

*ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018
6:30 PM*

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

Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, John Danizio, Chief Financial Officer, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, and Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Julia Keys AEA Representative and Caelan Doherty, AHS Student Council Representative

Absent: Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director

Open Meeting

Dr. Allison-Ampe presented the Arlington High School Art display.

Public Participation

None

Dr. Allison-Ampe informed the committee that Dr. Bodie was absent due to being on vacation and Mr. Spiegel is attending a conference. Mr. Thielman will arrive late due to work.

Arlington Community Education Annual Update

Ms. Jennifer Rothenberg, and Ms. Andrea Loeb of Community Education provided and update on all the fall, winter, spring and summer programming. The SummerFun programs for the students is the most attended program and students enjoy having teachers that teach a subject during the school year teach another subject during the summer fun programming. Teachers, students and parents appreciate the programs offered. The Community Education programs continue to grow each year. The demand for additional programs are needed, but the main challenge for the Community Education program is space at each of the schools. Ms. Rothenberg wanted to make sure that the Community Education program continues at the high school even after the high school is completed with the rebuild project.

Committee members pointed out that more space is needed for all after-school programs and agreed that it's a challenge. Ms. Morgan, Mr. Kardon and Dr. Allison-Ampe agreed that since Community Education programming is doing well, and will be paying a building rental fee, they should continue to reach out to free and reduce lunch families and Mr. Kardon raised the issue to offer some additional scholarship money to those students. They appreciated the money provided for the Gibbs library funds and scholarship money.

State Accountability Report and Analysis

Dr. MacNeal and Ms. Paula O'Sullivan provided a brief overview of the system using the Department of Education and Secondary Education slides to show the difference on the accountability indicators used. Both Dr. MacNeal and Ms. O'Sullivan worked together to analysis the data and will continue to work with the data team and dive deeper into it and bring forth a report to our next meeting on how Arlington students have done in our district compared to other schools districts in the state. The MCAS data can be found on the DESE website and is available for all to review.

MASC Annual Business Meeting Discuss resolutions appointment of delegate

Dr. Allison-Ampe asked if Mr. Hayner would like to serve as the delegate for Arlington at the MASC Annual Business meeting during the MASC/MASS Conference, November 2018.

Mr. Schlichtman moved for Mr. Hayner to be our elected delegate at the MASC/MASS Conference, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Dr. Allison-Ampe read through the MASC resolutions and Mr. Hayner got a sense from the committee as to how he should vote, the committee felt he should vote yes on all but two of the resolutions.

Discuss Policy BEA: Regular School Committee Meetings

Mr. Schlichtman said as the subcommittee was going through the policy manual and read BEA Regular School Committee Meeting policy, it defines meeting date as Thursday. He noted most events seem to be on Thursdays at the high school and members of the School Committee have no reserved parking and noted members would like to attend these events. With so many conflicts on using the building on Thursday he suggested that we put forth to move the Regular School Committee meetings to Tuesday. Mr. Thielman and Dr. Allison-Ampe said they respect the committee's request, but currently they are involved with the AHS Building Committee meetings and all are held on Tuesdays probably for the next six to seven years and cannot support it. Mr. Hayner said the issue is not based on a specific night, but verbal request to avoid scheduling events on Thursday nights. The committee members agreed that it didn't make sense to change the night until after the high school project is complete.

Chief Financial Officer hiring process Appointment of School Committee member(s) to interview committee Discussion of job description

Dr. MacNeal announced he regrets to inform us that the Chief Financial Officer is moving on to another position and would like to thank Mr. John Danizio for all his work over the year and half and wishes him well as he pursues his career goals.

Dr. MacNeal and Dr. Allison-Ampe and said that we need to have School Committee members on the interview committee and had heard from four members of the committee interested in serving, Mr. Kardon, Ms. Susse, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Hayner. After a brief discussion the

members were all in agreement to have Mr. Kardon, Ms. Susse and Mr. Hayner serve on the CFO interview committee with Dr. Bodie, Mr. Spiegel, the Comptroller, Town Treasure, Mr. Pooler and other Central Office personnel. The new CFO interview dates will be held on October 23 and October 24. The committee members discussed the Chief Financial Officers job description and all agreed that they will accept the job description recommendation from Dr. Bodie, Mr. Spiegel and Mr. Danizio.

Consent Agenda

**Mr. Hayner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Approval of Warrant: Warrant #19053, Total Amount: \$730,263.94 dated 9/27/2018, Approval of Minutes: Approval of Regular School Committee minutes 9/27/2018 and Approval of Trip: None, seconded by Mr. Susse.
Voted: 7-0**

Policy: None

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

Budget: Len Kardon, Chair, said the subcommittee meet earlier this week, looked at the overall balances and discussed how to develop the FY 2020 budget and the five year plan, he plans to meet again in early November.

Community Relations: Jennifer Susse, Chair said the subcommittee met recently and discussed afterschool issues and whether expanding buffer zones makes sense right now. The committee will review the seven applicants for the Arts and Culture Commission and make the appointment at our next meeting.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability: Jeff Thielman, Chair said they will hold a joint CIAA and Budget meeting on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm to discuss long term vision on the budget for the district. The subcommittee minutes are being worked on.

Facilities: Bill Hayner, Chair will hold a meeting on Monday, October 29 at 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman, Chair will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 17 at 5 pm.

Legal Services Review: Bill Hayner, Len Kardon nothing to report.

Arlington High School Building Committee: Jeff Thielman, Kirsi Allison-Ampe announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, at 6 pm and are moving along and on October 24th there will be a public forum 7pm at Thompson School.

Gibbs Committee: Jane Morgan nothing to report

Liaisons Reports

Announcements:

Ms. Susse announced the AHRC Forum on Restorative Justice held at the Senior Center at 6:30 and Arlington High School Drama Guild will present a one-night only reading of The Laramie Project Saturday October 13 at 7:00.

Mr. Hayner said he and Ms. Morgan participated in walk to school at Stratton, and they held a School Committee chat on Saturday, Oct 6th. Mr. Thielman attended science camp RI and all was going well. The Gibbs Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House, Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Future Agenda Items

None

Executive Session

Mr. Hayner moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:24 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 open meeting, may have a detrimental effect, Chief Financial Officer Position.

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 will not return to open session, seconded by Mr. Kardon.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

Correspondence Received:

Warrant dated 9/27/2018 Draft minutes from 9/27/2018 Accountability Overview Report, R. MacNeal and Paula Girouard O'Sullivan Technology requests to Capital Planning 2018. BEA Policy, backup material and minutes MASC Delegate Meeting letter and Resolutions League of Women Voters October 2018 Community Education Annual update presentation Class Enrollment 10 1 2018 Community Relations minutes 9/11/2018 AHS Art work October 2018

Adjournment

Mr. Hayner moved to adjournment at 8:31 pm, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

***Respectfully submitted by
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Arlington School Committee***