

**Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 31, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

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6:30 p.m. Open Meeting

The regular School Committee Meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayner and he confirmed the attendance of the following School Committee Members: Ms. Exton, yes, Mr. Schlichtman, yes, Mr. Thielman, yes, Dr. Ampe, yes, Ms. Morgan, yes, Dr. Homan, yes, Dr. MacNeal, yes, Mr. Spiegel, yes, Mr. Mason, yes, Ms. Elmer, yes, AEA Representative, Julianna Keyes, yes, AHS Student Representative, Megan Carmody, yes. Mr. Kardon joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Arlington School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2022 were approved.

6:33 p.m. Public Comment

Mr. Hayner read the public comment parameters. Rajeev Soneja, 30 Mary Street, Arlington, Human Rights Commission and Deborah Pajerowski (no address given) both spoke on the heterogeneous initiative at Arlington Public Schools.

6:40 p.m. AHS Student Representatives (M. Carmody)

Counsel is transitioning from the previous projects into the new projects.

6:42 p.m. Letter to Lexington (B. Hayner)

Mr. Hayner shared a letter which he wrote to the Lexington School Committee with the School Committee regarding the EDCO situation and the payment of the lease and the Lexington Public Schools intent to not pay their share of the remaining lease.

A motion was made by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded by Mr. Thielman to authorize the Chair to send the letter and to CC the Arlington Advocate, Your Arlington, all EDCO members, State Reps, Senate and the Commissioner of Education. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Exton, yes, Mr. Schlichtman, yes, Mr. Thielman, yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe, yes, Mr. Thielman, yes, Ms. Morgan, yes, Mr. Hayner, yes. (6-0 vote)

6:53 p.m. School Committee Reorganization Information – School Committee Policy BDA

(B. Hayner)

Mr. Hayner reviewed the BDA Policy to the Committee. As the Chair, Mr. Hayner has received the interest of three members; one to be Chair and two to be Vice Chair. He has asked that all members review BDA and BDAA.

6:53 p.m. Superintendent Evaluation Timeline (E. Homan)

Dr. Homan asked that her summative evaluation be moved to November for 2 reasons – she has shared a lot of info for the formative and she doesn't have a lot more to share between now and June. She believes that after more strategic planning work and the beginning of a new year in the fall she will have more information which should equal more targeted feedback from the Members. Dr. Homan anticipates a formative evaluation in the spring. All Members agreed to Dr. Homan's request.

6:57 p.m. Superintendent's Report (E. Homan)

Dr. Homan discussed the uptick and then the decline of COVID cases in the schools. Some masking has had to be put back in place temporarily. Goal remains that students stay in school as much as possible. She also discussed the masking requirements on buses and at Menotomy Preschool. Mandate on masking on buses will be lifted on April 1, but masking at Menotomy Preschool is staying in place.

Upcoming presentations dates and topics for the rest of the school year were presented by Dr. Homan as well. Other updates included the Strategic Planning Facilitator-invitation sent, the Equity Audit Team Launch on 3/21—over 30 participants included, the Brackett School Play which she attended with her daughter, the upcoming AHS Musical which is scheduled for next weekend, the Admin Learning topics, Admin Hiring: Director of Wellness, PK-12 Dir. of Visual Arts and Enrollments. Various questions came up on the enrollments – Novus needs the updated numbers provided by Dr. Homan. School Committee Members asked Dr. Homan some questions and she answered accordingly.

7:15 p.m. Consent Agenda (B. Hayner)

Warrant #22212, \$779,997.37

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A motion was made by Mr. Schlichtman, seconded by Mr. Thielman #22212 and the Regular School Committee Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Exton, yes, Mr. Schlichtman, yes, Mr. Thielman, yes, Mr. Kardon, yes, Dr. Ampe, yes, Ms. Morgan, yes, Mr. Hayner, yes.

7:20 p.m. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements (B. Hayner)

- Budget – Budget met last Friday and then all Members attended the Finance Committee afterward. Budget was unanimously passed. (K. Allison-Ampe)
- Community Relations – Chat next Tuesday, April 5 (L. Exton)
- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability – Met earlier last week, RE: Heterogeneous Proposal. (L. Kardon)
- Facilities – Met on March 21 and discussed the upcoming playground projects with construction beginning this summer. (J. Thielman).
- Policy and Procedures – Mr. Schlichtman discussed various changes/cleaning up policies: BDA, BEDB, BID, AC, AC-R, JICK, FF and FF-E. Final read on these will be brought to the next SC Meeting. Additionally looking to sunset EBC Supplemental Policy which

was established two years ago for COVID with consideration of keeping three of the items within that Policy. (P. Schlichtman).

- Arlington High School Building Committee – (J. Thielman). Meeting on April 5 at 6 p.m.
- Liaison Reports –The SEPAC has requested to present their survey data this spring. (L. Exton)
- Announcements - Mr. Thielman thanked the Chair for his work this past year. Mr. Hayner acknowledged that on March 29 it was Vietnam Veterean’s Day and thanked all for their services and thanked everyone for their support during his term.
- Future Agenda Items – none

7:33 p.m. Adjournment to Move to Executive Session. A motion was made by Ms. Exton and seconded by Mr. Schlichtman to move into Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Exton, yes, Mr. Schlichtman, yes, Mr. Thielman, yes, Mr. Kardon, yes, Ms. Morgan, yes, Dr. Ampe, yes, Mr. Hayner, yes.

8:01 p.m. Return to Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded Mr. Thielman, to accept the MOA between the Arlington School Committee and the Arlington Education Association. Ms. Exton thanked everyone for their efforts to provide some pay but feels frustrated by the process. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Exton, yes, Mr. Schlichtman, yes, Ms. Thielman, yes, Mr. Kardon, yes, Dr. Ampe, yes, Ms. Morgan, yes, Mr. Hayner, yes.

8:05 p.m. Adjournment. A motion was made by Ms. Exton and seconded by Mr. Schlichtman to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Exton, yes, Mr. Schlichtman, yes, Mr. Thielman, yes, Mr. Kardon, yes, Dr. Ampe, yes, Ms. Morgan, yes, Mr. Hayner, yes.

