

Approved by the Arlington School Committee October 11, 2018

*Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 27, 2018
6:30 PM*

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

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

Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent, John Danizio, Chief Financial Officer, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Marion Nolan, AEA Representative and Caelan Doherty, AHS Student Council Representative

Absent: Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, and Paul Schlichtman School Committee.

Open Meeting

Dr. Allison-Ampe said Ms. Morgan will arrive after curriculum night, Dr. MacNeal, and Mr. Spiegel are attending curriculum night for their own children and Mr. Schlichtman is out of town for family event. She would like to welcome Marion Nolan and Caelan Doherty to the meeting.

Public Participation

Elena Jakubiak, parent of 2nd and 5th grader at Bishop, spoke last Feb on guidelines for classroom sizes and advocating for a solution to the large classroom sizes.

Sarah Popper, parent concerned with large class sizes suggested that they post TA positions for Bishop School.

Amy Moylan, parent of 1st grader and incoming Kindergartener, and who teaches at Cambridge Public School, pointed out that class size matters.

Rachel Oliveria, Arlington Sustainability Coordinator spoke on a School Committee policy voted back in 2012 on Green Cleaning Supplies used in the schools and wanted to ask the School Committee to revise policy and educate the community and teachers so that they don't ask parents to donate products that are not on the Green Cleaning Supply list.

Hilary Graham parent was thrilled that we already had a clean policy and asking that we all follow the Green Cleaning policy.

Green Ribbon Award

Dr. Bodie wanted to speak on the Green Ribbon Award since Ms. Oliveria was here tonight. She said Rachel was hired by the Town in 2016, and has worked around town on composting, installing solar panels and LED lights in our buildings. Rachel helped write the application we were nominated for a national award by the US Dept. of Education on being a Green School District. Kathy accepted the award this week in Washington DC.

Review of summer building maintenance report

Mr. Steve Nesterak, Facilities Director, provided a summary of personnel changes, communication changes and team work changes. Many of the Capital projects were reviewed; Gibbs School, Lake Street Playground, OMS and Bishop School LED lights installed, Hardy Building projects and communication protocols on fixing playground issues throughout the town were discussed. The report is in Novus.

Review of Capital Planning request for the coming year

Mr. Danizio, CFO, provided a spreadsheet on the five year plan, with year and dollar amounts on repairs and infrastructure projects at each of the schools. This spreadsheet includes the photocopier program, screen replacements at some of the schools, security improvements to plan to fund a study in year one. This may include cameras, line of site issues, security glass replacement, and entry point modifications. Other school building issues from the Thompson and Bishop were discussed. It was suggested that John bring the Technology Capital Planning requests to our next meeting.

Arlington District Goals, 2018-2019 Key Activities and Benchmarks

Dr. Bodie reviewed the District Goals objectives for the overarching goals on what actions will be taken at the district level or grade levels. The District Goals for 2018-2019 were already approved June 21, 2018. After Kathy read through the goals and actions, Mr. Hayner wanted to confirm that a midyear report would be given to the full committee members. It was determined that Kathy would provide the report in March, as per the CBI Policy. Ms. Susse wanted to make sure that all the professional development goals were doable. Dr. Bodie pointed out that the goals are a lot of work, but that the principals provided the actions they felt they could do. Kathy said some goals will be ongoing year after year as time is a challenge for all. Mr. Kardon wanted to know about extensive curriculum alterations and suggested to have curriculum leaders bring these changes to the full committee for approval. When Ms. Susse asked Kathy if the Safe and Support School Plan was being rolled out this school year, Kathy confirmed that the committee will still continue to meet and that it will continue for many years.

Dr. Allison-Ampe wanted to confirm that the plan was to hold four forums for the AHS Building Project. The Goals were already approved on June 21, 2018; we look forward to hearing about the goals throughout the year. The document presented can be found in Novus.

Discuss Policy BEA: Regular School Committee Meetings

Dr. Allison-Ampe would like to hold off on any discussion on the BEA Policy until Mr. Schlichtman is in attendance. Dr. Allison-Ampe wanted to comment that AHS Building committee meets on Tuesdays and will be for the next six years. Mr. Hayner stated he wanted the policy change from holding School Committee meetings on Thursday to Tuesdays because our

district schools continue to schedule events on the evening School Committee meetings are held. Dr. Allison-Ampe would like to bring this BEA policy up at a future meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Update on School Buildings

Dr. Bodie acknowledged that Mr. Nesterak already provided updates on the school buildings earlier in the meeting.

Gibbs Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Open House

Dr. Bodie informed the committee and community that the Gibbs Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is planned for 2:00 PM, October 21, 2018 and an Open House will follow.

AHS Building Project

Dr. Bodie reported out on AHS Building Project events; Town Day was held on September 15th and the committee had a booth to answer questions from community members. A forum was held on Monday, September 24th where Mr. Thielman spoke on the complicated project plans. He said there is no design yet, but that the architects will work on this over the next couple of weeks. The committee will hold additional forums, in October, November, and then in late January or February. The AHS Building Committee plans to hold tours of the high school for Town Meeting members and meet with architects at the end of October and again in January. They will continue to meet and provide design plans over the next few meetings and are targeting a vote to take place, June 2019. News and updates can be found at ahsbuiding.org, or you can email committee members.

Enrollment

Dr. Bodie knows that class sizes are higher at Bishop and is looking to get more support there. Kathy said our buffer zones did work well this year and 85 percent of families received their first choice of which school their children would attend. Kathy spoke on the McKibben comparisons enrollment numbers and the committee members noted they would like to see more support for the classrooms with 25-26 students. The committee would like to see SLC student count in the classroom chart as well as a space plan for the schools where there are large class sizes. Dr. Allison-Ampe said we are past our study point and we are at an action point and suggested adding additional adult support in the classrooms.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kardon moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of Warrant: Warrant #19048, Total Warrant Amount \$376,461.55, Dated September 13, 2018. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Regular September 13, 2018 Minutes, Approval of Trip: None

Seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Unanimous

Policy: Discuss EFD Meal Charge Policy

Mr. Kardon brought forward the Massachusetts Association of School Committee EFD Meal Charge Policy to the full committee members for approval per the October 1 deadline. Mr. Kardon said this federal policy will be placed on our website under school lunches and under our policy manual. We need to waive our first read and approve the policy tonight. After a brief discussion that some students purchase lunch without parents' consent and then are sent a bill it was suggested to have additional discussions at home and to have the School Committee move the policy for a vote tonight and post the policy to our website, and if further discussion is needed, the policy will be brought back to the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee.

Mr. Hayner moved to suspend the rules of a second read on policy EFD Meal Charge, seconded by Mr. Kardon.

Voted: 6-0

Mr. Hayner moved to accept policy EFD Meal Charge, seconded by Mr. Kardon.

Voted: 6-0

Paraprofessional Negotiation Committee Appointment

Mr. Thielman moved to add Ms. Susse to the Paraprofessional Negotiation Team and remove Dr. Allison-Ampe from the team due to time commitments, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted 6-0

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

Budget: Len Kardon, Chair would like to schedule Budget Meeting Oct 10, to discuss multiyear plan and will meet again on multiyear plan at the joint Budget and CIAA meeting Oct 17, 7 pm.

Community Relations: Jennifer Susse, Chair next meeting Oct 2, 8 am and Chat Oct 6th, 11 am Café Nero.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability: Jeff Thielman, Chair next meeting Oct 17, 7pm.

Facilities: Bill Hayner, Chair, no meeting schedule.

Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman, Chair, Mr. Kardon said the next meeting is Oct 17, 5 PM

Legal Services Review: Bill Hayner, Len Kardon nothing to report.

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

Gibbs Committee: Jane Morgan nothing to report.

Liaisons Reports

Announcements

Future Agenda Items

When Ms. Susse said she would like to see a report on empty classrooms, Dr. Bodie replied that we have no empty classrooms but said she would report on how many classrooms are available to be repurposed as general education classrooms, which is what Ms. Susse was requesting.

Executive Session

None

Correspondence Received:

Letter to appoint a Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. To the EDCO Board of Directors.

Policy EFD Meal Charge Policy and Meal Charge Masslive document

Warrant #19049 9/13/2018

Legal FY July 2018 spreadsheet

District Goals Objectives

MASC event notice

Policy BEA Regular School Committee meetings and P&P Minutes

APS Honored Among 2018 U.S. Dept. of Education Green Ribbon Schools

Facilities Report S. Nesterak September 25, 2018

Capital Planning Memo and FY 2020 Capital Plan Requests

Draft School Committee minutes 9/13/2018

Important Meeting Information 2015/16. J. Susse

Adjournment

Ms. Susse moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

Karen M. Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee