

Approved by the Arlington School Committee February 28, 2019

*Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2019
6:30 PM
Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

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

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, and Marion Nolan, AEA Representative and Victor Kelleher, AHS student rep.

Mr. Glen Kocher, MASC Executive Director and Kathleen Kelly, MASC Field Director present exited the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Open Meeting

Dr. Allison-Ampe opened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Executive Session

Mr. Hayner moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. 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, 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, and to discuss superintendent's Kathleen Bodie's contract, seconded Ms. Susse.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

Mr. Hayner moved to exit out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. and return to open session seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Roll call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

Public Participation

None

Review of Draft Five Year Budget Plan.

Mr. Kardon presented the Multi Year Plan (MYP) sheet which provided the budget details to the full committee on a proposal to, over the next five years, to maintain level services in the face of enrollment growth, close the achievement gap, improve instructions for students, create safe and supportive schools, and attract and develop talented personnel. He spoke about working with the town and long range planning committee members and will continue to work on it with the Select Board. He would like to hold a community event and receive community feedback in the spring on the plan.

Dr. Allison-Ampe welcomes student rep and AEA rep to the meeting.

Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed FY 2020 Budget and Discussion

Dr. Bodie spoke on the Proposed FY 2020 Budget details, which she pointed out began back in August, and developed and continued to be discussed each month with her administration and is here tonight to present it to the School Committee members. The complete Superintendent's Proposed FY 2020 budget can be found on our website. Mr. Michael Mason spoke on the FY 20 anticipated revenues, our Town Appropriation number and gave a summary of the FY 20 proposed budget changes from the prior year. The next steps of the Superintendent's Proposed FY 20 Budget will be our Budget Hearing on Thursday, February 28, then the School Committee will vote to approve the budget on Thursday, March 14. The budget will be presented to the Finance Committee on Wednesday March 20th and to be hopefully be voted for approval at Town Meeting in April 2019.

*The School Committee members asked questions on voting bottom line budget numbers and budget categories, and it was said that the priorities of details can be shifted once additional funding becomes available. (Two issues—money can be shifted next year if needed with SC approval .The second issue is whether we get additional Chapter 70 money) The first priority Dr. Bodie would like to address is enrollment growth, and class sizes, and support for students who are struggling. The committee discussed the five year plan, *would like to see measurable data on Responsive Classroom Training and see data on classroom absences, and have the data organized in a way the committee can look at it easily. The committee members also would like to receive a report from our Nursing Department on nursing encounters with students, see the survey data results from other students comparable in our Middlesex league district to see how we are progressing on self-harm, absenteeism and other critical data, but not on specific students just the data. (These requests are not related to the 5-year plan)**

Mr. Schlichtman exited the room for about five minutes at 8:05 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. MacNeal spoke on the recent CHNA two-year grant Arlington Public Schools received, from funding by Mt. Auburn Hospitals.

AHS Building Project update

Dr. Bodie updated the committee on the recent AHSBC meeting, which voted to reduce the cost of the project from \$308 million down to \$291 million. The Facilities Department will be moving to Department of Public Works, the Comptroller's Office will be moving to Town Hall. The Payroll Department was discussed; the final outcome from the AHSBC was to include the

Payroll Department back into the AHSBC plan. The Schematic Design needs to go to MSBA on February 20th. The board of directors of MSBA will need to vote the plans on April 10th. It will start the 120 days till the town has to commit to funding. The election to vote the debt exclusion for the AHSB will be held on Tuesday, June 11th.

Mr. Thielman mentioned that the AHSBC will present to committees around town and lots of chances for people to attend and receive information.

Hardy School update

Dr. Bodie said that Hardy School is experiencing leaks, which the Director of Facilities is looking into it. The roof of Hardy is currently on Capital Planning Five Year Plan, but doesn't come up for a few years. It will likely need to be addressed earlier.

Buffer Zone

Dr. Bodie said buffer zone letters were going out to Kindergarten parents. Ms. Morgan said that some families did not get their first choice, but Dr. Bodie said for those who want to can be placed on waitlist.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Thielman moved to approve the consent agenda of Approval of Warrant: Warrant # 119146 dated, 1/24/2019, in the amount of \$445,528.93 and Approval of Minutes: Regular School Committee minutes, 1/10/2019, and 1/24/2019, and Special School Committee minutes 1/30/2019. Approval of Trips: AHS History & SS Vietnam Trip on 2/13/2020-2/22/2020 and AHS Student Council Trip, MASC 2019, but Mr. Hayner amended the motion to pull out the Pull AHS & SS Vietnam Trip.

Voted: 7-0

Mr. Hayner would like the AHS History & SS Vietnam Trip on 2/13/2020-2/22/2020 pulled out of the Consent Agenda because he would like the teachers or chaperones to attend the School Committee meeting to discuss the approach of the way the trip will be presented to the students before voting to approve this Vietnam trip.

Policy: None

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

Budget: Len Kardon, Chair said the subcommittee met before this meeting to discuss the Long Range Planning meeting he attended a week ago where he presented the five-year plan. They discussed the additional Chapter 70 money and will have the Town Manager run numbers and meet again on February 25th. The FY 20 Budget hearing will be on Thursday, February 28th and a community forum will be held sometime on the Long Range Plan. Dr. Allison-Ampe said that on March 20th our FY 20 Budget presentation to the Finance Committee will take place.

Community Relations: Jennifer Susse, Chair spoke on the School Committee chat, several people stopped by. Ms. Susse spoke about the calendar survey first, in Novus narrative present it formally asked three questions but currently not enough consensus to change start school before

Labor Day, less attractive to parents more to teachers. On holding school during religious holidays parents were more interested in making a change than teachers. The late start time was discussed. A few weeks ago almost all the letters were in favor; since the survey went out more people have written in to oppose it. About 90% of parents are strongly in favor. The committee discussed the survey, teacher's input on child care cost issues, teacher's contracts to hold after school meetings. Some schools moved their late start time to 8:05 a.m. since they were starting school around 7:15 or 7:30 a.m. Mr. Schlichtman would like to make a motion to approve the later start time. The committee will continue the discussion on this topic.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability: Jeff Thielman, Chair no report

Facilities: Bill Hayner, Chair no report

Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman, Chair MASC has posted the policy manual and have Karen send out the link. Mr. Kardon will review policy on creating a report about after school programs to see how many students are in program and how many on waitlist. The subcommittee will follow up. Homeschooling on a part time basis was discussed and the rules and process will be on reviewed and placed on our website.

Legal Services Review: Bill Hayner, Jeff Thielman continue to work on report.

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

Gibbs Committee: Jane Morgan

Liaisons Reports

Announcements:

Ms. Susse informed the committee members that the Human Rights Commission has an opening and pointed out that they don't have to automatically appoint someone, but Mr. Schlichtman does not want to throw people off the committee and said they have a process to advertise the opening.

Mr. Hayner would like to commend the third grade teachers and students on mock trail held at Town Hall. He would like to thank the community members from rotary members on raising \$3,000 for polar plunge. The AEF Trivia Bee will be held on March 17 at Town Hall.

Future Agenda Items

Executive Session

Mr. Hayner moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. 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, and to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, in which if

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Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

Correspondence Received:

Warrant #19146 dated 1/24/2019

Draft minutes from Regular SC meeting 1/10/2019, 1/24/2019

Draft minutes from Special SC meeting 1/30/2019

Legal Spreadsheets for FY 19

Newsletter LWV Jan, Feb, 2019

Program of Studies 2019-2020 updated

Commissioners Report 1/25/2019

Condition of Education in the Commonwealth 1 24 2019

Classroom sizes 1/1/2019

International Travel for Vietnam 2/13/2020-2/22/2020

AHS Building Project Press Release 2/7/2019

Parent letter in support of start time proposal 2/4/2019

Parent letter opposed of start time proposal

FY 20 Superintendent's Proposed Budget and Budget message

2 8 2019 additional documents

5 year Budget plan document

AHS Student Council Trip approval 2019

Adjournment

Mr. Schlichtman moved to adjournment at 9:37 p.m. seconded by Mr. Thielman.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 7-0

Respectfully submitted by

Karen M. Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

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