

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

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 Mr. Adams, Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, Dr. Kaul, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Wilson. Also present were Dr. Lowden, Ms. Rafalik, Mr. Rodriguez, and Ms. Zimmerman and an audience of approximately 40.

**Public Comment**    None at this time.

**Superintendent's Report**    Dr. Licopoli welcomed everyone to the meeting.    He stated that there would be two reports given. The focus will be on board goals and building on the educational budget.

Ms. Zimmerman introduced Mr. Archibald, CPA with Bonadio & Company. Mr. Archibald reviewed and presented the 2010-2011 audit. He stated that there are certain items that are looked at during an audit and that there were no weaknesses found. Books and records did not generate significant audit adjustments. Operations were within the budget. He stated that Arlington is in very good standing and the quantitative assessment of the audit was very positive. He reviewed the financial highlights of the year and the recommendations.

Dr. Licopoli stated that there are many good things happening in the class-room. He has been on several school visits and will continue to do so. Ms. Margaret Maraia, Principal at Overlook Primary, presented the PLC Report. She reviewed the demographic information, assessment data, SMART goals as well as identifying the gaps, strategies and action steps. She also displayed an example of a student's work from the beginning of the school year and then at the end of the school year, and showed the improvement that was made. Mr. Shornstein, Principal at Titusville Intermediate, also presented the PLC Report. He review the demographic information, SMART goals, ELA and Math assessments results as well as the identifying gaps and the intervention block.

Mrs. Lappan, Board President, discussed the possibilities of board members using laptops. Board members discussed the pros and cons of purchasing new equipment or refurbishing current equipment. There were concerns expressed regarding board members using their personal home computers for board related issues. Board members also discussed the possibility of lobbying for unfunded mandates. Mr. Neil Martin, Board Member, stated that he would like the board to develop a list of the ten most pressing mandates that could be presented to our legislatures.

## **G. Workshop Consent Agenda**

### **1. Approving Business and Finance Items**

#### **1.1 Annual Audit Report**

That the Board of Education approved the annual audit report prepared by our independent auditor, The Bonadio Group, of Syracuse, NY for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

#### **1.2 Board Policy**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Fund Balance Policy #6300

#### **1.3 Board Policy**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Inventories and Accounting of Fixed Assets #5620

## **H. Approving Other Items**

### **1. Resolutions**

That the Board of Education supported the resolutions proposed and submitted by the NYSSBA Board of Directors.

## **I. Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Smith, second by Mr. Johnston, to approve Consent Items G1 through H1. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **J. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

None at this time.

## **K. Reflection**

None at this time.

## **L. Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Wilson, to adjourn to Executive Session at 10: 05 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.

***M. Adjourn Meeting***

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

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**Margie Flynn, District Clerk**