

*Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2019
6:30 PM
Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Massachusetts Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA*

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

Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent, Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, Michael Mason, Chief Financial Officer, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Marion Nolan, AEA Representative

Absent: Bill Hayner

Open Meeting

Dr. Allison-Ampe opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed members of the AHS Building Committee (AHSBC).

Arlington High School building committee presentation on New High School

Mr. Thielman, Dr. Janger and Mr. Chapdelaine, Town Manager provided the AHSBC project overview presentation to the full School Committee members and Mr. Ryan Katofsky, committee member, attended to answer questions. The presentation can be found on the building website. The AHSBC timeline was reviewed and three important vote dates and dates of the final stages of the project were presented:

- 1) MSBA Vote April 10, 2019*
- 2) Town Meeting votes on April 29, 2019*
- 3) Debt exclusion and AHSBC project vote June 11, 2019*
- 4) The design and development stage will begin in the summer of 2019*
- 5) Construction will begin July 2020*
- 6) The final phase of construction will be complete in September of 2024.*

The committee members said they were thrilled with the project and inquired about office space, science labs whether the school would use gas as a backup energy source, and a timeline to hire a construction manager. Mr. Chapdelaine assured everyone that everything is all lined up by the timeline and that the committee will be ready to bring someone on after the June 11th vote.

Mr. Schlichtman moved to endorse the Arlington High School Building Committee project seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Artwork

Kirsi Allison Ampe presented the Thompson and Stratton School Artwork and welcomed Ms. Nolan, AEA Representative, and said Mr. Hayner is absent and not feeling well.

Discussion of Long Range Plan Override Commitments

Mr. Kardon presented the FY 20 Override commitments and said he will ask the full committee to vote on them at our next meeting.

Public Participation

None

Discussion of Proposed new two Job Descriptions

Dr. MacNeal presented the two job descriptions Library/Technology teacher and the Elementary Science Coach that were presented today at the CIAA meeting chaired by Mr. Thielman. After a brief discussion on the motion, the vote was taken to approve both of them.

Mr. Thielman moved to approve Library/technology teacher and the Elementary Science Coach job descriptions, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.

Voted: 6-0

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Michael Mason, CFO, presented his Monthly Financial Report, February, 2019 and answered all inquiries about building rental line items and foreign visa accounts. Dr. Allison-Ampe will meet with the CFO to continue the discussion on energy costs. Dr. Bodie would like a motion to ask the Finance Committee for a formal budget request for a budget increase of \$451,500.

Ms. Susse moved to approve the increased Budget Request of \$451,500 to present to Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Thielman.

Voted: 6-0

Superintendent Report

Dr. Bodie spoke about the two girls that were stuck with a needle while playing outside during Recreation Department after-school program at the Gibbs School. All facilities staff at all Arlington Public Schools will continue to check grounds and perimeters at all buildings and it is important to know the Department of Health and Police should be called if anyone sees needles.

Community Forum on Multi Year Budget, will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 7-9 p.m. at Gibbs School Black box Theater. The AHS Arts Show, near school cafeteria is going on, and the AHS Me and My Girl play will be held next weekend, April 5, 6, and 7th.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Thielman moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Warrant 19181 dated 3/14/2019 in the amount of \$752,085.75, Approval of Minutes: No minutes, Approval of Trip Community Ed Acadia National Park July 2019, and Approval of School Committee Organizational Meeting, April 11, 2019 at 6:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Policy

Mr. Schlichtman presented the following three policies as amended to the full School Committee, for a first read, IJNBD Empowered Digital Use Policy, KFD Surplus Space, and DBJ Budget Transfer Authority, revising the budget policy back to the practice we have been doing. The committee members would like the surplus space policy to be clear and specific on the language on opening up all classrooms for afterschool programs, since this is not the intent, because some teachers in elementary level classrooms set up their rooms for the next day.

Subcommittee

Budget, Mr. Kardon said the Long Range Planning Plan is on our website, any comments should be emailed to Karen Fitzgerald, and he invited everyone to the Five Year Budget Plan Forum, at the Gibbs School Black box Theater on Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Community Relations, Ms. Susse said she did not get through the complete agenda. They talked about afterschool programs where it was suggested to have a parent board. They also discussed the opening on the AHRC.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Accountability held a meeting today to discuss two job descriptions.

Policies and Procedures, presented the three policies for a first read, and Ms. Reynolds attended the meeting to discuss cell phone issues.

Legal Services: Nothing to report

Gibbs: Dr. Bodie, meet with administration and reviewed survey results from current parents and plans are to send current 4th Grade parents a survey on later start times. This committee will be dissolved.

Liaison-Mr. Schlichtman attended a recent community forum on the Hardy playground, which ended up talking about the need for overflow parking during winter storms.

Mr. Thielman would like to thank Dr. Allison-Ampe for her great job with her duties as chair. Dr. Allison-Ampe said it was a pleasure serving as chair and working with everyone.

Ms. Morgan wanted to invite everyone to the Superintendent's Diversity Coffee on Tuesday, April 9th in the School Committee Room, at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Thielman invited Town Meeting members of Town Meeting tours on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm at AHS and again to the AHSBC Forum, May 14. The general community tours will take place in May. Mr. Thielman acknowledged to Dr. Bodie on the great work she has done on the AHSBC project.

Corresponded Received

Warrant # 19181 dated 3/14/2019

Draft Minutes 3/14/2019

Job descriptions, Library Technology Teacher, Elementary Science Coach,

Community Education Trip Approval for Maine/Canada, July 2019.

Thompson and Stratton Art

Monthly Financial Report

Policy DBJ, IJNDB, KFD

Five-Year Draft Budget Plan Narrative

External Multi Year Plan

APS and McKibben Growth Chart

Plan update email March 22, 2019 L. Kardon

Override Budget Documents (4)

Press Release email, Tuesday march 26, 2019

K. Bodie email Override

Letter to Town of Arlington Finance Committee regarding increase

March 2019 Classroom Enrollment

Executive Session

Mr. Thielman moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. 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 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 discuss the contract of Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent and not return to open session, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Adjournment

Ms. Susse moved to adjournment at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

Karen M. Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee