

**Arlington School Committee  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 25, 2018  
6:30 PM**

*Arlington High School  
School Committee Room  
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor  
Arlington, MA 02476*

*Present: Jeff Thielman, Chair, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Vice Chair, Bill Hayner, Secretary, Paul Schlichtman, Cindy Starks, Len Kardon, and Jennifer Susse*

*Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent of the Schools, Roderick MacNeal, Assistant Superintendent of the Schools, John Danizio, Chief Financial Officer, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, Jason Levey, President of the AEA.*

*Absent: Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education,*

*Open the meeting*

*Mr. Thielman welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:35 p.m. of meeting Jan 25, 2018.*

***Dr. Allison-Ampe motioned to table all agenda items up to Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 7-0***

***Mr. Hayner moved to enter Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A section 21(a), purpose (2), to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-personnel (Superintendent of Schools ). To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and/or nonunion personnel or contract negotiations with union and /or Nonunion in which if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in which if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect, Collective bargaining may also be conducted, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.***

***Roll Call: Unanimous***

***Voted: 7-0***

*Dr. Bodie, Mr. MacNeal, Mr. Danizio, Mr. Spiegel and Mr. Jason Levey exited the meeting at 6:41 p.m.*

***Mr. Schlichtman voted to adjourn Executive Session and return to open session at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Roll call: unanimous***

***Voted: 7-0***

*Dr. Bodie, Mr. MacNeal, Mr. Danizio, Mr. Spiegel and Mr. Jason Levey returned to the Regular School Committee meeting.*

***Dr. Allison-Ampe moved take off all items tabled, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.***

***Voted: 7-0***

*Open Regular Meeting*

*Jeff welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight of Thursday January 25, 2018 at 6:48 p.m., the art work from the Brackett Elementary School was presented.*

*Public Participation*

*Christina Falcone, Megan Hinckley, Ashley Dickson, Sarah Sawyer, Josh Weisman, Liz Exton, Lauren Cosgrove, expressed their concern with the overcrowding in Kindergarten classrooms, improve teacher and student ratio, and is asking the School Committee members to support to hire full time Kindergarten Teaching Assistants in every classroom and find the money to budget these requests to save on special education costs down the road. Others in attendance Amy Martins, Leora Summer, Mira Whiting, Kamn Lacroix, Nuala McGowan and Erin Shanley, agree with the previous parents who spoke to support the full time Kindergarten TA's.*

*SummerFun Community Education Trip Approvals*

*Ms. Jen Rothenburg, Community Education Director and Mr. Jeff Bruno, AHS teacher seek approval for SummerFun Wilderness Expeditions to Maine.*

*The trip of Mr. Bruno was presented and explained to the full committee members and once Dr. Bodie stated she whole heartily supports these expeditions' trips and the following motion was made:*

***Mr. Schlichtman moved to approve the Wilderness Expeditions to Maine's Bigelow Range and Flagstaff Lake for SummerFun, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 7-0***

*Ms. Rothenburg explained Mr. Zierk's Amazing Maine Adventure Trip for SummerFun, during July 15-22, 2018. Grades 8-9, and noted the trip will take place a day after Mr. Bruno's trip then following motion was made:*

***Mr. Hayner moved to approve the Amazing Maine Adventure Trip for SummerFun, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.***

***Voted: 7-0***

*Dr. Bodie wanted to inform the parents in the audience that she will make a recommendation to fund full time Teaching Assistants for Kindergarteners but will have to take something else away.*

#### *AHS Update on FY 19 Programs of Studies*

*Mr. Bill McCarthy presented the new course offerings at Arlington High School. The committee is thrilled with the new courses and the music changes with musical theater, course chorus and orchestra which give students wider experience in performing arts. They are impressed with the Economic course changes and offering dual enrollments for students.*

***Ms. Susses moved to approve the AHS changes on the FY 19 Program of Studies, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 7-0***

#### *AHS Discipline Report*

*Due to Dr. Janger's absence the AHS Discipline Report will be presented in the spring..*

#### *FY19 Budget Discussion*

*Mr. Danizio presented the FY 19 Budget breakdown showing the details by a PowerPoint presentation. The Budget increase from FY 18 is \$4,931,836. The Gibbs Implementation includes additional costs beyond transfer from OMS of \$1,300,000 contractual/salary increases is \$1,955,000 and fixed and mandates costs \$825,000 with a remaining available budget of \$851,836 to cover enrollment growth and all other increases. The Potential Adjustments for out of district tuitions is about \$50,000. The Circuit Breaker Revenue was discussed and Mr. Kardon and Mr. Danizio discussed the proposal of paying Circuit Breaker Revenue back over a three year plan instead of paying it all back in the first year as was the motion Mr. Kardon made last year. Mr. Danizio will do some more research on the motion and will continue to discuss CB at the Long Range Planning Committee meeting.*

*Mr. Danizio said the budget books are still being worked on and the information will be provided to the School Committee members on February 2, 2018, and discussed on February 8, with a Budget Hearing on March 1, and then voted on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Finance committee needs FY 19 Budget by March 21, 2018*

#### *Monthly Financial Reports*

*Mr. Danizio presented the financial reports and answered all account information on Foreign Visa revenue concerns in the reports.*

#### *Superintendent's Report*

##### *Building Project Updates*

*Dr. Bodie informed Mr. Kardon and the committee that the request to have all Ottoson and Gibbs staffing listed is challenging and will continue to work on it.*

##### *Gibbs*

*Ms. Susse informed Dr. Bodie that parents are interested in the Gibbs 6<sup>th</sup> Grade presentation on the scheduling plan. The Gibbs Advisory Committee would like another parent forum by early*

*March to work on the schedule and then hold another forum in late spring to provide additional details for next year.*

*Dr. Bodie said she has worked with Traffic Advisory Committee, the Police Department and DPW for safe drop off in the parking lot areas.*

*AHS Visionary group will also help with the space planning for the high school and would like to expand the discussion to the community and invite everyone to the planning meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. The School Committee members must approve the visionary before going to MSBA. Mr. Thielman discussed the schedule for all the meetings coming up on the Budget and for the AHS Building Committee meetings with various options to get the buildings up to code, do a renovation or do a new building. Mr. Kardon suggested we hold joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Building Committee as Belmont did.*

*Dr. Bodie informed the committee of the close out meeting held on Stratton Rebuild and will hold one more meeting when everything is completed.*

*Dr. Bodie said the OMS Principal and the Hardy Principal searches continue will do site visits and will have a decision made after the February break.*

#### Consent Agenda

***Dr. Allison-Ampe moved to approve the Consent Agenda, for Approval of Warrant #18143, dated 1/11/2018 in the amount of: \$871,877.90, seconded by Mr. Hayner.***

***Voted: 7-0***

#### Subcommittee & Liaison Reports & Announcements

- *Budget, Kirsi Allison-Ampe (Chair) said will hold meetings Feb 1, 6:00 and Feb 15 at 6:00 p.m. talking about the Budget coming and will continue to do outreach with parents and the community. Mr. Kardon had presented at Dallin PTO and provided budget details, and they appreciated the information especially the Special Education spending.*
- *Community Relations, Cindy Starks (Chair) nothing to report*
- *District Accountability, Curriculum/Instruction & Assessment, (CIAA) Paul*

*Schlichtman, (Chair) meet January 16, 2018 and discussed Superintendent's goals and January would be mid-point. Subcommittee discussed alternative day program, in lieu of no school on snow days. Dr. Bodie would like to get something in place.*

*The committee members expressed concern on policy change with a thoughtful discussion, and who and when do we notify DESE.*

- *Facilities, Jennifer Susse (Chair) nothing*
- *Policies & Procedures, Len Kardon (Chair) plans to hold meeting Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, will try to figure out another date lot going on with AHS,*
- *School Enrollment Task Force, Bill Hayner, Cindy Starks, Jeff Thielman nothing*
- *Legal Services Review, Bill Hayner, Len Kardon nothing*
- *Arlington High School Building Committee Jeff Thielman and Kirsi Allison-Ampe*
- *Gibbs Committee, Cindy Starks*
- *Liaisons Reports*

*Mr. Hayner attended EDCO meeting and said a member from MASBO shared Financial Office discussions.*

- *Announcements*  
*Mr. Hayner announced he was doing the Polar plunge Feb 3.*
- *Future Agenda Items*

*Mr. Hayner said the controversy of GIC changes and we would like to place this on our agenda since he wants to protect our teachers.*

*Correspondence Received:*

*Warrant 1/11/2018*

*AHS Discipline Report*

*AHS update on FY 19 Program of Studies*

*Community Education Travel Approval, Maine 2018*

*Artwork*

*Monthly Financial Reports*

*CIAA Subcommittee minutes 10/10/2017 and 1/9/2018*

*Emails regarding Kindergarten TA,*

*Legal billing*

*Emails OMS Principal Finals*

*Adjournment.*

***Mr. Hayner moved to adjournment at 8:31 p.m. seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.***

***Voted: 7-0***

*Respectfully Submitted by*

*Karen M. Fitzgerald*

*Administrative Assistant*

*Arlington School Committee*