

**Arlington School Committee  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 10, 2018  
6:30 PM**

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

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

*Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent, Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, John Danizio,  
Chief Financial Officer, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special  
Education, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Marion Nolan, AEA President, Theodora  
Rosen, AHS Student Representative*

*Kathleen Bodie and Kirsi Allison-Ampe arrived 7:10 pm  
Jennifer Susse arrived at 6:44 pm*

*Open Meeting on School Choice*

*Mr. Kardon opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and stated that it is the policy of this school district not to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Inter-district School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12.) This decision must be reaffirmed annually prior to June 1st by a vote of the School Committee following a public hearing.*

*Mr. Schlichtman moved to close the School Choice Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Hayner.  
Voted: 5-0, Dr. Allison-Ampe, and Ms. Susse absent*

*Mr. Schlichtman moved that it is the district policy of this school district not to admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Inter-district School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12.) This decision must be reaffirmed annually and to inform the DESE of our decision, seconded by Mr. Hayner.  
Voted: 5-0*

*Mr. Kardon informed the committee that Dr. Bodie and Dr. Ampe are attending the Touchdown Ostergren Dinner Award banquet and then acknowledged the Peirce School Artwork in the room.*

*Public Participation*  
*None*

### Digital Media Learning and Computer Science

Mr. Coleman presented an overview of the current middle school Computer Science courses that are mandatory and offered to eighth grade students as an elective. The Sixth Grade will take a Scratch programming, robotics, and an introduction to 3D printing with TinkerCAD. The seventh and eighth Grade students will extend their learning in Scratch programming. Mr. Coleman was happy to say the AEF awarded \$10,000 next year toward some of the programming courses.

### Consent Agenda

**Mr. Hayner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented· Warrant for Approval: Warrant # 18219, Dated 4/26/2018, Total Amount of \$584,076.58, · Minutes for Approval: Dated 4/26/2018, Regular School Committee Minutes, · Trip Approval: None, · Approval of The Ida Robbins Scholarship, presented to the top two students with highest GPA, and Approval of The E. Nelson Blake Book Award, presented to the top ten students with highest GPA, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman. Voted: 6-0, Dr. Allison-Ampe absent**

### Subcommittee & Liaison Reports & Announcements

- Budget, L. Kardon will hold a meeting on 5/16/2018 at 8:35 am
  - Community Relations, J. Susse will continue to hold office hours on first Saturday at 11 am. A meeting will be held to discuss after school care on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
  - Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment & Accountability, J. Thielman will hold a meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm to discuss District Goals, Cultural Competency goals and have more specific goals with metrics.
  - Facilities, B. Hayner will hold a meeting Tuesday, May 15, at 5:30 pm
  - Policies & Procedures, P. Schlichtman will be available to meet during the summer to discuss policy sections. Mike Gilbert from MASC will be retiring and moving to Florida in December.
  - Legal Services Review will set up a meeting
  - Arlington High School Building Committee J. Thielman, K. Allison-Ampe will meet Tuesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm
  - Gibbs Committee, J. Morgan a meeting will be held on May 22, at 4:00 pm
  - Liaisons Reports, nothing
  - Announcements
- Mr. Hayner announced the Rotary Club Dinner, June 5 and Tino D'Agostino will receive award
- Future Agenda Items

### Discussion on 2018-2019 Goals Draft 1

Mr. MacNeal presented the Draft 1 version the format and the process of the 2018-2019 District Goals to the School Committee members. The committee members discussed and suggested different language to express our vision and objectives and want to see measurable outcomes in the multiyear plan. The administration would like to word the goals to make each goal more achievable and note that some goals are multiyear goals needing more time.

Theo Rosen asked Dr. Bodie what is cultural competence and what does it mean. Kathy said deeper understanding on other cultural as well as emotional understanding of individual behavior and practices and respecting difference and have us grow and be aware what we do in our curriculum.

*The committee members would like to see in the goals what direction the district is going in and to have the administration create more general objectives, have more measurable outcomes, include achievement gap and cultural competency, as well as a needs statement and to bring the committee members into the discussion. The CIAA subcommittee members can continue the discussion of the District Goals at the next meeting on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and look at the Superintendent Goals too.*

### Superintendent Report

*Dr. Bodie spoke on attending the Touchdown Annual Award dinner tonight that the Ostergren award goes to the top student female and male athlete. Dr. Bodie acknowledged the AHS vandalism report in the paper and on TV. Dr. Bodie acknowledged on the achievement of AHS receiving the US News ranking Arlington, MA 9<sup>th</sup> in the state. The high school musicians held a fabulous concert last weekend and the middle school presented Bye Bye Birdie.*

*Kathy said our current Kindergarten enrollment is at 542 and she will continue to follow the enrollment growth. She also reported the after school program at Hardy and Thompson has increased each program to 20 spots next year and 20 the following year. The Brackett will add 10 spots this year and 10 the following year. She is still waiting to hear from other schools.*

*Mr. MacNeal was proud to say we have met all CPR requirements and final report includes special education and civil rights and appreciates Allison Elmer and Carla Bruzzese hard work.*

*Ms. Morgan attended the Kindergarten orientation and said parents were talking about the large enrollment numbers and anxious about after school care. The discussion on class sizes continued by committee members and Dr. Bodie said she is aware of this and noted it is an ongoing process. Dr. Allison-Ampe mentioned that we will do an update on the enrollment study and Mr. Kardon and Mr. Hayner are not certain we should use the same demographer and suggested looking for a different provider.*

### Building Updates

#### *Arlington High School*

*Dr. Bodie said the AHS Building Project is moving forward and architects are looking at big discussion, brand new or renovation and continue to look education of students as we go forward and will hold the a forum on June 4<sup>th</sup> forum. Next year the committee will be engaged in schematic design.*

#### *Hardy School*

*Hardy addition is going forward and we will have to extend it one more week and move in during Christmas break.*

#### *Gibbs 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School*

*Gibbs is moving along well and currently putting up a wall in front of building and moving forward.*

### Executive Session

*Mr. Hayner moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 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, and 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 and exit to only adjourn, seconded by Ms. Susse.***

***Roll Call: unanimous***

***Voted: 7-0***

***Correspondence Received:***

***Warrant dated # 18219 4/26/2018***

***Minutes From Regular School Committee meeting on 4/26/2018***

***Enrollment May, 2018***

***Memorial Day notice***

***School Budget Books FY 2019***

***Approval of Ida Robbins Scholarship for 2018. Two students with highest GPA.***

***Approval of E. Nelson Blake Book Award, Top ten students with highest GPA.***

***Arlington Rotary Club, Annual banquet invitation, June 5, 2018, Sons of Italy.***

***District 2018-2019 Goals***

***Press Release dated May 8, 2018 Superintendent Kathleen Bodie and Chief Fred Ryan.***

***Thank you letter to Frederick Buckley on Class of 1947 donation.***

***U.S. News High School 2018 Ranking***

***Adjournment***

***Mr. Hayner moved to exit and adjourn at 9:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Thielman.***

***Roll call: unanimous***

***Voted: 7-0***

***Respectfully submitted by***

***Karen M. Fitzgerald***

***Administrative Assistant***

***Arlington School Committee/js***