ.	5/11/12

2.2 Certified Retirements

That the Board of Education accept the following retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Adrienne Staniszewski	Salaried TA, HS	retirement	6/30/12

2.3 Certified 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 Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kelly Purdy	Temp. Elem., Vail Farm	\$51,632 (prorated)	1/31/12 – 5/15/12
Melody Wolff	Temp. For. Lang., HS	\$49,323 (prorated)	2/6/12 – 5/6/12

2.4 Certified Leaves

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Katie-Anne Veeneman	Kdgn., Noxon	12/13 school year
Lisa Dolan	English, LMS	12/13 school year
Shannon Venditto	Kdgn. Overlook	3/19/12 – 6/30/12
Linda Simoneau	Art, Beekman	3/5/12 – 6/1/12
Laura Cowan	Elem., Beekman	4/9/12 – 6/30/12

2.5 Continuing Education Program

That the Approval is requested for the following individuals to teach in the self funded 2011/12 Continuing Ed. Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jeffrey Hacker	\$270
Pat Sullivan	\$1,350

2.6 Independent Consultant Appointment

That the Board of Education approve a contract with Dr. William Donohue to provide a full psychiatric evaluation in accordance to an Individual Educational Program for a student during the 11/12 school year as per the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education. Dr. Donohue will be paid for five sessions at \$150.00 per 45-50 minute session with an administrative fee of \$50 charged for the psychiatric report to be sent to Arlington.

2.7 Certified Substitutes - additional to list

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve as substitutes:

Teachers/T.A.'s

Jonathan Field
Meredith Geerlings
Dana Haile
June Wheeler
Loretta Russell
Judy Battaglia (HS Evening Library)
Loretta Russell
Emily Britton
Amanda Franks

Home Tutor

Jonathan Field
Laura Bracken
Lori Davis

Interpreter

Maria Nanetti

2.8 Certified Co-Curricular Appointments

That the Board of Education approve the following co-curricular appointments:

Arlington High School:

Interscholastic:

Softball - JV "B" Head Coach -	Julianne Flood
Lacrosse - Volunteer, Girls JV Assistant Coach -	Michael Lowell
Crew - Volunteer -	Kenneth Steier, Catherine Quattrociocchi

Arlington Middle School

Interscholastic:

Softball - Head Coach -	James Fraser
Track - Spring Head Coach -	John Petacchi

LaGrange Middle School

Intramurals:

Lacrosse, Spring -	Stephen Papp
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Co-curricular:

Lunchroom Supervision -	Melissa Curcio
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Union Vale Middle School

Co-curricular:

Drama - Set Construction -	Douglas Dickeson
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Noxon Rd. Elem. School ESL Homework Prog. (funded through Title III LEP Aid:

Sub TA -	Suzanne Carroll (\$15.94/hr.)
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2.9 Assessment Scorer Stipend

That the Board approve the establishment of a special “assessment scorer stipend” of \$150 per day for the purpose of scoring mandated State assessments in ELA, Math and Science.

Scorers: Sandy Jockers, Stephanie Matthews, Joe Sutka, Terri Martin, Nancy Biamonte, and Cheryl Moreau.

2.10 2011/12-Student Activity Fund Stipends (Stipend funds raised through Student Activity Fund)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School</u>
Linnea O'Mara	Athletic Trainer – Football Camp on 6/27 & 6/28	\$324	HS

2.11 Classified Termination

That the Board of Education accept the following termination:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Marissa Marqusee	Custodial Worker-AHS	4/16/12

2.12 Classified Resignations

That the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Janeen Bennett	Bus Driver	personal	3/30/12
Kelly Wilson	Food Serv. Helper, Traver	personal	3/26/12

2.13 Classified Retirements

That the Board of Education accept the following retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Theresa D'Amato	Typist- AHS	retirement	5/31/12

2.14 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
John Lubert III	Bus Driver	\$16,758(prorated)	5/1/12
Debbie Bishop	From: Food Service Helper To: Senior Food Service Helper,LMS	\$13.48/hr	4/25/12

2.15 Classified Substitutes - additional to list

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following individual to serve as substitute:

Clerical

Patricia Kuczyra

2.16 Employee Agreement

That the Board of Education approve the following employee settlement agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves an Agreement with Employee #987 dated April 10, 2012 (a copy of which shall be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to sign such an agreement on the Board's behalf.

2.17 Increase of Status Adjustment

That the Board of Education approve the status increase for Karen Smith, Coordinator of Occupational and Physical Therapy Services, from .625 FTE to 1.0 FTE, due to increased case load and responsibilities effective 4/25/12, salary \$68,208 (pro-rated).

3. Approving Special Services

3.1 CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements

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

4. Approving Business and Finance Items

4.1 Treasurer's Report

That the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2012.

4.2 Tax Certiorari Settlements

That the Board of Education approve tax certiorari settlements as recommended by Mario L. Spagnuolo, School Attorney, as follows:

United Parcel Service v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6361-03-096119

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2007	\$2,100,000	\$1,800,000	\$300,000	0.01631	\$4,893
2008	\$2,100,000	\$1,800,000	\$300,000	0.01812	\$5,436
2009	\$2,100,000	\$1,800,000	\$300,000	0.02025	\$6,075
2010	\$1,932,000	\$1,800,000	\$132,000	0.02369	\$3,127
2011	\$1,854,700	\$1,500,000	\$354,700	0.02533	\$8,985
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$28,516

Anthony Associates, LP v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6559-03-316413

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2007	\$11,000,000	\$8,700,000	\$2,300,000	0.01631	\$37,513
2008	\$11,000,000	\$9,070,000	\$1,930,000	0.01812	\$34,972
2009	\$11,000,000	\$8,390,000	\$2,610,000	0.02025	\$52,853
2010	\$10,120,000	\$8,145,000	\$1,975,000	0.02373	\$46,867
2011	\$ 9,715,200	\$7,750,000	\$1,965,200	0.02534	\$49,798
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$222,003

Shady Brook Trailer Park Inc. v. Town of Poughkeepsie
Grid #6261-04-671364

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2009	\$2,857,300	\$2,689,000	\$168,300	0.0202527	\$3,409.00

GBR Titusville LLC v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6360-01-140506

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2008	\$1,262,800	\$1,262,800	\$-0-	0.01812	\$-0-
2009	\$1,262,800	\$1,000,000	\$262,800	0.02025	\$5,322

2010	\$1,200,000	\$750,000	\$450,000	0.02373	\$10,279
2011	\$1,200,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	0.02534	\$15,204
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$30,805

16 Properties, LLC v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6361-03-198259

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2008	\$2,900,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,500,000	0.01812	\$27,180
2009	\$2,900,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,600,000	0.02025	\$32,400
2010	\$2,668,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,368,000	0.02373	\$32,463
2011	\$2,561,300	\$1,250,000	\$1,311,300	0.02534	\$33,228
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$125,271

Stop & Shop Companies, Inc. v. Town of Beekman
Grid #6759-00-408539 (f/k/a 6759-00-406310)

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2006	3469000	-0-	-0-	0.0747	-0-
2007	7600000	-0-	-0-	0.01654	-0-
2008	10000000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000	0.01849	\$73,960
2009	10000000	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000	0.02071	\$82,840
2010	9400000	\$6,000,000	\$3,400,000	0.02461	\$83,674
2011	9400000	\$6,000,000	\$3,400,000	0.02661	\$90,474
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$330,948

Stop & Shop Companies, Inc. v. Town of Poughkeepsie
Grid #6261-01-085910

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2010	\$10,816,000	\$8,500,000	\$2,316,000	0.02369	\$54,866
2011	\$8,750,000	\$8,000,000	\$750,000	0.02533	\$18,997
2012	\$8,750,000	\$7,500,000	\$1,250,000	-0-	-0-
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$73,863

Kimco 44 Plaza, LLC f/k/a Kimco Realty Corp. v. Town of Poughkeepsie
Grid #6261-01-161946-0000

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2009	\$12,736,000	\$12,055,990	\$680,010	0.02025	\$13,770
2010	\$12,009,500	\$11,196,440	\$903,060	0.02369	\$21,394
2011	\$12,009,500	\$10,987,640	\$1,111,860	0.02533	\$28,163
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$63,327

Kimco 44 Plaza, LLC f/k/a Kimco Realty Corp. v. Town of Poughkeepsie
Grid #6261-01-161946-0001

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2009	\$9,797,000	\$9,284,010	\$512,990	0.02025	\$10,388
2010	\$8,817,500	\$8,163,560	\$653,940	0.02369	\$15,492
2011	\$8,817,500	\$8,012,360	\$805,140	0.02533	\$20,394
TOTAL SETTLEMENT					\$46,274

Verizon New York v. Town of Hyde Park
Grid #6065-20-877047-0003

There are three properties identified in this petition; one of which is located within the District. There is one year at issue, 2011. Under the settlement, the parties have agreed to reduce the amount of the assessment for tax year 2012 by 23% - from \$4,752 to \$3,659. There is no refund for 2011.

4.3 Donations

That the Board of Education accept donations as follows:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Anonymous	Items to be used for Music Room at Joseph D'Aquanni West Road Intermediate School - Casio CT638 Tone Band Keyboard - Yamaha Porta Sound PSS480 Keyboard - Keyboard Metal Stand	
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunkel	Paving of walking track at Joseph D'Aquanni West Road Intermediate School	\$100.00
Hannaford Helps Schools	Noxon Road Elementary School	\$318.00

4.4 2005 Bond Project – Field Allowance for D&S

That the Board of Education approve the following Phase II Field Directed Allowances:

CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
D & S Fire Protection Corp.	\$3,165.00	Remove fuel in tank; extend vent; extend fill line; extend 2 fuel lines; return fuel to tank; relocate tank.

4.5 Extra Classroom Activities

That the Board of Education approve the establishment of a new Extra-Classroom Activities:

AHS
Medical Professions Club

4.6 Budget Appropriation Transfers

That the Board of Education approve the following Budget Appropriation Transfers: (Copy attached)

2011/12 General Funds	
Schedule Number	Amount
Schedule No. 9 – General Fund	\$209,981

4.7 Internal Claims Audit Report

That the Board of Education accept the Internal Claims Audit Report for the month of March 2012, as submitted by Sandy Martino, Internal Claims Auditor. (Copy attached)

4.8 Property Tax Report Card

That the Board of Education adopt 2012/2013 Property Tax Report Card. (Copy attached)

4.9 Town of LaGrange Water Improvement Area for Noxon

That the Board of Education approve the establishment of an escrow account to defray the Town's consulting expenses regarding the investigation into the best method of connection for the District. In his letter, Supervisor Wagner valued the escrow account at \$5,000. (Copies attached)

4.10 Use of Edna Manning Grant

That the Board of Education approve a purchase of 80 Apple iPads, keyboards, sync carts, stylists, and apps for the Business Department at Arlington High School, at the cost of \$56,667.03, to be funded through the Edna Manning Grant.

4.11 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 15th. 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
Judy McGuire
Luz Miranda
Robin Piggott
Donna Smith
Julie Smith

District 2 – Traver Road

Jayne Murphy - Head Election Inspector
Barbara Beckley
MaryEllen Borchert
Kim Carlin
Lisa DiBlasi
Connie DiPuppo
Judy Gaddis
Jean Kelly
Katherine Kittle
Marguerite McFadden
Lina Powers
Gail Rau
Dana Sullivan

District 3 – Overlook Primary

Jo Ann Wright - Head Election Inspector
Christine Corchuelo
Ellen Fincham
Donna Gunderson
Patty Kuczyra
Barbara Kyser
Carolyn Landry
Christine Longwell
Linda Polhemis
Sharon Schettino
Rose Ann Turner
Jeanie Uhle

District 4 – Noxon Road

Angela Butler - Head Election Inspector
Eileen Bellino
Donna Bendel
Carole DeBellis
MaryJane Humenik
Maureen King
Patricia Marsh
Susan Nowak
Mary Secor
Elena Snyder
Trena Swart
Suzanne Thomas

District 5 – Beekman Elementary

Dorothy LaGuardia - Head Election Inspector
Patricia DeMasi
Laura Doyle
Tina Irwin
Christine LaGuardia
Noelle Macaluso
Linda Raguso
Penny Sawner
Nancy Venditti

District 6 – Vail Farm Elementary

Cathi DeLeon - Head Election Inspector
Patty Angelucci
Carole Bianco
Lynn Cavell
Danielle DeLeon
Patrick DeLeon
Dolores DiStefano
Eileen Gruszecki
Katherine Gruszecki
Sally Hooker
Daisy Lockwood
Claudette Mack
Pam McHugh
Joanne North
Kathy Panebianco
Karin Riley
Beatrice Simoni
Karen Walberer
Abbey Weiner

Assistant to the District Clerk

Cathy Geerlings

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

Paul Doyle
Barbara Griffin

Beekman Elementary School

Mary Ellen Coleman
Donna Herbst

Vail Farm Elementary School
Gerald Hirons
Julie Kantor

Voting Machine Technician (for all polling locations)
Thomas Rose

4.12 2012-2013 School Calendar

That the Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 school calendar.

5. Approving Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. McCormick, second by Mr. Johnston, to approve Consent Items G1 through H4. The motion was carried unanimously.

I. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – None at this time.

J. Reflection – Mrs. Lappan attended the Countrywide Jazz Festival held at Arlington High School and stated it was awesome.

K. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McCormick, second by Mr. Wilson, to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40 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.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Smith, second by Mrs. Baxter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Robin Zimmerman, Clerk ProTem