

*Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 29, 2018
6:30 PM*

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02474*

Present: Len Kardon Vice Chair, Jennifer Susse, Secretary, Paul Schlichtman and Bill Hayner and Jane Morgan.

Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Jason Levy, AEA Representative

Absent: Kirsi Allison-Ampe Chair, Jeff Thielman Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent

Open Meeting

Mr. Kardon opened the meeting at 6:30 and said Dr. Allison-Ampe is sick, Mr. Thielman was at a work event, Mr. MacNeal was attending a conference and welcomed AEA Rep Mr. Levy. Mr. Kardon asked the committee to hold for a moment of silence for Select Board member, Mr. Kevin Greeley who suddenly passed away on November 24th. The Ottoson Middle School Art work was presented and the Gibbs will be next meeting.

Public Participation

None

Mr. Hayner announced that a Metco social event will take place on Saturday, in Boston to join two bridges for the purpose to have elementary families get together. All are welcome. Dr. Bodie informed the committee members that the additional funding received for Metco will be used toward a late bus for the Metco students.

Meet New Administration

Dr. Bodie introduced Ms. Kate Peretz as our new Administration member who is the Hardy Elementary Principal. Ms. Peretz said that as soon as she walked into the Hardy she felt welcomed and felt at home. She appreciated the great resource she received from Ms. Kristen DeFransico, staff, parents and the community. She has worked collaboratively with her staff and in a positive direction on the Hardy School Improvement Plan, Goals and on Responsive Classrooms training.

Mr. Hayner, Ms. Susse, and Ms. Morgan each said they have heard glowing praise and reports that Kate is a great advocate for the Hardy community. Dr. Bodie and the committee members appreciated all the work she did with the shift in staffing at the Hardy this past summer due to the opening of Gibbs and the natural turnover of teachers and TA's. Mr. Schlichtman liked hearing from Ms. Peretz that the diversity of Hardy Elementary school was a great fit for her and suggested to her to get her passport and bags ready to join the delegation of those traveling to our sister city in Japan next year to celebrate 35 years.

Ms. Susse inquired about the playground status of Chandler Street and Ms. Peretz said it's in the early stages and the current playground is still functioning but has her eye on the prize to get a new playground completed.

AHS Building Project

Dr. Bodie provided the overview of the very successful AHS Building Forum presentations made by Mr. Thielman and Ms. Cowles at Town Hall on Wednesday, November 28th. Dr. Bodie explained the facility concept designs, the MSBA process and said the Education Vision plan that was submitted to the MSBA is what drove this project and that it was the best MSBA has ever seen. Dr. Bodie stated we are currently in the second phase of the AHS Building project, which is the Schematic Design phase, and then the next two phases will be the Design Development and Construction Drawings phase. The plan is to begin construction in the summer of 2020. The cost of the plan could total \$308 million, of which \$238 million is for the high school and \$70 million is for programs that need to remain at the high school and are mandated. Dr. Bodie said in order for us to move forward the community needs to come together on this project. The Traffic Advisory Committee is reviewing the impact on traffic around the high school and Dr. Bodie would like the committee to discuss having a larger auditorium, gymnasium and adding an indoor track and discuss the educational spaces and Special Education Preschool program at our next School Committee meeting, on Thursday, December 13.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bodie acknowledged the great fall season of our high school athletes. The boys' soccer team made it to the state finals, came in second place and the boys cross country did well and the AHS football team beat AC at the last annual Thanksgiving game. Ryan Oosting received All Scholastic award, and AHS students performed Macbeth over the weekend and had an outstanding performance. The AHS winter concert will be held on Friday, December 14.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Susse moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of Warrant: Warrant Number 19089, Total Warrant Amount \$965,170.23 dated November 15, 2018, and draft minutes from November 15, 2018 School Committee Regular meeting, Mr. Hayner amended the motion to pull the minutes.

Voted: 5-0 to approve the Warrant

Mr. Hayner pointed out that he was absent from the last meeting and suggested to amend the minutes of November 15 to say No Report instead of Nothing to report under agenda item Subcommittee/Liaison/Assignment.

Ms. Susse moved to approval of School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/15/2018 as amended, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted 5-0

Policy: Policy Manual Update A-I, (J, K, L section edits) for review

Mr. Schlichtman said Mr. Gilbert will attend one of our December meetings regarding the Policy Manual updates. Mr. Gilbert will attend one of the meetings December 13, 20

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

Budget: Len Kardon, Chair, no report

Community Relations: Jennifer Susse, Chair no report

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & no report

Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman, Chair

Legal Services Review: Bill Hayner, Len Kardon no report

Arlington High School Building Committee: Jeff Thielman, Kirsi Allison-Ampe

Gibbs Committee: Jane Morgan

Liaisons Reports

Announcements

Future Agenda Items

Executive Session

Mr. Hayner motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 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, AEA Paraprofessional update, 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 to exit to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Susse.

**Roll Call: Mr. Hayner Yes, Ms. Morgan Yes, Mr. Schlichtman Yes, Ms. Susse Yes, Mr. Kardon Yes.
Voted: 5-0**

Correspondence Received:

Gibbs/OMS Artwork descriptions

Warrant # dated 11/15/2018

School Committee Regular Minutes 11/15/2018

Homeschooling Report, R. MacNeal

Monthly Financial Report

AHS Building Project presentation, documents

Letter from AHS parent about discipline

Emails regarding Graffiti

Policy Manual Update, Policy A-I, J, K, L policies with edits 2018

AHS Forum Presentation 11 28 2018 LC

AHS Forum Presentation 11 28 2018 JT

Adjournment

Mr. Schlichtman moved to adjourn at 8:27 PM, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayner Yes, Ms. Morgan Yes, Mr. Schlichtman Yes, Ms. Susse Yes, Mr. Kardon Yes.

Voted: 5-0

Respectfully submitted by

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