

Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2021
6:30 PM

Open Meeting

Mr. Hayner opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and read the governor's orders and confirmed the attendance of the following: Liz Exton, Present, Paul Schlichtman, Present, Dr. Kirsi Allison-Ampe, arrived 6:45 p.m. Jeff Thielman, Present, Jane Morgan, Present, Mr. Kardon, arrived 7:00 p.m. and Bill Hayner, Present.

Confirmed attendance of Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D, Superintendent, Roderick MacNeal, Jr. Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent, Rob Spiegel, Human Resources Director, Michael Mason, CFO, Alison Elmer, Special Education Director, Julianne Keys, AEA And Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant

Public Comment

None

School Calendar for 2021-2022 updates

Dr. Bodie presented the School Calendar for 2021-2022 with Kindergarten screening days and early release days for middle school and high school. The committee will review the school calendar at the next meeting and vote to approve the updates on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

District Goals Progress for 2020-2021

Dr. MacNeal, Jr., provided the progress on the District Goals for 2020-2021 and had asked the committee members to send any questions or concerns to him in advance. The curriculum leaders are preparing more detailed documentation and evidence on the [District Goals Progress 2020-2021](#).

District Goals for 2021-2022

Dr. Bodie and Dr. MacNeal, Jr., presented the high level [District Goals](#) for 2021-2022 and spoke about the major focus for next year and the need in our district to support our students in social and emotional skills and to continue to do this next year. The comments from the committee on the 2021-2022 Goals included putting in language on awareness on cultural biases, the departmental work they are doing in the curriculum audit and on SEL curriculum. To include what Arlington Public Schools is doing on hiring teachers and teaching assistants staff to represent cultural ethics of our diverse students. The committee members suggested that the administration include the pandemic into the goals since things may be different going forward and as we look for support for students that will need refreshing and more time on learning. Resources for infrastructure of our schools and developing technology planning for our schools over the next three years will be included into the goals too. The Arlington High School Rebuild is part of the District Goals and the work continues into next year's goals, and students will move into the STEAM wing next February, 2022, as scheduled. Mr. Mason spoke on some details about grants to purchase electric buses and cars, and on finding locations to provide charging stations around town. Dr. Bodie spoke on Goal 3, looking at resources for infrastructure of our schools and developing technology plans for the next three years.

Dr. MacNeal, Jr. will be reporting on the [Tiered Focused Monitoring Review](#) which is conducted by DESE Office of Public School Monitoring, to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements focusing on special education and civil rights. This report is on our district website and news feed. There was no findings in Special Education and two findings in civil rights around policies and which APS has already addressed by revising the restraint policy.

Appointment to EDCO Board of Directors and to EDCO Advisory Board for FY 22

Dr. Bodie spoke how the EDCO Board will dissolve in June, 2022 but under Collaborative Law the EDCO Board will elect a new chair, vice chair and meet as a full board and with an advisory board. Therefore Arlington should have representation at each board meeting and the following was suggested to appoint Mr. Hayner and Mr. Schlichtman to serve.

On a **motion** by Mr. Thielman, seconded by Dr. Allison-Ampe, it was voted to approve Mr. Bill Hayner to the EDCO Board of Directors, and Mr. Paul Schlichtman to the EDCO Advisory Board.

Roll Call: Ms. Exton, Yes, Mr. Schlichtman, Yes, Mr. Thielman, Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe, Yes, Mr. Kardon, Yes, Ms. Morgan, Yes, and Mr. Hayner, Yes. (7-0)

MASC Delegate Assembly Resolutions

At this time there is no resolutions for Arlington School Committee to bring to the MASC conference.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Mason presented the [Monthly Financial Report](#) ending April 30, 2021. The committee discussed the American Rescue Plan, ARPA funds and how that money would be spent.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Julianna Keyes was happy to report Thompson Teacher, Sarah Marie Jette, was named as a semifinalist for Massachusetts Teacher of the Year for 2022.

Dr. Bodie reported that the AHS Building project continues to move forward. There will be a walk through next week for the AHSBC and School Committee members. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1. Dr. Bodie acknowledged the retirement of Mr. Patric Barberi, Executive Director of LABBB Collaborative in late June and spoke on what he accomplished and his extraordinary work with the LABBB program. Kathy addressed that Arlington will be assessed some costs for EDCO but they are unknown at this time. She said that Dr. Tatum, Interim Director of EDCO will move programs to other collaboratives and will continue to look to find other placements for other programs and courses.

Consent Agenda

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On a **motion** by Mr. Schlichtman, seconded by Mr. Thielman, it was voted to approve the: Warrant 21256, Dated 5/18/2021, Total Amount \$708,314.56 and Approval of Minutes: School Committee Regular Minutes, May 13, 2021 and School Committee Special Meeting, August 31, 2020, and Approval of Ida Robbins Scholarship presented to the two students with the highest GPA.

Roll Call: Ms. Exton, Yes, Mr. Schlichtman, Yes, Mr. Thielman, Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe, Yes, Mr. Kardon, Yes, Ms. Morgan, Yes, and Mr. Hayner, Yes. (7-0)

Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements

Budge, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, no report.

Community Relations, Liz Exton, Chair, The SC Chat will be this Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Liz said we hired a librarian. They will meet next Thursday to discuss School Committee return to chambers to hold hybrid meetings.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability, Len Kardon, noted the draft goals would go to CIAA for review before the full committee reviews them but it is not necessary due to the timing.

Facilities, Jeff Thielman, no report.

Policy & Procedures, Paul Schlichtman will follow community relations on where we are going with policy changes due to a full return to school. The Land Acknowledge statement was voted by Town Meeting. It was noted they adopted the updates to the restraint policy.

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

Liaisons Reports

None

Announcements

Mr. Hayner would like to recognize the AHS Work Program on helping with placing the Arlington Rotary flags at the Water Tower on Park Avenue. Congratulated Cal Hodge, AHS Jr., goalie appeared on Channel 4 news for stopping a shot from Woburn High School lacrosse team and then decided to hurl the ball down the field 80 yards for a goal.

Future Agenda Items

None

Correspondence Received:

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School Committee Regular Minutes, May 13, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes August 31, 2020.

Monthly Financial Report, May 27, 2021, period 10.

Ida Robbins Scholarship Awards, AHS, M. Janger, May 18, 2021

School Committee Chat, May 15, 2021 summary

School Committee Chat, May 22, 2021 summary
Kathleen Bodie email to families on Gov. Baker May 17, 2021
Kathleen Bodie email on Athletic update on Masks May 18, 2021
MIAA announcement by Gov. Baker on May 17, 2021
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Quarantine due to COVID-19
2021-2022
Monthly Financial Report MM period 10, May 27, 2021
District Goals 2021-2022
District Goals Progress 2020-2021 documents
School Calendar 2021-2022 with conference updates.

Executive Session

On a **motion** by Mr. Kardon, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman, it was voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 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. 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.

Roll Call: Ms. Exton, Yes, Mr. Schlichtman, Yes, Mr. Thielman, Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe, Yes, Mr. Kardon, Yes, Ms. Morgan, Yes, and Mr. Hayner, Yes. (7-0)

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Mr. Thielman, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman, it was voted to exit executive session for the purposes of adjournment at 8:26 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Exton, Yes, Mr. Schlichtman, Yes, Mr. Thielman, Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe, Yes, Mr. Kardon, Yes, Ms. Morgan, Yes, and Mr. Hayner, Yes. (7-0)

Respectfully submitted by
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Arlington School Committee