

Approved by the Arlington School Committee, May 10, 2018

***Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting***

Thursday, April 26, 2018

6:30 PM

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

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

Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent, Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, John Danizio, Chief Financial Officer, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Jason Levey, AEA President

Absent: Jeff Thielman, and Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education

Paul Schlichtman arrived at 7:13 pm

Open Meeting

Dr. Ampe notified us that we had to wait for ACMI to get started and that Mr. Schlichtman will be about one hour late and Mr. Thielman cannot attend due to a work commitment.

Public Participation

None

District Goal 1.1 Update

Mr. MacNeal and Curriculum Leaders discussed Student Achievement Goal 1.1 that the vision of students as learners and global citizens will be aligned with a coherent connection between standards, transferable skills, and relevant educational experiences. Each curriculum leader provided examples of achieving the vision by using examples from the 4th Grade class. The committee members appreciated the presentation and Dr. Bodie said that this will be a multiyear goal. The plan is to do this for every grade level at the secondary level.

Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. Danizio provided an update on the financials and said not much of a change but will review all new purchase orders, continue to track where we will end up at the end of year, and provided the committee with budget line item updates from each of their questions.

Superintendent's Report

Arlington High School update

Dr. Bodie showed the committee the full report sent to MSBA which was about 1000 pages on the AHS Building project. Kathy said some have confusion on the AHS project and informed us that we have selected four options and designed for big mapping ideas. Do we build behind high school, in front of

high school, and we are putting it out to the public that we will study the four options, we will look at closely, how long will one project take over another, and swing space, and we can't do cost comparisons yet, the best we can do, get the number of square feet and apply industry numbers to it. The committee members appreciated the updated, but inquired on traffic patterns, and that all building plans will meet the educational needs of the students. Kathy said on June 4th we will have a forum at Town Hall and will update where they are in the process.

Gibbs update

Dr. Bodie Kathy spoke on Gibbs façade and all is currently on the schedule. A letter went out this week to the 6th Grade parents on transportation needs. The bus route map will be sent to parent's separately and Kathy informed the committee that we will have after school care at the Gibbs.

Hardy

Mr. Hayner asked how the students were doing with the entire jack hammering going on, and concerned with the health and wellness of the students. Kathy said we are moving forward that they lost more of the playground than they thought, and may have more recess at the Thorndike field.

Colonial Day Update

Mr. MacNeal clarified information in his letter to parents on Colonial Day, and he addressed the issue of no costumes will be worn on Colonial Day but we will continue to have activities for Colonial Day. Kathy said additional conversations will continue with the Human Rights Commission and IDEAS and hope to have a meeting in late May or early June, 2018. Members of the School Committee asked for a written summary on Colonial Day, and would like to have additional public discussions on Colonial Day. Mr. Kardon said many parents still feel their voices were not heard and do most of the work with the students and feel they have legitimate reason to continue the conversation.

After School Care

Dr. Bodie announced she is increasing after school care by 10 more students in the immersion program at Brackett and continues looking into increasing enrollment at all after school programs.

School updates

The OMS will present Bye Bye Birdie Friday and Saturday night at 7 pm. The AHS Jazz band will perform Sunday night and the POP concert will be held the weekend of May 4th.

Once Kathy informed the committee members on the Kindergarten enrollment number of 517 the committee members expressed concern on where the additional classroom would be. The numbers show we will get to 530 or 540 Kindergarteners.

Peirce School playground

After Ms. Susse asked about the Peirce School playground, Mr. Danizio stated that the Capital Planning Committee has this in their budget plans for this year and next.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hayner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Approval of Warrant: Dated 4/12/2018, Warrant #18208 in the amount of \$637,187.60, Approval of Minutes: School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes April 12, and Organizational minutes April 12, 2018, Approval of Trips: None, Approval of

Meeting: Public Hearing on School Choice, Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Policy: None

Subcommittee & Liaison Reports & Announcements

Budget, L. Kardon nothing to report

Community Relations, Ms. Susse said the subcommittee met last night with Human Rights Commission and is working on two documents in draft form and they like the idea of a liaison with HRC and the schools. She spoke on concerns with the after school programs and said it will be handled in Community Relations. Ms. Susse is still doing fact findings and seeks vendors for after school care at the next meeting and will invite them to hear from parents. They also talked about office hours and will keep them at Café Nero but noted the next meeting will be on May 5th, Whole Foods, 11 am.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment & Accountability, J. Thielman nothing

Facilities, B. Hayner, nothing

Policies & Procedures, P. Schlichtman, will send out doodle

Mr. Schlichtman moved to remove the School Enrollment Task Force Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted: 6-0

Legal Services Review, nothing

Arlington High School Building Committee J. Thielman, K. Allison-Ampe

Gibbs Committee, J. Morgan

Liaisons Reports

Mr. Kardon moved to appoint Ms. Susse to be the School Committee Liaison to the Human Rights Commission, Seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Voted: 6-0

Mr. Schlichtman noted he does not like the precedence to appoint a School Committee Liaison to the Human Rights Commission without the HRC asking us to do so.

Announcements

Mr. Hayner announced that Mr. Fred Buckley will donate the remaining funds from the Class of 1947 to the Arlington High School Scholarship account.

Mr. Hayner moved to accept the monetary gift from the Class of 1947 to Arlington High School Scholarship, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.

Voted: 6-0

Mr. Hayner invited everyone to the fire truck pull event this weekend and announced the EDCO roundtable will meet May 2, at 9:30 am.

School Committee Policy: BDA-E

Dr. Ampe explained the policy the committee members signed at the last meeting: BDA-E and Implications of it by Mr. Schlichtman speaking to the media on Colonial Day. Other members felt no member should speak to the media, unless it's the Chair of the Committee, but the policy doesn't say they cannot speak but it gets tricky since the media used the phrase that Mr. Schlichtman was a School Committee member, but didn't say he was speaking for them. Mr. Schlichtman noted he strongly supports the district and is clear and very careful on what to say to the media.

Future Agenda Items: none

Correspondence Received:

Warrant dated April 12, 2018

Regular Draft School Committee minutes, April 12, 2018

BDA-E School Committee: Norms and Standards

MASC Bulletin, April 2018

MASC School Committee Members Nomination Forms

Email and letters regarding Colonial Day.

Presentation on 2017-2018 District Goal 1.1 R. MacNeal, 4 26 2018

Katherine M. Clark acknowledgment letter regarding gun safety concerns.

Essential Standards for 4th Grade

Transferable Skills

Original and Updated Vision statement

Goals PowerPoint presentation

Executive Session

Mr. Hayner moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:28 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 a 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 exit for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Adjournment

Mr. Hayner moved to exit and adjourn at 9:44 pm seconded by Mr. Schlichtman

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

Karen Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee