

Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Approved by the Arlington School Committee on Thursday, June 25, 2020

Conducted by remote participation:

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Ms. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Morgan confirmed member attendance:

Liz Exton	Present	Paul Schlichtman, Secretary	Present
Len Kardon	Present	Bill Hayner, Vice Chair	Present
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Present	Jane Morgan, Chair	Present
Jeff Thielman	Present		

Ms. Morgan confirmed staff members in attendance:

- Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent
- Jason Levy, AEA President
- Robert Spiegel, Human Resources Director
- Michael Mason, CFO
- Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education
- Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Morgan read the Governor's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, pertaining to remote participation of public meetings during the state of emergency due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to send written comment to Karen Fitzgerald (kfitzgerald@arlington.k12.ma.us) or register to speak by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Ms. Fitzgerald reported that no persons requested to participate in public comment.

Ms. Morgan confirmed that Roderick MacNeil, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, joined the meeting and was able to participate.

Welcome

Ms. Morgan welcomed Ms. Exton, newly elected member of the committee, and welcomed back Mr. Hayner and Mr. Schlichtman, who were re-elected at the Annual Town Election on June 6. She noted the murder of George Floyd, pointing out issues of systemic racism in our nation. She said issues of racism, including student achievement, discipline, and representation in course materials have been addressed, and must be continued to be addressed, by the school committee. She welcomed increased interest and engagement from the community. She said our schools are not immune and we must work together to improve both our data and our student experiences.

Ms. Morgan noted that Dr. Allison-Ampe and Mr. Kardon will both need to step out briefly during the meeting to attend to family obligations; Dr. Allison-Ampe will follow along by phone but will not be available by video during that time.

Appointment: Poet Laureate Screening Committee

Ms. Morgan reported that the Community Relations Subcommittee recommends appointing Stewart Deck, teacher and Math interventionist at the Stratton School, as the school committee's designee for the town's Poet Laureate Screening Committee. Mr. Deck said he moved to Arlington 24 years ago, and said he joined the Stratton School faculty eight years ago.

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayner, **seconded** by Mr. Thielman, it was **voted** to appoint Mr. Stewart Deck to the Poet Laureate Screening Committee.

Roll Call:

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(7-0)

Remote Learning Plan update

Dr. Bodie referred to a chart in Novus which represents data that was discussed at the previous meeting. The data showed the percentages of student participation and submitting assignments.

Student Participation Rates		
Submissions from May 4, through May 29, 2020		
	% Attendance Google Meet	% Work Submitted
K-2 Total	87%	69%
3-5 Total	81%	73%
K-5 Total	84%	71%
Gibbs	23%	71%
OMS	28%	72%
AHS	34%	72%

Dr. Bodie said the data trends from May are continuing through the end of the year. She said the district will follow up with a parent survey which will go out later tomorrow (June 12) asking for feedback on the last few weeks (phase 3), and asking questions about the opening in the fall.

Dr. Bodie said the district is conducting a student survey. The survey hasn't closed, but she presented some data from the survey. Out of 609 respondents, 162 students preferred to attend a Google meet and listen to the teacher explain a lesson. However, 217 students preferred to watch a video when it's convenient. Nearly 60% of the students report they spend 3 ½ hours completing assignments every day. Nearly 45% of students who are not participating in online learning identify with the fact that the assignments do not count for a grade. The finished survey results will be sent for the next school committee meeting.

Dr. Bodie reported there is uncertainty in what we can do next year, and the state is scheduled to provide advice by June 17.

Dr Bodie said it seems certain that next year will not have as much asynchronous learning and we will have much more synchronous learning. We have formed study groups for hybrid and remote learning. There are two study groups (elementary and secondary), and everyone involved in the planning over the summer on how the school day may look like when they return to school in the fall or planning for remote learning. The district is looking at remote learning options for parents who choose not to have their children return in the fall.

Dr. Bodie discussed the planning for end of year parent reports pertaining to the remote learning that took place during the spring. She reported on students coming to school to pick up their belongings. There are also virtual meetings with incoming kindergarten parents taking place. Kindergarten screening will be deferred to the fall.

Ms. Exton asked what strategies are being used to increase participation, and which of those strategies effective. Dr. Bodie said she couldn't speak to that right now, it is information we want to get out of the surveys. Dr. Bodie said she wants to replicate the successful strategies in use.

Ms. Exton asked if teachers piloting synchronous learning are achieving higher rates of participation. Dr. MacNeil said participation is high at the elementary level, and that by requiring grades in the fall there will be more participation at the secondary level in the fall. He said the district is looking at which online tools will increase engagement with online learning.

Dr. Allision-Ampe asked why the superintendent is focusing on hybrid and remote models for the fall. Dr. Bodie said the hybrid model has been discussed at the state level, and it comes from having safety distances for students in school. The state described the need to have desks six feet apart in the classrooms, and if that is a safety requirement we can't have all of the students in the classroom at the same time. This is generated by the state; Dr. Bodie said she would prefer a regular opening with as many safety provisions as possible.

Dr. Allision-Ampe asked about elementary software that does not function well without a child having a functioning email address. Dr. Bodie said we will look at the issue of providing younger elementary students with email addresses again over the summer. She also said we are looking again at Zoom for older grades.

Mr. Kardon said it would be great to provide parents with more information about what we are looking at for next year and describing the work of the planning groups.

Mr. Schlichtman asked what we don't have right now and what we need to purchase for next year. Dr. Bodie said she can show us the spreadsheets, as they are tracking COVID related expenditures for reimbursement under the CARES act. Mr. Schlichtman followed up by asking about curriculum and instructional technology. Ms. Morgan said that would be discussed with the budget.

Mr. Thielman said we need to reopen schools, and advocate to the commissioner there should be a uniform plan for the state. He said the ultimate solution is to give parents a choice to send their children or they can learn remotely. He said the commissioner sets unrealistic expectations to keep kids six feet apart.

Mr. Thielman asked if there is enough time to order equipment and train teachers for remote learning in the fall. Dr. Bodie said she has ordered technology. She said the school environment needs to be safe for the teachers as well. We are buying face shields as another source of protection. We are looking at research into safety, to guide us what

we buy. We are going to give teachers an upgraded computer for next year, we are buying MacBook Air. We are going to take Chromebooks from teachers and repurpose them for students. We are ordering now so we can have things in place for September.

Mr. Thielman asked if we are engaging in negotiations with the AEA about remote learning next fall. Dr. Bodie says she is meeting collaboratively with the AEA.

Mr. Thielman asked if the superintendent anticipates the need for a formal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Mr. Levy said it too early to tell until we get more state guidance.

Mr. Hayner remarked the state does not have an educator on the board to ground them in the mandates they send out. The mandate of having desks six feet apart is under the assumption that students sit at their desks all day, and we stopped doing that 50 years ago. He suggested that, if we have a hybrid model, we should set up a video camera so students not in the classroom could participate. He said that if we have a week on week off schedule, or every other day, we need to look at the parents of multiple children so siblings are in school on the same days.

Mr. Hayner praised the staff for their efforts. He said he organized virtual mock town meetings at the Stratton, and teachers were going way beyond expectations. The kids were all involved, we had 90% participation.

Ms. Morgan said she is interested in the final results of the student survey, and is curious what the administrative team distills from the survey. She echoed Dr. Allison-Ampe's comment on the need for email addresses for younger children. She said parents are eager to participate in discussions with the district, parents are engaged at a very high level.

Summer Program Plan and Extended School Year

Dr. MacNeal would like to focus on providing a five week extended learning opportunities for students who have been identified with the focus on math and literacy and to provide support and prevent summer regression. Invitations have been sent out to students. Dr. MacNeal will meet with curriculum leaders, coaches and principals to review the list of students and see if additional students who during the remote learning regressed and may need summer programming.

Ms. Exton asked how the students were chosen, noting students may have lost skills since the shutdown. Dr. MacNeal said teachers were consulted, noting the number of seats are limited based on staff availability.

Mr. Kardon suggested more communication to parents, getting information out. Dr. MacNeal said many of the programs were finalized this week, we will send out notices for programs as they are finalized.

Mr. Thielman asked if the programs are enrichment or recovery. Dr. MacNeal said credit recovery is to fill the gaps; elementary is an intervention for students who need additional support. He also said we are getting a large number of positive results because we don't need to worry about transportation for remote programs, and that many students are not participating in summer camps.

Mr. Schlichtman asked how we are funding the program, and if we have the capacity to expand for increased demand. Dr. MacNeal said we are taking advantage of the ESSR grant, with the COVID situation, so we have additional money to pay teachers. We also use Title I funding. We were able to extend beyond our Title I schools because we have additional funds. He said the ability to increase capacity is based on staff availability.

Dr. Allison-Ampe said this sounds like a great way to take new approaches on a test drive, to see what works looking toward the fall. Dr. MacNeal agreed, and described his Synchronous Instructional Study Groups, and they will be using the summer programs to explore successful strategies.

Ms. Morgan said we need to communicate with parents, so they can make plans for the summer. She asked about the program dates. Dr. MacNeal said programs would run in July, and they will forward information to the committee.

Ms. Elmer spoke about the Extended School Year (ESY) which is designated for students for those on IEP. She said the state guidance has been slow and received guidance on Sunday and will attend a webinar on Tuesday and next week she will have full guidance on summer program. Arlington is planning to do remotely, and plan to have students come in for some in person meetings. The programs will run for six weeks. All coordinators have meet to discuss how to roll out the program, and will be sending out letters tomorrow to families.

Ms. Exton asked if parents can request a meeting to qualify students if they feel students are regressing due to the closure. Ms. Elmer said ESY regulations are not tied to COVID, but students can be evaluated for services in the fall. but the ESY is not associated with COVID.

Mr. Kardon thanked Ms. Elmer for making efforts for in-person service when it is possible.

Mr. Thielman said he supports more in-person services, and asked for a timeline for decisions. Ms. Elmer said they are identifying staff who are willing to work in either

format, and students whose IEP is much more suitable to in-person, and priorities would be set based on need. Math and reading would be more likely to be remote, they are looking at OT and PT as most likely to have in-person services provided we have sufficient personal protective equipment.

Mr. Hayner asked if the in-person programming requires more staff. Ms. Elmer said that the size of the classrooms, and the small numbers in the class, do not require more staff than would be provided under normal circumstances.

Ms. Morgan said she was happy we are working toward restoring in-person services. She said we should have an update for the next school committee meeting.

Ms. Elmer said we can only resume in-person services on July 6, provided we receive guidance from the commissioner.

Dr. MacNeil asked to include additional information about the summer program. The elementary and middle school program will be five weeks, three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. The sessions will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 35 minute sessions each. Each teacher would be able to service four groups per day, and the dates will be from July 14 to August 13. The PLATO classes will be offered from June 25 to August 14.

URI Alton Jones Science Camp/

Dr. Bodie received a letter today notifying Arlington that the URI Alton Jones Science Camp will be closing due to financial hardship. Dr. Bodie said Arlington Public Schools has been sending fifth grade students each fall and will continue looking into any alternative programming to offer fifth grade students.

On a **motion** by Mr. Kardon, **seconded** by Mr. Hayner, it was **voted** to direct the chair to write a letter to URI Alton Jones Science Camp expressing our disappointment over the closure, and requesting reconsideration considering the special relationship Arlington has had with the Alton Jones camp.

Mr. Kardon said that as a major partner with Alton Jones, we should express our dismay and disappointment over this decision. Mr. Kardon said he thinks it is important we go on record this is a disappointment to us.

Dr. Allison-Ampe said she is glad Mr. Kardon made the motion. She said there is information on the Alton Jones website for parents to directly email Alton Jones and URI to make their voices heard.

Mr. Thielman said he was at science camp overnight, twice. He said he has a rising fifth grader, and the closure is just another loss for kids.

Roll Call:

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(7-0)

2020-2021 Arlington Public Schools Calendar: First Read

Dr. Bodie has updated the 2020-2021 Arlington Public Schools calendar with expected conference and early release dates for the 2020-2021 school year. The expectation is that we will vote to approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Exton asked about the last day for Kindergarten. Dr. Bodie said the last day for Kindergarten students, at this time, is the same for all levels. This may need to change due to screenings. Ms. Exton said we should make any adjustments for screening as early as we can.

FY 21 School Budget for Town Meeting

Dr. Bodie and Mr. Mason said they had attended the June 1 Finance Committee meeting. At the meeting, the Finance Committee approved a \$460,000 reduction in the FY21 school budget, which is a 10% reduction in the increase over the FY20 budget. The superintendent asked the Budget Subcommittee to meet to review possible cuts to bring

the budget into balance. She said we need to vote the bottom line of \$75,570,531 in advance of next Monday's Town Meeting.

Mr. Mason described the budget documents in the packet, and said possible changes to the budget document would be presented to the Budget Subcommittee.

Spending Category	FY20 Budget	FY21 Original SC Budget	Revised SC Budget	Change from Prior Budget
Town Appropriation				
Administration	3,011,234	3,093,131	3,093,131	-
Curriculum Instruction	1,828,195	1,935,284	1,935,284	-
Elementary	19,950,637	21,131,347	21,013,847	(117,500)
Other	6,004,734	6,723,896	6,718,896	(5,000)
Secondary	19,594,543	21,048,351	20,788,351	(260,000)
Special Education	21,037,796	22,098,522	22,021,022	(77,500)
Town Appropriation	71,427,139	76,030,531	75,570,531	(460,000)

Mr. Hayner asked about the \$460,000 reduction in the **Town Appropriation** table presented by Mr. Mason. He asked if the cut positions are existing positions or anticipated positions. Mr. Mason said the cuts were to budget the school committee previously approved, and we are removing positions added into the FY21 budget. He said no existing positions were cut, and there are no layoffs.

Mr. Schlichtman noted we are eliminating reserve teaching positions. He asked what the prospects are for dealing with any surprise increases in enrollment. Dr. Bodie said we needed to identify the \$460,000 for the Finance Committee. We know we are hiring an additional Kindergarten teacher at the Peirce due to increased enrollment. She said she would like to have additional conversations about supporting another reserve position, which could be funded through prepayments of SPED tuition in this fiscal year.

Mr. Kardon said the good news, thanks to cooperation with the town, is that we don't need to lay off any staff at this point. We are able to hire a couple of new positions that are sorely needed due to enrollment increases.

On a **motion** by Mr. Kardon, **seconded** by Mr. Thielman, it was voted to accept the revised FY 21 Town appropriation amount of \$75,570,531 and approve the revised FY 21 School Committee budget transfer summary as presented.

Budget Transfer Summary				
Spending Category	FY20 Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	Change from Prior Year	Percent Change
Administration	3,026,905	3,108,802	81,897	2.7%
Curriculum Instruction	2,134,995	2,242,084	107,089	5.0%
Elementary	20,112,637	21,230,866	1,118,229	5.6%

Grants	2,407,800	2,407,800	-	0.0%
Other	6,354,734	7,318,896	964,162	15.2%
Secondary	20,100,936	21,534,194	1,433,258	7.1%
Special Education	23,801,766	24,694,992	893,226	3.8%
Grand Total	77,939,773	82,537,634	4,597,861	5.9%

Roll Call:

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(7-0)

Detentions

Mr. Morgan suggested this agenda item would be a two part discussion, with a brief introduction tonight and a detailed report in two weeks.

Dr. Bodie said she will present more detail at the next meeting. She said the central office has been presenting monthly reports to principals, and parts of that report are the number of detentions. She said she has been working with Dr. MacNeil, who will discuss where we are with the data mining on detentions.

Dr. MacNeil said he prepared a statement on discipline, as it has been an issue in town over the past two weeks. He said we want to make sure we are providing a very comprehensive report as it relates to detentions. We have worked very hard, and we have had many discussions regarding discipline.

Mr. Morgan suggested this agenda item but a an overview of Detentions by Dr. MacNeal will be provided at our next meeting in two weeks. Dr. Bodie and Dr. MacNeal will put together a comprehensive report and suggested the members send them questions that they would like to be addressed. The secondary building administrators, and the elementary building administrators, do a very good job of looking at the discipline reports that we send out monthly They need to sign them, then they identify any students who may have multiple offenses and try to work with them in order to support them with the behavioral challenges they may be presenting. Some of the strategies we are talking about at the high school are collaborative problem solving. We've done work at the district level and staff in dealing with implicit bias, and we know that we have a disproportionate number of students of the African-American and other subgroups who receive discipline. To have a more comprehensive report, Dr. MacNeil asked the committee to submit questions as they relate to detentions and discipline, and he will work with the building administrators to prepare a very comprehensive report.

Ms. Morgan asked the committee to get questions to Dr. MacNeil by next Tuesday.

COVID-19 Funding Resolution

Mr. Schlichtman said the resolution was circulating on the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) email list. The resolution originated in Amherst-Pelham and with several school committees in that region. The purpose of it is for funding for additional cost for opening of school and the COVID materials the state is mandating, He said Executive Director Glenn Koocher to send a message out concern with additional cost to run school due to COVID needs to be reimbursed, as we don't have the resources to add extra burdens to the budget.

Dr. Allison-Ampe agreed with Mr. Schlichtman. She said it is more importantly for the state than it is for our particular district, and she said she is particularly concerned with gateway cities and other school districts which are much more dependent on state funding, and don't have any extra resources to handle this emergency.

Mr. Mason described how COVID 19 expenses are tracked, and hopes to get all those funds reimbursed by putting in a claim to the emergency relief fund. He said we were able to claim about \$125,000 in the first round of COVID-expenses. The majority of those expenses were technology related. Currently we are at about \$1.1 million of expenditures, including that first claim, and it could go even higher than that.

On a **motion** by Mr. Schlichtman, **seconded** by Mr. Hayner, it was voted to adopt the resolution and send it to the people listed on the resolution.

The resolution is directed to Governor Charlie Baker, Education Secretary James Peyser, Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Jason Lewis, Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Alice Peisch, Senator Cindy Friedman, Representative Sean Garballey, Representative Dave Rogers, and Members of the Select Board.

Roll Call:

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	---	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(6-0)

Mr. Kardon was away from the computer at the time of the vote.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bodie provided an update on the **AHS Building Committee**. The new parking area is out back. People will be able to use the new parking for Town Meeting next Monday. They have accelerated work on a new entrance and office space in the Downs building. The basketball court in the back has been paved over and converted to

parking. The Parmenter renovation remains on schedule for a late August occupancy. The Parmenter project is on time and on budget.

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2020-2021 is in Novus. The numbers are behind the number of registrations from this time last year, with 441 confirmed and completed applications. There are 39 additional applications pending. Peirce School will need a third Kindergarten, Stratton may need a fourth Kindergarten. Given the uncertainty, there are many parents keeping their children back another year, and we may see a very large Kindergarten in the following year.

EDCO update: The Town of Lexington made a previous motion to begin the process of terminate EDCO, but Lexington withdrew the motion at the last EDCO board meeting. Belmont rescinded their intent to withdraw., Concord-Carlisle, and Lexington may modify their position on withdrawal next year. Dr. Bodie said the board showed strong support for the EDCO administration and budget, and. EDCO is developing a three-year strategic plan.

Dr.Allison-Ampe said we should get more information to parents who have signed up, and the lack of information may be discouraging other families from signing up. Dr. Bodie said they are starting virtual meetings for incoming Kindergarten families .Each school is reaching out to families of children eligible for Kindergarten.

Ms. Morgan said she was concerned there are 76 confirmed Kindergarten students at Thompson with 10 pending, and a surprisingly low number at Brackett.

Summer 2020 School Committee Meetings

Ms. Morgan stated we will probably need to meet several times over the summer. On a **motion** by Mr. Schlichtman, **seconded** by Mr. Thielman, it was **voted** that the Arlington School Committee schedule Special School Committee Meetings, Thursday, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20, 2020.

Roll Call:

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	Abstain	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(6-0-1)

Mr.Kardon rejoined the meeting as the roll call was taken.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hayner **moved** the **Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of Warrant Number 20292, Dated June 2, 2020, Total warrant amount \$411,089.69
- Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2020

- Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Schlichtman. **Roll Call:**

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(7-0)

Planning for stakeholder input and development program materials with MASC Superintendents Search Process Subcommittee recommendation

Mr. Schlichtman provided the Superintendents Search Process updates on the two recent meeting. He reported that Me. Koocher would conduct as many Zoom focus groups as necessary, and we are working through a list of groups to invite to hold a focus group. The survey will be posted online tomorrow.

Mr. Thielman asked if we can use one of our four summer meetings for our focus group. Mr. Schlichtman said yes, we can do it whenever we want. Mr. Schlichtman said we will conduct a focus group in Japanese. He reported that we have started focus groups with AEA, and we want to get notice out to parents before school ends.

Ms. Exton asked if the survey can be translated. Mr. Schlichtman said MASC has translated using Google translate.

Mr. Hayner asked if MASC would translate. Mr. Schlichtman said yes, but they would use an electronic translation service.

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

- **Budget:** Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Chair. The subcommittee will meet next week.
- **Community Relations:** Bill Hayner, Chair. Mr. Hayner said the School Committee has five appointments to the Arlington Human Rights Commission, and two appointments need to be made this year. Ms. Fitzgerald will send out notices to submit applications. The deadline for submitting applications is June 19. The subcommittee will meet on June 23 to review the applications, and we will have recommendations for the full committee on June 25.
- **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability:** Len Kardon, Chair. No report.
- **Facilities:** Jeff Thielman, Chair. No report.
- **Policies & Procedures:** Paul Schlichtman, Chair. No report.
- **Arlington High School Building Committee:** Jeff Thielman, (Chair), Kirsi Allison-Ampe. Report was presented during the meeting.
- **Superintendent Search Process Committee:** Paul Schlichtman, Chair. Report was presented during the meeting.
- **Calendar Committee:** No report.
- **Election Modernization Committee:** No report.

- Traffic Negotiations: AEA Negotiations no report.

Liaisons Reports:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Future Agenda Items:

None.

Correspondence Received:

Warrant dated, June 2m 2020

School Committee minutes, May 14, May 28, 2020

Stewart Deck resume

Covid-19 Resolution

Kindergarten enrollment 2020-2021

Report on student participation 2020-2021

School Calendar updated 692020

FY 21 Town Meeting Budget Memo revised budget

School Committee 2020-2021 Assignments

Town of Arlington Legal Dept Supplement-Remote Meeting Checklist and Guidance

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march12-2020/download>

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Mr. Schlichtman, **seconded** by Mr. Hayner, it was **voted** to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Liz Exton	Yes	Paul Schlichtman	Yes
Len Kardon	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Jane Morgan	Yes
Jeff Thielman	Yes		(7-0)

Written by P. Schlichtman

Respectfully submitted by

Karen M. Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee

**ARLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:
COVID-19 STATE FUNDING**

DATE: June 11, 2020

TO: Governor Charlie Baker
Education Secretary James Peyser
Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley
Senate President Karen Spilka
House Speaker Robert DeLeo
Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Jason Lewis
Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Alice Peisch

CC: Senator Cindy Friedman
Representative Sean Garballey
Representative Dave Rogers
Arlington Select Board

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

THERE CAN BE NO UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR COVID-19.

Respectfully,
Arlington School Committee
Jane P. Morgan, Chair
Kirsi Allison-Ampe
Liz Exton
Bill Hayner
Len Kardon
Paul Schlichtman
Jeff Thielman