

**ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TITUSVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

President Neil Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Titusville Intermediate School, 128 Meadow Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Board Members present were Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Kaul, Mrs. Lappan, Mr. Martin, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rossi and Mrs. Smith. Board Member absent was Mr. McCormick. Also present were Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Rafalik and Ms. Zimmerman. There was an audience of approximately 45.

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. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Rossi, to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Baxter to re-open Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None at this time.

Public Comment

Cathy Mann, parent and resident, inquired about a possible fund raiser to raise money to replace and enhance lighting on the stage at LaGrange Middle School.

William Cox, parent, shared concerns regarding full-day Kindergarten. He opposed this recommendation. He does not agree with it, and would rather spend more time with his son. He feels that the benefits received from a full-time program are short lived.

Dr. Miller, resident, stated that he has seen the harm that computers have done to students. He asked if it was worth spending \$600,000.

As it relates to the lighting concern at LaGrange Middle School, Dr. Licopoli stated that one of the objectives for this school year is to conduct a lead assessment at all the buildings, and that this issue will be identified.

***Superintendent/
Board President
Report***

Dr. Licopoli acknowledged the Cross Country and Soccer students for their accomplishments. He introduced Dr. Lyons, Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Lyons recognized their hard work and dedication. Each student was acknowledged and given a certificate. The coaches also spoke about their season and thanked the students for their commitment. In addition to winning the State Championship, the Soccer team was also recognized for their character. Dr. Licopoli stated that there is nothing better than to be honored for their character as well as their accomplishments.

Stephen Gomez, President of the Student Government introduced Nicole Coleman, Vice President of the Student Government. She reported to the Board of Education. She stated that the students had a “mock election” on election day, and President Obama was the winner. She reported that students distributed boxes for Thanksgiving, and they also raked leaves and did other various chores through the program “Seniors helping Seniors.” She announced that the Junior Class will be hosting “Mr. Arlington” on December 7th. There will be a trip to the city on December 14th. Stephen Gomez wrapped up the report with a couple of issues that have been raised: concerns about the cafeteria food and the Seniors would like to know if they could use their sport in place of Physical Education. Mr. Fanuele, Arlington High School Principal, added to the report. He shared a story about the homecoming dance. The homecoming king and queen that were chosen were special education students, a real “feel good” moment for everyone. It can be seen on Youtube.

Mr. Dan Shornstein, Principal of Titusville, shared highlights and a brief overview of initiatives that were started last year. He reviewed the use of data to improve student achievement. He also reviewed Math and ELA performance.

Dr. Licopoli presented a full-day Kindergarten follow up report. He spoke about ways to do it correctly so that the benefits are sustained over time. Dr. Lowden reported on the rationale for full-day Kindergarten. Margaret Ruller, Director of Curriculum ELA, ESL and Social Studies, reviewed the performance for Grade 3.

Dr. Licopoli shared more information regarding the Technology resolution on the agenda. Dr. Lowden and Jo Ann Kraus, Director of Technology presented the Technology Lease follow up report. They spoke about the rationale for the plan, the initiatives, the planning parameters and the effectiveness of the plan. Mrs. Kraus also spoke about the teaching framework. They shared video clips of examples of how teachers are using the white boards to engage student learning.

Dr. Licopoli stated that the Strategic Planning Retreat is taking place on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school district.

7. **New Business**

a) **Student Government Report**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Arlington High School Student Government Report as presented in the Superintendent Report.

b) **Full Day Kindergarten**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to implement Full Day Kindergarten effective 2013-2014 school year with the stipulation that Kindergarten Transition Aid is approved in the 2013-2014 State Budget.

c) **Technology Resolution**

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. McLeod to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 7-1 (Mrs. Kaul opposed).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt a resolution approving a contract with the Dutchess County BOCES for the acquisition of computer/technology hardware, software and related equipment through a four-year installment purchase agreement commencing in the 2012/13 school year with a maximum total principal cost of \$600,000.00 and further that the Arlington Central School District will pay the Dutchess County BOCES through its regular monthly billing cycle over the four-year period to commence during the 2012-13 school year.

d) **Strategic Planning Team**

Motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mrs. Baxter to amend the changes to the following resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

The changes are as follows: remove Ms. Zimmerman and add Nancy Thomas.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following members to serve on the Core Planning Team for the District Strategic Planning:

Name	Position
Lorenzo Licopoli	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Brendan Lyons	Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Paul Fanuele	Principal, AHS
Eric Schetter	Principal, LMS
Micah Brown	Principal, TPS
George Beckwith	Director of Transportation
Christopher Bayer	Director of Special Education
Wendy Mercurio	Secretary, AHS
Belinda Lang	CSEA
Charles McLeod	BOE/parent/resident
Cindy Smith	BOE/parent/resident
Kathy Bellino	Social Studies Teacher, AHS
Marc Ouimet	Physics Teacher, AHS
Daniel Erceg	Mathematics Teacher, LMS
Sheri Altieri	Art Teacher, UVMS
Nancy Thomas	Teacher, Overlook
Jennifer Spagnola	Elementary Teacher, TIS
Robert Maier	Social Studies Teacher, AHS
Stephen Gomez	Student, AHS
Nick Turenchalk	Student, AHS
Zola Golden	Student, AHS
Barbara Adams	Parent/resident
Marie Taylor	Parent/resident
James Shuttleworth	Parent/resident

Nyhisha Gibbs	Parent/resident
Doreen Meehan	Parent/resident
Holly Ciferri	Parent/resident
Teresa Garrett	Vassar College
Edward Sullivan	Marist College
George Wade	Community Member

e. Memorandum of Agreement

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

That the Board of Education approve the following memorandum of agreement:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiators for the New York State Nurses Association and the District, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the terms of the July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014 Collectively Negotiated Agreement with the New York State Nurses Association.”

f. Memorandum of Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Baxter, seconded by Mr. McLeod to approve the following resolution. The motion was carried 7-1 (Mr. Rossi abstained due to conflict of interest).

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of a Memorandum of Agreement executed by the negotiators for the Food Service Workers of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO and the District, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to implement the terms of the July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2016 Collectively Negotiated Agreement with the Food Service Workers of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO.”

8. Business Consent Agenda

1. Accepting of Minutes

1.1 None at this time.

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>
John Timm	Bus. Ed. Teacher & Coordinator, HS	Appt. to Assistant Principal	11/13/12
Allyson Peluso	Phys. Ed. teacher, LMS	Personal	1/2/13

2.2 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>Step</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Effective</u>
James Martin	Temp. Math, HS	B 01	\$47,627 (pro-rated)	9/4/12 – 11/7/12
Amanda Konunchuk	Temp. English, LMS	M 01	\$53,256 (pro-rated)	9/24/12 – 6/30/13
Nicole Neczesny-Altieri	Temp. Science, HS	M 01	\$53,256 (pro-rated)	9/4/12 – 11/30/12
Ryan Solomon	Temp. Sp. Ed., HS	M 01	\$53,256 (pro-rated)	9/24/12 – 1/27/13

2.3 Certified Leaves

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Employee #12886		9/28/12 - TBD
Erin Ginsberg	Psychologist, Beekman & Private Schools	1/28/13 – 6/30/13
Maeghan Schmitt	Sp. Ed., HS	10/23/12 – 1/27/13
David Lazarus	Soc. St., UMS	11/14/12 – 6/30/13
Nicole Hernon	English, LMS	9/24/12 – 6/30/13

2.4 Certified Substitutes - additional to list

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

Teachers

Nicholas Danese
Caitlin O'Dowd
Tennille Martin
Dana Haile
Lily Stamper
Chelsea Cartica
Kelley Secor
Jessica DeBellis

Teaching Assistants

Melissa Palestro
Bridget Mare
John Agosta

Jessica Molfetta
 Melissa Palestro
 Relsiea Pruner
 Stephanie Blake
 John Agosta

Interpreter

Lubna Yasmin

2.5 Correction of FTE for 11/12:

That the Board of Education correct the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Donna Bolner	1.0 FTE Science, LMS	9/6/11 (Correction of 1.2 FTE to 1.0 FTE from the 9/27/11 minutes)
Stephen Papp	1.0 FTE Science, LMS	9/6/11 (Correction of 1.2 FTE to 1.0 FTE from the 9/27/11 minutes)

2.6 Certified Co-Curricular Appointments

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

Arlington High School:

Interscholastic:

Basketball - Boys Varsity Head Coach -	Matthew Hoyt
Basketball - Boys JV Head Coach -	Christopher Lucia
Basketball - Boys Freshman Head Coach -	Lawrence Kunze
Basketball - Volunteer Boys Varsity Coach -	James Feicht
Basketball - Volunteer Boys Varsity Assistant Coach -	Ernest Verdis
Basketball - Girls Varsity Head Coach -	Kimberly Costello
Basketball - Girls JV Head Coach -	Sarah Mesuch
Basketball - Girls Freshman Head Coach -	Douglas Carpenter
Bowling - Head Co-coaches -	James Golding, Christa Rawald
Cheerleading - Varsity Coach, Winter -	Brenda Gobillot
Cheerleading - JV Coach, Winter -	Kathleen Hegarty
Fencing - Co-head Coaches -	Lauren Collet, Lea Schreiber
Swimming - Boys Varsity Head Coach -	Ron Terwilliger
Track - Boys Winter Head Coach -	Steve Arnett
Track - Boys Winter Assistant Coach -	William Ficker
Track - Girls Winter Head Coach -	Diana Lucas
Track - Girls Winter Assistant Coach -	Brian Powers
Weight Training, Winter -	Michael P Morano
Wrestling - JV Co-head Coaches -	John Bautochka, Anthony Stewart
Wrestling - Varsity Head Coach -	Fred Perry
Wrestling - Volunteer -	Norman Dean

Co-curricular:

Coordinator - Business -	Lisa Greco (replacing John Timm)
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Choreographer: Spring Musical -
 Costume Designer: Spring Musical -
 Director of Spring Musical -
 Orchestra Director: Spring Musical -
 Scenic Designer: Spring Musical -
 Vocal Music Director: Spring Musical -
 String Ensemble -

Grace Mihalchik
 Kathryn Whittaker
 Sarah Combs
 William Stevens III
 Thomas Swetz
 Caitlin Dougherty
 Elizabeth Handman

LaGrange Middle School

Interscholastic:

Basketball - Boys Head Coach -
 Basketball - Girls Head Coach -
 Wrestling - Head Coach -

Michael O'Halloran
 Meghan Woolf
 Ryan Sonne

Intramurals:

Basketball, Winter -
 Gymnastics, Winter -

Fredrick Meluson
 Alyson Homko-Schank, Nancy
 Rifenburgh

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - Math Counts -
 Lunchroom Supervision -

Amanda Konunchuk
 Jared D'Aleo (replacing Alyson Homko-Schank)

Union Vale Middle School

Co-curricular:

Club Advisor - PBIS -

Maja Field (replacing Matthew Reilly)

2.7 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>
Chrisitne Seckler	Food Service Helper, LMS	\$10.79/hr	11/28/12
Catherine Hammerschlag	Food Service Helper, Traver	\$10.79/hr	11/28/12
Valerie Galanopoulos	.5 FTE School Nurse, LMS	\$17,222 pro-rated	10/31/12
Deborah Barrick	.5 FTE School Nurse, UMS	\$17,222 pro-rated	11/1/12

2.8 Classified Substitutes - additional to list

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

Maintenance

David Cutchin, Sr.

3. Approving Special Services

3.1 CSE & CPSE Designations and Placements

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

4. Approving Business and Finance Items

4.1 Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 2012

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

4.2 Internal Claims Auditor's Report for the month of August, 2012

That the Board of Education accept the internal claims audit report for the month of October 2012, as submitted by Sandy Martino, Internal Claims Auditor.

4.3 Approve the following Extra-Classroom Activities:

That the Board of Education approve the following Extra-Classroom Activities:

AHS

Arlingtonian
Blue Sky Acting Group
Class of 2014
Class of 2015
Class of 2016
Environmental Awareness
Everness

FCCLA Early Childhood
Fashion Show
French Club
German Club
Italian
Interact Club
Link Crew
Marching Band
Marine Biology
Math League
Medical Professions
Mixed Ensemble
Model United Nations

Operation Donation
 S.H.A.D.E.S.
 Spanish Club
 Step Team
 Student Athletic Council
 Together
 Yearbook

American Rocket Club – Will be closing as all of its members were seniors and have gone on to college. There is no longer an interest or a need for this club.

AMS
 Uniting Cultures Club – Spanish Food Club
 Drama/Musical
 Student Council

LMS
 Student Council
 Chef's Club
 Quilting & Sewing for Service
 School Store
 Yearbook
 National Jr. Honor Society
 FCCLA

UMS
 Band
 Arlington Publishing Kids (APK)
 School Store
 Orchestra
 Library Club
 Drama & Musical Clubs
 Student Council
 Yearbook

4.4 Approve Tax Certiorari Settlement

That the Board of Education approve the following tax certiorari settlements as recommended by Leah L. Murphy of Kuntz, Murphy & Gronbach, P.C.:

William Reilly v. Town of LaGrange
 Grid #6460-02-784569

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2011	243,500	100,000	143,500	0.02534	3,636.30
2012	236,200	100,000	136,200	0.02721	3,706.00
Total					\$7,342.30

Circle Lodge v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6658-00-352528

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2010	3,104,000	2,500,000	855,360	0.02461	21,050.00
2011	3,104,000	2,500,000	855,360	0.02661	22,761.00
2012	3,104,000	2,500,000	855,360	0.02875	24,592.00
Total					\$68,403.00

Modroukas v. Town of Beekman
Grid #6759-00-589324

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2011	846,000	755,000	91,000	0.02661	2,422.00
2012	846,000	755,000	65,600	0.02875	1,886.00
Total					\$4,308.00

JPJR Holdings LLC v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6261-04-850298

Per letter dated November 8, 2012, from Leah L. Murphy of Kuntz, Murphy Y Gronbach, "The subject property for JPJR Holdings is located at 35 Patrick Lane and used primarily as a storage facility. There are two years in issue on that property, 2011 and 2012, with a total potential exposure of \$62,888. The petitioner will enter into a stipulation of discontinuance and withdraw the challenges for both years."

John Page Development LLC v. Town of LaGrange
Grid #6261-04-868334

Per letter dated November 8, 2012, from Leah L. Murphy of Kuntz, Murphy Y Gronbach, "The petition filed by John Page Development, LLC for 2012 involves a parcel located at 404-406 Manchester Road, and identified as 6261-04-868334-0000. The parcel is a neighborhood shopping center. The petitioner purchased the Manchester Road property on June 20, 2011 for \$750,000 at about the same moment that it was assess at \$1,413,000. The Town has agreed to amend the assessment to reflect the actual purchase price to \$750,000 for the 2012 tax year. Under this settlement the District will pay a refund for that property of \$18,040.

4.5 Accept 1st Quarter Extra Classroom Financial Report

That the Board of Education accept the 1st Quarter Extra Classroom Financial Report as submitted, to conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

4.6 Approve Tax Adjustments and Refunds

That the Board of Education approve tax adjustments and refunds per Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency, as follows:

TOWN	YEAR	OWNER	Refund/ Adjustment
LaGrange	2012/13	16 Properties LLC	\$35,673.98
Poughkeepsie	2012/13	NYS Youth Dev	705.39
		Total 2012/13 Refunds/Adjustments	\$36,379.37

4.7 Donations

That the Board of Education accept the following donation:

FROM	FOR	AMOUNT
Bridgette Pasquarella	Document Camera	\$500.00

4.8 Bid Award – Athletic and Sports Equipment

That the Board of Education award the Athletic and Sports Equipment Bid to the low bidders meeting specifications, as listed below:

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Number of Items</i>	<i>Amount</i>
K & J Accessories, Inc.	1	\$30,000.00
BSN Sports	4	28,979.76
ARC Sports	1	9,752.00
G & G Fitness Equipment, Inc.	3	4,785.00
Scholastic Sports Sales	2	4,036.00
Total	11	\$77,552.76

5. **Approving Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Rossi, second by Mr. Johnston, to approve the Consent Items 8.1 through 8.4. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

Dr. Miller, resident, shared concerns regarding full-day Kindergarten. He had mixed reactions.

10. **Committee Reports/Board Issues**

Mr. Rossi announced that there will be a Recalibration Committee Meeting in a few weeks.

11. **Executive Session**

None at this time.

12. **Adjournment**

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

Margie Flynn, District Clerk