

Arlington School Committee
Arlington School Committee meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2020
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, Jennifer Susse, Jeff Thielman, Kirsi Allison-Ampe MD, and Bill Hayner.

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

Absent: Dr. Allison-Ampe

The committee held its public hearing on the FY2021 budget at 6:30 p.m. After the hearing was closed, Mr. Kardon opened the regular meeting.

Patric Barbieri, Executive Director of LABBB

Mr. Barbieri, presented a slide show on the history of LABBB, Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, Burlington, and Belmont Collaborative. LABBB started in 1973 with five students in a house in Lexington,. LABBB Collaborative designs and delivers special education services that promote academic, social and career independence in the most inclusive setting possible. The program has about 200 students with 70 percent at the high school level and the other 30 percent are at middle school level.

The ICEI program which started in 2007 with 12 students participating in a program where the students can attend Middlesex Community College with a counselor.

LABBB Collaborative started a new adult post program for students over 22 years of age as an adult program. The program will begin this March with five students. Parents' anxiety levels have decreased for their children, since the students in the program can move forward and the program supports recreation opportunities for their children.

The School Committee members heard about other LABBB programs, such as best buddies, Special Olympics, out of state trips to NYC and Disney World and the ICEI program at Middlesex Community College. Mr. Barbieri mentioned enrollment will stay at 200 students, and that other districts that are non-members can participate in member programs with the LABBB Collaborative. Mr. Kardon suggested to Mr. Barbieri to publicize more LABBB programs offered to the public. Dr. Bodie supports Mr. Barbieri as a leader and she unanimously supports the new program he is offering for students who have aged over 22 in the LABBB program.

APS Student's presentation from Learn Launch

Mr. Mark Petrozzino, Arlington High School Science teacher and four of his students, Nishaad Vinayak, Dinor Nallbani, Ritika Gurjar, and John Cha demonstrated their experiment in the infrared world with a phone and camera which showed heat transfer. The students demonstrated how it works with metal and with a plastic spoon. The students described how the infrared camera showed where gas leaks were in a house, and where heat was escaping too. The students were very excited to have presented at the MAPLE Learn Launch Conference. The conference brings all schools and high technical companies in all fields together to support school projects for students. The students look forward to returning next year.

Public Comment

None

Discussion on proposed FY 2021 Budget

Mr. Schlichtman said he would like Mr. Mason to provide an updated FY 21 Budget to include bringing in cost of a MIAA AHS varsity ski team. Mr. Bowler, Athletic Director and Mr. Mason met and received information from other districts, discussed this with the Budget Subcommittee members and considered all factors, and all agreed the costs would be \$37,000 for about 25 students.

After hearing the costs for the ski team, the committee members discussed what the proposed fees per student on the ski team might be. It was suggested that voting to support the proposal of adding the ski team as a MIAA AHS varsity team will be added to the School Committee agenda on March 12. Dr. Bodie and the School Committee then agreed to add the ski team on the agenda next week for the School Committee members to approve.

Ms. Morgan asked about the new BCBA position if it was under one elementary school or district wide, and Ms. Elmer did reply that it will be a district wide position.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Mason presented the Monthly Financial Reports of February 27, 2020. Some of the projected money was used as a place holder, since we have to wait for some orders to come in next month. We have a watch list for any increases to special education and any surplus money we put in reserve funds and into special education account.

Superintendent's Report

AHS Building Committee update

Dr. Bodie said the AHS BC has been discussing the Parameter School and the exterior committee was meeting and looking at the trim color and patterns of the bricks. They continue to work on the exterior of the building but have nothing to share at this time. Dr. Bodie attended the Tree Department hearing at Town Hall this week where they held an open hearing with landscapers hired by HMFH to reduce the trees on the high school property. Dr. Bodie said

they plan to save 11 trees in the front of the high school and plan to plant more trees around the school. The committee had strong support from DPW and the Tree committee. All documents can be found on the website. The next AHSBC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

The AHS Girls Hockey team is still competing. The Girls Basketball team made the state tourney but lost in the first round. The Boys Wrestling won division 2 sectionals. The AHS Boys Hockey team is in the first period of the game tonight.

The Kindergarten numbers are at 422 students with a projection of 543 students. It is expected that the enrollment will increase over the summer. Dr. Bodie said the Coronavirus continues to burden the health of many in our community and concerned what will happen down the road with scheduled school trips and school events.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlichtman moved approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Warrant: Warrant Number 20160 dated February 18, 2020, Total Warrant Amount \$631,420.05,
- Approval of Minutes: School Committee minutes dated February 13, 2020
- Approval of Trip: APS UPenn Model Congress Trip, March 2020

Seconded by Mr. Thielman, Voted: 6-0

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

- Budget: Kirsi Allison-Ampe (chair), not feeling well. Mr. Kardon noted the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 am
- Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman (chair) no report
- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability: Jane Morgan (chair) next meeting will be on March 16 at 5:30 p.m. first time will view draft of SOA Plan. Dr. Bodie will have draft and template from state in mid-march.
- Community Relations: Jennifer Susse (chair), super meeting on Monday, talked about buffer expansion. Give admin flexibility. Will have candidate for Rainbow Commission at our next Regular SC meeting. Afterschool program update, enrollment surge, double income earners and demand for after school care and each program expanded. Heard from directors they don't want to expand more. Not good news for families.
- Facilities: Bill Hayner (chair) nothing to report
- Arlington High School Building Committee: Jeff Thielman, Kirsi Allison-Ampe.
- Liaisons Reports
- Announcements: Mr. Hayner announced the Rotary Club, members are doing polar plunge in Good Harbor to deal with Polio. Ms. Susse said the AEF Trivia Bee, would like to see who is interested. Look at calendars Costume and Name.
- Future Agenda Items
Mr. Hayner requested the committee look at re-establishing a legal subcommittee.

Correspondence Received:

Warrant 20160 dated February 18, 2020

School Committee Minutes of February 13, 2020

AHS U Penn Model Congress Trip April 2020

Letter to SC from student regarding vaping

Letter from AHS student regarding free preschool

Letter from AHS student asking for later start time to 8:55 a.m.

LABBB presentation and Annual Report

Executive Session Minutes 2019-2020, January 10, 2019, January 10, 2019, January 24, 2019, February 28, 2019, April 11, 2019, April 25, 2019, October 24, 2019, November 14, 2019, February 13, 2020

Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Hayner at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Mr. Thielman it was voted to enter into Executive Session 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.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes January 10, 2019, January 10, 2019, January 24, 2019, February 28, 2019, April 11, 2019, April 25, 2019, October 24, 2019, November 14, 2019, February 13, 2020

Roll Call: Mr. Hayner, Ms. Susse, Mr. Thielman, Mr. Schlichtman, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Kardon, all voted yes.

Voted: 6-0

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hayner, seconded by Ms. Susse, it was voted adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayner, Ms. Susse, Mr. Thielman, Mr. Schlichtman, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Kardon, all voted yes.

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

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