

Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2019
6:30 PM
Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476

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

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, Jason Levy, AEA representative, and Manjot More, student representative.

Absent: Kirsi Allison Ampe

Open Meeting

Mr. Kardon opened the meeting and said Dr. Allison-Ampe will be absent and welcomed AEA Rep and student representative to the meeting.

Public Comment

Ms. Lynne Klosterman, high school parent attended tonight's meeting at the encouragement of Dr. Janger to seeking an open discussion with the school Committee members on a proposal to add a sanctioned MIAA Alpine Ski Racing team to the list of sports offered at Arlington High School. Ms. Klosterman is representing a community of families who have been participating in a Club Ski Racing team at Blue Hills for the past two years. Ms. Klosterman is looking forward to bringing this up at a future meeting.

School Committee Appointment to Transportation Advisory Committee

Ms. Susse welcomed Laura Swan, Hardy parent and Professional Engineer to the meeting as the Community Relations Subcommittee would like to recommend her as the School Committee liaison to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Dr. Bodie would like to meet with Ms. Swan and discuss putting her skills to good use and introducing her to other school principals. Mr. Kardon was a former TAC liaison suggested Ms. Swan also talking with the Select Board for future concerns and being proactive

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayner, **seconded** by Ms. Susse it was **voted** to appoint Laura Swan as the School Committee liaison to the Transportation Advisory Committee for three year term. (6-0)

Buffer Zone Report

Ms. Marilyn Salvas provided an overview of the current Arlington Public Schools enrollment numbers. A packet was handed out which showed class size, buffer zone placement numbers and enrollments from previous years. The slides showed students first choice placements and

how buffer zones helps to keep class sizes around 24 student which makes the classrooms more equitable. Currently we will not expand our buffer zones but Dr. Bodie continues to monitor the data and said certain circumstances are used for placement of students which involves the school principals. Mr. Kardon would like to keep neighbor students at the same schools and Buffer Zone placements each year can change this. A future subcommittee meeting will be held to continue the discussion on Buffer Zones.

Presentation on MCAS Report

Dr. MacNeal, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Paula O'Sullivan, District data and Math coach presented the MCAS data for Arlington Public Schools. Dr. MacNeal discussed how subgroups performed. The achievement levels were presented and compared. Principals and coaches at each school are looking at the data and doing what we want them to do, have common planning time and conduct professional development on why sub groups did not perform well. We provide teachers assessments data and look at the trends and compare.

Flags for Heroes Update

Mr. Hayner presented a slide show of the installation of over 160 flags which have been purchased and fly for a variety of heroes: The men and women who are serving or have served as members of the military. Police Officers. Firefighters. First Responders. Parents. Teachers. Coaches. Mentors. Community Leaders. They fly for all the people who have made a difference in our lives. Flags for Heroes sponsored by the Arlington Rotary Club. The students of Arlington High helped install the flags which will be up through November 12.

Superintendent Review Process

Mr. Kardon said all the evidence of the district goals is available for review and deadline to complete the Superintendent's Evaluation will be Friday, November 8.

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget Calendar

In the absence of Dr. Allison-Ampe Mr. Thielman made the following motion:

On a **motion** by Mr. Thielman, **seconded** by Ms. Susse, it was **voted** to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Calendar as presented. (6-0)

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Mason presented the first Monthly Financial Report for this fiscal year dated September 30, 2019. The format has not changed and three reports were presented. Mr. Kardon inquired why the override budget is not included in the original budget, but Mr. Mason said he will transfer money in as the year goes on.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bodie provided an enrollment report of over 6000 students and expects the trend to continue but wanted everyone to know they are not certified numbers. We are planning to hire someone to do projections on enrollments and will report back on this.

Arlington High School Building project

Dr. Bodie said the Arlington High School Building project is having small group meetings weekly on the interior design, exterior design and with our Architects. The building committee is going through process required by MSBA on looking at different savings. Some cost have increased. The AHSBC will meet mid-November and a community forum will be held October 30th, at Town Hall 7 to 8:30 p.m. HMFH will be there and also Consigli Construction will attend to answer questions on phasing of the project.

Dr. Bodie provided an update on athletics team and said Mr. Bowler shared the teams are doing very well especially girls field hockey, golf team, and boys and girls soccer teams. Congratulations to all the athletes.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlichtman **moved** the consent agenda, **seconded** by Ms. Susse:

- Warrant Number 20070, Dated 10/15/2019, Total Warrant Amount \$2,648,660.21
- Minutes of Regular School Committee Meeting, September 26, 2019
- Minutes of Regular School Committee Meeting, October 10, 2019.

Voted 6-0

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

- Budget: Kirsi Allison-Ampe (chair), no report.
- Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman (chair) met yesterday, discussed meeting agenda and some of items by Ms. Susse to propose recommendations to change policies from 20 to 19.
- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability: Jane Morgan (chair) met today and reviewed two of Kathy's goals for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Community Relations: Jennifer Susse (chair), will hold meeting Nov 6,
- Facilities: Bill Hayner (chair) will present to PTO what is going on.
- Legal Services: Bill Hayner (chair), Jeff Thielman, no report.
- Arlington High School Building Committee: Jeff Thielman, Kirsi Allison-Ampe
- Calendar Committee: Ms. Susse, doodle to go out.
- Election Modernization Committee: Ms. Susse, attended meeting Tuesday crafting questions vision survey, election access.
- Superintendent Search Process: Paul Schlichtman, first meeting Monday October 28, 2019.
- AEA Negotiations: Len Kardon and Paul Schlichtman (chair), no report.
- Liaisons Reports
- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

Mr. Hayner would like to recommend a discussion on Ski Team before budget development begins.

Executive Session

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayner, **seconded** by Ms. Morgan at 8:30 p.m. it was **voted** to enter into Executive Session at 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. Principal's contract discussion and not return to open session.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayner, Ms. Susse, Mr. Thielman, Mr. Schlichtman, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Kardon all voting yes (6-0).

Correspondence Received:

Warrant dated 10/15/2019

School Committee Regular draft minutes 9/26/2019, 10/10/2019

Resume and letter from Laura Swan

Buffer Zone report

MCAS Report

2019-2020 Budget Calendar

Monthly Financial Report

Emails regarding OMS incident

Boston Globe article October 9, 2019 Lunch/recess times

Homeschooling Report October 2019

Classroom enrollment numbers

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Adjournment

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayner, **seconded** by Mr. Schlichtman, it was **voted** to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayner, Ms. Susse, Mr. Thielman, Mr. Schlichtman, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Kardon all voting yes (6-0).

Respectfully submitted by
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