

Approved by the Arlington School Committee May 9, 2019

*Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:30 PM
Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

Public Hearing on Arlington Public Schools, School Choice

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

Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Roderick MacNeal, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Mason, CFO, Robert Spiegel, Human Resource Officer, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, and Jason Levey, AEA President, and student representative Victor Chelariu, freshman, and member of wrestling team.

Absent: Bill Hayner

Open Meeting

Mr. Kardon opened the meeting and each member introduced themselves.

Mr. Kardon opened the Public Hearing on School Choice at 6:30 p.m.

It is the policy of this school district not to admit non-residents students under the terms and conditions of the Inter district School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12). This decision must be reaffirmed annually prior to June 1st by a vote of the School Committee following a public hearing.

No public comment.

Mr. Schlichtman moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Thielman.

Voted: 6-0

Mr. Schlichtman moved to withdraw from School Choice for the 2019-20 school year, and to notify DESE of this hearing and vote, with the statement that as the district is experiencing enrollment growth, Arlington lacks available seats; seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Mr. Kardon held a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Dick Fanning, long time Finance Committee member and liaison to the Arlington School Committee.

Japanese Visitors

Were unable to attend.

Public Participation

None

Meeting the Administration

Stanley Vieira, Athletic Director spoke about his recent experiences here at AHS and the strong support from the community and support of parents. Dr. Vieira stated how hard the boys' and girls' teams worked and the payoff was four Middlesex championships: girls' hockey, boys' cross country, boys' soccer, and boys' hockey. The rebranding of the Arlington A is underway with a contest to choose the best A for Arlington. Athletic fees will be reviewed next fall with the budget subcommittee and Dr. Bodie. Dr. Vieira said he is looking forward to working with members of the Arlington High School Building Committee project on the fields at the high school, and planning to work with our athletes and the children of the Special Olympics.

District Goals Overview 2018-19, Curriculum Leaders

Dr. Bodie spoke on the overarching goals for Arlington Public Schools. Dr. MacNeal had all of the curriculum leaders attend tonight which they spoke on their 2018-19 accomplishments and shared the evidence to support their objectives. Dr. David Prudente consultant for Ms. Burd, Mr. Conklin, Ms. Bouvier, Mr. Weathers, Mr. Ardito, Mr. Coleman, Ms. Hanson, Ms. Perry, Ms. Bisson, Mr. Pappazisis, Ms. Bruezzese, and Ms. Carney, each shared what their departments do really well and provided evidence in each of their presentations to support their objectives for the district goals.

After the committee members heard from all the Curriculum Leaders, Ms. Morgan suggested that she and other parents would like to receive the written formative assessments for their children. Dr. MacNeal said that usually they are used during parent conferences. Mr. Thielman said parents are confused with other assessments used by APS such as the DRA and MCAS scores, but Ms. Hanson addressed the concern and said they are reviewing the outdated assessments and reviewing changes. The transition process for all students moving on was addressed and the support of teachers working together has been valuable for teachers who are making the transitions seamless for the students.

Mr. Kardon would like to see more on the planning for the assessments changes on the agenda next fall. Ms. Elmer spoke on goal 2.1 Cultural Literacy and working with Lesley University on providing Trauma sensitive endorsement courses, which over 75 members of our staff have participated in. The goal for Safe and Supportive Schools Teams, SASS, is to meet monthly and will provide training and facilitate leadership training on safe and supportive role.

Arlington High School Building Committee

Dr. Bodie presented the Arlington High School fly- through presentation from HMFH which will be presented at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019. This presentation can be found on the building committee's website: <https://ahsbuilding.org/>

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Mason presented the monthly financial report. Mr. Schlichtman was asking about the motor vehicle repair budget and Mr. Mason said he will look into it and get back to him.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bodie played the two Arlington students videos which were selected nationally by CPAN and credits ACMI for all their support during internships in teaching our students techniques to create movies. Dr. Bodie said 24 Japanese students will arrive tomorrow with the Mayor and a dinner honoring them will take place on Sunday night. Mary Poppins will be held at the OMS this weekend.

Mr. Schlichtman asked to place the Resolution which was forwarded from Somerville School Committee regarding a voided MCAS question on the next agenda for discussion. Dr. Allison-Ampe said she received parent complaints regarding the racist MCAS Question.

AHS Building Committee will hold another information sessional community form on Tuesday, May 21, at Town Hall. The Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday night April 29th.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlichtman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- **Approval of Warrant: Warrant# 19201, Dated 4/11/2019, Total Warrant Amount \$732,555.86,**
- **Approval of Minutes: none**
- **Approval of Trip: None**
- **Approval of the Ida Robbins Scholarship for 2019. Presented to the two AHS students with the highest GPA.**
- **Approval of the E. Nelson Blake Book Award given to the top 12 students with the highest GPA.**

Seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Voted: 6-0

AHS Awards Night will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.,

Policy

None

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports Announcements

Budget: Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Chair, nothing to report

Community Relations: Jennifer Susse, Chair, nothing to report,

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability: Jane Morgan, Chair, nothing to report.

Facilities: Bill Hayner, Chair, nothing to report.

Policies & Procedures: Paul Schlichtman, Chair, online Hardy poll for playground

Legal Services Review: Bill Hayner, Jeff Thielman, nothing to report.

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

Liaisons Reports

Announcements

Future Agenda Items

MCAS Resolutions and MASC Delegate assembly resolutions

Correspondence Received:

Warrant 19201 dated 4/11/2019

School Committee Regular and Organizational minutes 4/11/2019

IDA Robbins Award recipients given to two students with highest GPA

E. Nelson Blake Award given to 12 students with highest GPA

Gibbs Principal Families follow up letter from K. DeFrancisco

Richard C. Fanning Obituary notice to School Committee

Rotary Club of Arlington

Monthly Financials

AHSB Project Report to Town Meeting, April 2019

PowerPoint presentation on 2019 District Goals, Curriculum Leaders

Arlington Public Schools Report to Town Meeting & FY 2020 Budget Summary

Executive Session

Mr. Thielman moved 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.

Discuss contract of AEA Clerical Unit C and exit to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Allison-Ampe.

Roll call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Adjournment

Mr. Thielman moved to exit and adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Ms. Susse.

Roll Call: unanimous

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

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Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee