

Arlington School Committee Approved September 13, 2018

***Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2018
6:30 PM
Arlington High School
School Committee Meeting
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., Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent, Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, and Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: John Danizio, Chief Financial Officer,

Roderick MacNeal, Jr., Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent exited at 7 to attend Dollars for Scholars.

Open Meeting

Kirsi Allison-Ampe presented the Menotomy Preschool Artwork.

Executive Session

Mr. Hayner moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 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, and 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. Discuss and Vote the 680 School Bus Workers Memorandum of Agreement, June 2018. Discuss and Vote the 680 School Cafeteria Workers Memorandum of Agreement, June 2018. Discuss and Vote the Arlington Administration Association (AAA) Memorandum of Agreement, June 2018. Discuss and Vote the Recognition of the AEA Paraprofessional Unit, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayner Yes, Ms. Morgan Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Mr. Schlichtman Yes, Ms. Susse Yes and Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes

Voted: 6-0, Mr. Kardon arrived 6:35 pm

Mr. Hayner moved to exit out of Executive Session to open session at 6:55 pm and seconded by Ms. Susse.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

Open session

The committee returned to open session at 6:55 pm and the following motions were made:

Mr. Thielman moved to approve AFSCME Council 93, Local 680 AFL-CIO School Bus Operators MOA and authorize the chair to sign contract, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted: 7-0

Mr. Hayner moved to approve AFSCME Council 93, Local 680 AFL-CIO School Cafeteria Workers 680 school café MOA and authorize chair to sign contract, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.

Voted: 7-0

Mr. Schlichtman moved to approve recognition of AEA Paraprofessionals Unit as presented, second Mr. Hayner.

Voted; 7-0

Mr. Thielman moved to create the School Committee AEA Paraprofessionals Negotiations subcommittee and delegate Dr. Allison-Ampe and Mr. Schlichtman to serve on the committee, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted; 7-0

Mr. Spiegel stated we are not ready to vote Arlington Administration Association (AAA) contract.

Public Participation

None

Integrated Social Studies Reading Unit, Kim Pratt

Dr. Bodie welcomed Ms. Pratt, First Grade Teacher from Stratton to the meeting to explain the experience of the first grade students on how social studies and folk tales can be linked into a civics lesson. The students went to the courthouse and focused on rules and understanding of the Goldilocks and the Three Bears situation, and learned to integrate the literacy with social studies. Dr. Allison-Ampe expressed her concern to make sure the unit fit into the state standards and that APS is making sure all students have the same exposure of the integrated class and all are able to attend similar field trips. Dr. Bodie and Dr. MacNeal noted that the district is integrating class curriculums where students of all grade levels can see results from one subject with another subject.

Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture

Dr. Allison-Ampe clarified that Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager inquired if the School Committee could review the cover letter and resume of Kaitlin Longmire a candidate for the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture and approve her appointment. Since the School Committee members have the authority to do this, the members stated they did not like this process and agreed it is unusual but all agreed that Ms. Longmire is very qualified and would approve the appointment.

Mr. Thielman moved to appoint Kaitlin Longmire to the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Voted: 7-0

Vote to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar Second Read

Mr. Thielman moved to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Dr. Bodie explained that the high school wanted to schedule evening conferences on a Wednesday, not to interfere with School Committee meeting, but this then interferes with Community Education, so it was suggested to switch nights of the high school conference to November 15th. Concerns were raised once again, that the first day for students Grades 1-12 should be moved to Wednesday, since with the first day of school is on the State Primary Election day.

After discussion, Mr. Thielman moved to amend the school calendar by moving the high school evening conference on the 2018-2019 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Hayner.

Vote: 6-1-0 Mr. Schlichtman abstained to adopt the amendment

The committee moved to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as amended.

Voted: voted 7-0

Mr. Schlichtman moved to refer the school calendar to the Community Relations Subcommittee for further review for next year, seconded by Mr. Thielman.

Voted: 7-0

Review of updated AHS Educational Plan reflecting MSBA revisions following the April 24 Preliminary Design Program (PDP) submission to MSBA

Dr. Allison-Ampe stated that she suggested to place the updated AHS Educational Plan on the agenda so the revisions recommended by MSBA which is presented be considered for approval tonight since this will be the last meeting before MSBA meeting during the summer. Mr. Schlichtman said he read through the AHS Educational Plan and said these make a lot of sense since it doesn't change the proposal but feels it strengthens it.

Mr. Thielman moved to approve the updated AHS Educational Plan reflecting MSBA revisions following the April 24 Preliminary Design Program (PDP) submission to MSBA, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.

Voted: 7-0

Official Name of Gibbs School

Dr. Bodie wanted to receive the blessing today from the School Committee members on the official name of the Gibbs School which will house our 6th grade students starting September 2018.

Mr. Thielman moved to approve to officially name the Gibbs School, The Gibbs School, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman.

Voted: 7-0

Vote Final FY 19 Budget

Dr. Bodie spoke about the budget summary for FY 19 which Mr. Danizio had originally identified and the School Committee members voted on in March of 2018, but since then Arlington Public Schools have had two funded increases from Circuit Breaker and with Chapter 70 funding. The School Committee would like the final FY 19 Budget increase amounts to be voted on, therefore, the following motion was made:

Mr. Kardon moved to approve the new APS FY 19 Budget in the amount of \$72,400,223 as set forth in the spending categories, seconded by Mr. Thielman.

Voted: 7-0 unanimous

Superintendent's Goals for 2018-2019

Dr. Bodie explained the process for all teachers and administrators working in a school district that they must identify a student achievement goal and a practice goal. Kathy spoke about her Superintendent Goals for the upcoming year. Dr. Bodie said the administrators will be working on action plans and benchmarks on the 2018-2019 District Goals over the summer and Kathy will bring them forward in the fall of 2018.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bodie announced the last day of school will be Monday, June 25th with 11:30 am dismissal. She announced that the new EDCO, Executive Director, will be Ms. Nadine Ekstom. Dr. Bodie acknowledged Ms. Kirsi Allison-Ampe and Ms. Amy Spears for all their work on the AHS Building Committee forums and with the online feedback. Dr. Bodie provided a summary of the last high school forum and noted all the information from the survey is on the AHS Building Committee website. Mr. Thielman said the AHS Building Committee will need to question the experts at the next meeting and they will present the pros and cons of each of the designs and articulate the best option to get the best decision. All are invited to attend the next meeting scheduled for June 26th. A few School Committee members said they don't want the longest build option since it is disruptive to students and staff, and others suggested to keep the New England feel in the designs.

Update on School Buildings

Dr. Bodie noted the Gibbs School is still on time, on budget, and doing well. Hardy School is going well with the framing of the addition being up, and working on the cafeteria and Lake Street playground parts have been ordered and will be delivered in August.

Dr. Bodie presented the District Goals 2018-2019 as updated with the language voted from the motion from Mr. Kardon, and Dr. Allison-Ampe at our last meeting. After meeting with the administrative team, Kathy suggested to use the word "alignment" instead of "accordance" in the Goal 1.1, and she said if this happens then the committee members will need to vote to approve the language change. Mr. Hayner will vote the language change but feels that more discussion should happen on the topic of cultural competency and Dr. Bodie and Dr. Allison-Ampe suggested maybe holding a retreat to continue the discussion.

Mr. Thielman moved to approve the substitute of alignment instead of accordance in the goal, seconded by Mr. Kardon.

Voted: 7-0

Dr. Bodie said she will have the key activities in the goals at our first meeting in September. Dr. Bodie also updated the committee and community that are current Kindergarten enrollment numbers are up to 571 students.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hayner moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of Warrant: 18252, Total Warrant Amount \$1,178,387.49, June 7, 2018, and Approval of Minutes: School Committee Regular Meeting, June 7, 2018, and Approval of Trip: None and Approval of Carryover for four vacation days for Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D, Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Thielman.

Voted: 7-0

Policy: None

Subcommittee & Liaison Reports & Announcements

- Budget, Mr. Kardon reviewed the budget and revolving funds, and said the CIAA and Budget Subcommittee members will meet with administration on July 31 to discuss budget priorities.*
- Community Relations, Ms. Susse met yesterday and discussed the after school program and changes, and working to increase capacity for after school care. She talked about the school calendar and school time changes and said that Community Relations would like to review the survey that the administration is sending out on the school calendar.*
- Curriculum/Instruction & Assessment and Accountability (CIAA), joint meeting with Budget Subcommittee members, Dr. Bodie, Mr. John Danizio, CFO, and Ms. Lizz Montes will be held on July 31 to discuss 5 year plan.*
- Facilities, nothing to report*
- Policies & Procedures, met June 14, asked the members for their thoughts on JLCE-E will become ADF, Outdoor recess and on BEA Regular SC meeting, recommending Tuesdays instead of Thursday, to begin in Sept 2019. Policy Manual revisions meeting will be held on July and August. Community Relations wants to review policies and Mike Gilbert is keeping track of all edits, and will be retiring in December.*

Mr. Schlichtman moved to create a subcommittee of the Legal Services Review with Mr. Hayner and Mr. Thielman, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 7-0

- Arlington High School Building Committee J. Thielman, K. Allison-Ampe invited everyone to meeting.*
- Gibbs Committee, no report*
- Liaisons Reports*
- Ms. Susse met new OMS principal Brian Meringer, and spoke on Stratton School project based work and visited AHRC.*
- Announcements*
- Future Agenda Items*

Correspondence Received:

*Memorandum of Agreement between Arlington School Committee and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 680 AF-CIO School Cafeteria Workers, and School Bus Operators.
2018-2019 School Calendar dated 6 19 2018*

School Committee minutes June 7, 2018
Warrant dated June 7, 2018
Resume of Kaitlin Longmire, Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture
Monthly Financial Reports, May 2018
Voted FY 19 Budget Numbers w Budget Priority Memo
Revised AHS Ed Plan 06 20 2018
Preschool Artwork
Gibbs Traffic Analysis Maps and report
AEA Paraprofessional Unit Memo
Superintendent's Goals, Practice Goal and Student Achievement June 2018
2018-2019 District Goals 6 20 2018
AHS Jr Book Awards Invite June 19th 2018
After school child care emails
AHS Students Featured on Italian Public TV email
Community Relations Minutes 5/17/2018
Policy and Procedures Minutes 4/27, 5/23/2017, 11/6/2017, 12/11/2017
AHS Bldg. Project Alt 2B 6 19 2018

Adjournment

Mr. Hayner moved to adjournment at 8:50 pm, seconded by Ms. Morgan.
Voted: 7-0

Respectfully submitted by
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Arlington School Committeejs