

***Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 29, 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, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, Jason Levey AEA President

*Len Kardon arrived at 6:32 pm
Kirsi Allison-Ampe exited 8:13 pm*

Open Meeting

Mr. Thielman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm, welcomed everyone and then following motion was made:

Executive Session

Ms. Starks moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss security of Arlington Public Schools, if held in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect, seconded by Ms. Susse. Roll Call, Ms. Susse Yes, Ms. Starks Yes, Mr. Schlichtman Yes, Mr. Hayner Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes, Mr. Thielman, Yes.

Voted: 6-0

Ms. Susse moved to exit out of Executive Session and return to open session at 6:55 pm, seconded by Ms. Starks.

Roll Call, Ms. Susse Yes, Ms. Starks Yes, Mr. Schlichtman Yes, Mr. Hayner Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes, Mr. Thielman, Yes.

Voted: 6-0

Honoring School Committee Member for her years of service, Cindy Starks

The School Committee members presented Cindy Starks with a School Committee Standard Chair with her years of service on the committee and Senator Cindy Friedman and Representative Sean Garballey celebrated Cindy Starks tonight along with her husband and mother.

Appointment to the Vision 2020 Standing Committee

Mr. Schlichtman moved the appointment of Ms. Starks to the Vision 2020 Standing Committee, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 7-0

Recess for 5 minutes

Public Participation

Sara Wilkinson, Dianna Trudell and Larry Slatneck all Thompson School parents asked to be on record and read their letters addressed to Dr. Bodie in support of adding an additional classroom next year for their 4th Graders moving onto the 5th Grade level. Juliet Moir said that her and Jane Morgan collected data on recess at each of the elementary schools and asking Dr. Bodie and the School Committee to look into the disparities at each school and to work together to provide additional recess guidelines and policy.

Gibbs/OMS Comparison Chart

John Danizio presented the Gibbs and the Ottoson Middle School comparison Chart. After the committee discussed the various areas of subjects, FTE's and scheduling it was suggested by the committee to invite Kristen DeFrancisco, Gibbs 6th Grade Principal to our next meeting to explain the new Gibbs and hear about project blocks.

Interim Report on Superintendent Goals

Kathy Bodie spoke on her practice Goal in respect to the development plan for Gibbs and said the committee has been hearing her reports all year long. Kathy said the work of the Arlington High School Building project has impacted her time more than she anticipated and school visits are less than she would prefer. Mr. MacNeal, Jr. spoke about the recent Vision 2020 meeting and discussed the goals of the plan. Dr. Ampe was unable to attend the forum and said she will ask principals to work with PTO and school councils and receive feedback and find ways to achieve what we have in the vision statement.

School Calendar 2018-2019 with Kindergarten Information

Kathy Bodie presented the updated 2018-2019 School Calendar with Kindergarten information which will be included in a letter being sent out to Kindergarten parents.

**Ms. Starks moved to approve the School Calendar 2018-2019 with Kindergarten Information
Seconded by Ms. Susse.**

Voted: 6-0

Monthly Financial Reports

John Danizio updated the committee on the financial numbers and said we are not projecting a deficit and are projecting to be good.

Superintendent's Report K. Bodie

Update on School Buildings

Dr. Bodie announced that Monday, June 25th will be our last day of school and it will be a half day, with dismissal at 11:30. Kathy said it will be our last day of school with certainty since we don't have to make up any day once we hit April 1.

Kathy thanked the AEF on all the work with the Trivia Bee, and noted the costumes were great too.

Kathy said the Hardy School Principal will be Katherine S. Peretz and Kate will start, July 1, 2018.

The high school and middle school student walk out was planned, involved police and administration and organized by the students in a mature way. Dr. Bodie would praise and complemented the students.

Gibbs Library

Arlington Community Education will invited David Whitford, author to speak on April 11 7 to 8:30 at AHS auditorium for \$10 and all proceeds will go to the Gibbs Library.

After hearing from Mr. Hayner and Mr. Kardon on not having a full time librarian the members asked if we could make it a priority and support our teachers, and use revolving funds for hiring full time librarians. Ms. Susse noted that the Robbins Library will hold a meeting on April 11, 6:30 pm to promote librarians too.

Kathy would like to congratulate the high school students on the production of Wonderful Town.

Artwork in School Committee Room

Mr. Thielman reported out that the artwork presented tonight was the work from Thompson and Stratton students.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlichtman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as present, Approval of Warrant: March 15, 2018, Warrant #18190 in the amount of \$464,022.01, Approval of Minutes: School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2018, Approval of Trips: Host family exchange trip to France, 2018-2019 SY, Approval of Meeting: School Committee Organizational Meeting, Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Starks.

Voted: 6-0

Policy: None

Subcommittee & Liaison Reports & Announcements

Budget, Kirsi Allison-Ampe (Chair) nothing to report

· Community Relations, Cindy Starks (Chair) might have a meeting

· District Accountability, Curriculum/Instruction & Assessment, (CIAA) Paul Schlichtman, (Chair) no report

· Facilities, Jennifer Susse (Chair) no report

· Policies & Procedures, Len Kardon (Chair) no report

· School Enrollment Task Force, Bill Hayner, Cindy Starks, Jeff Thielman

· Legal Services Review, Bill Hayner, Len Kardon no report

· Arlington High School Building Committee Jeff Thielman and Kirsi Allison-Ampe will hold a meeting on Tuesday April 3 at 6:00 pm then April 4 in Town Hall Forum. Jeff will provide timeline, Town Manager will report on sites for AHS and Lori Cowles and Matt Janger will speak on the Education Plan Summary and square footage. The design options will be discussed on Tuesday.

· Gibbs Committee, Cindy Starks, Monday night, April 2 is the Gibbs Forum

· Liaisons Reports

Ms. Susse attended Arlington enrollment growth group which discussed afterschool issues, waitlists and school issues.

· Announcements

· Future Agenda Items

Kathy said other district goals will be addressed at future meetings and the issue on safe and supportive schools and action plans we are rolling out will be addressed by Sara Burd in May.

Mr. Kardon moved to refer the recess policy issue to the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted: 6-0

Executive Session

Ms. Susse moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:43 pm 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 a open meeting may have a detrimental effect. To conduct strategy 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 Ms. Starks.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Correspondence Received:

Warrant dated March 15, 2018

Regular Draft School Committee minutes, March 15, 2018

School Calendar 2018-2018 with Kindergarten information

Monthly Financial Reports, Feb 2018

Host French Trip for 2018-2019

Invitation to A Crisis of Democracy: Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Community Development Week Celebration, April 3, 2018

School Committee letters

ASC letter to AHSBC confirming vote on Ed Plan to MSBA

OMS Vs Gibbs FTE 18 to 19

Art work descriptions

Hardy Principal Press Release

Adjournment

Mr. Schlichtman moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm seconded by Ms. Starks.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

Karen M. Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee