

Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2017
6:30 PM

Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476

Present: Jeff Thielman, Chair, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Vice Chair, Bill Hayner, Secretary, Paul Schlichtman, , Cindy Starks, Len Kardon, Jennifer Susse

Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. Superintendent of the Schools, Laura Chesson, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent of the Schools , Rob Spiegel, Human Resource Director, Alison Elmer, Director of Special Education, Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant to School Committee and student representative Lucy

Mr. Schlichtman exited at 7:32 PM

Open Meeting

Mr. Thielman welcomed Jason Levey, AEA President and Matt Coleman to the meeting.

Public Participation

None

Math Curriculum Presentation

Mr. Matt Coleman, Director of Math for K-12 provided an update on the goals for the current year and on Response Training Initiative RTI and spoke how the Math coaches work with students, regular education and special education teachers on implementing new curriculum and long term planning and are working in cycles on professional development and lessons with all level teachers. Mr. Coleman commented that students are looking for more computer science courses especially for those in Grade 6-8.

Dr. Allison-Ampe asked how Mr. Coleman sees the curriculum shifting for the Gibbs and he noted that we all have an opportunity to think and create how the Math curriculum will integrate for the students while maintaining and supporting the social and emotional aspect of it all.

AHS Internship Program Presentation

Ms. Melanie Konstandakis-Schwartz presented a presentation listing the Overarching Vision, Student Goals and Vision, and the Changes and Updates of the Internship Program at Arlington High School, which is in its fifth year, and this year having the largest group of students in the program. Arlington High student Sreeshti C explained her computer science internship at The Computer Café here in Arlington. Sreeshti learned how to repair and rebuild computers, fix software problems, fix corrupted hard drives and helped build a new computer system too. Her final project was designing a website for a restaurant which the customer appreciated. The

many students and business owners end the internship program with a large ceremony, where all students receive awards and the business receive certificate of appreciation. Since more students are learning about the program junior class students will start to take part in the program next year. The committee members were impressed with this program.

Approval of Elementary Assistant Principal Job Description

Mr. Hayner moved to approve the Elementary Assistant Principal Job Description seconded by Ms. Starks.

Voted: 7-0

After the committee members discussed the responsibilities of the assistant principal and that it could be two (.5) FTE positions, the members voted to approve the job description.

Superintendent's Report

Searches

Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Bodie wanted to recognize and thank Dr. Chesson especially since the School Committee members of the Groton Dunstable completed their Superintendent Search and voted and signed the contract of Dr. Laura Chesson and will start there July 1, 2017. Dr. Chesson thanked the school committee members and the team of professionals here in Arlington.

Dr. Bodie announced we will search for an Assistant Superintendent and have invited the AEA union, AAA union, curriculum leaders, an AEF member and a School Committee member to serve on the committee with interviews taking place in about two weeks. Mr. Hayner volunteered to serve on the committee.

Dr. Allison-Ampe moved to appoint Mr. Hayner as the school committee representative to serve on the search committee for the Assistant Superintendent, seconded by Ms. Susse.

Voted: 6-0

Ottoson Middle School Principal search

Dr. Bodie informed the committee she does not have three candidates to bring forward yet for the OMS principal position. Mr. Hayner suggested that Dr. Bodie consider our current principal and asked if we would seek a waiver to keep Dr. Woods here for another year. Dr. Bodie will keep the committee members updated.

Gibbs Search

Dr. Bodie announced back in December she would do an internal search for the Gibbs Principal position since she knew that we have talent in our district and that this someone has been involved with teachers and curriculum leaders, and has well established relationships. Since we had one candidate apply she is pleased that Kristin DeFrancisco from the Hardy will become the Gibbs Principal since she is qualified. Dr. Chesson and Ms. DeFranciso will co-chair the Gibbs Planning committee present to parent sand the Vision 2020 committee in June 13, at Town Hall, and to the school committee members in the fall. Ms. DeFrancisco will provide Responsive Classroom training two full days in August for all 6th Grade teachers. Kristin will receive a stipend for the Gibbs Principal position for the 2017-2018 school years.

The search continues for the Director of Performing Arts, Director of World Language and Director of Guidance, and Social and Emotional.

Update on School Building Projects

The Arlington High School Building committee went to Winchester High School and toured with 10 members of our committee lead by the current principal. The school was beautiful school and not completed yet but they mentioned a few things not to do and it was nice function to see how it was done in intervals.

Stratton

Dr. Bodie said Stratton is doing fine, no issues and no change. Teachers will have access to building in late June.

Hardy,

Town Meeting will discuss Hardy next week and vote to move forward with six classrooms.

Thompsons

No update on a new schedule and possible we will be delayed. Next meeting we will have better idea and working on plans.

The Ottoson Middle School Play Beauty and the Beast is this weekend.

Ms. Elmer provided Mr. Hayner details on two grants APS received for Safe and Supported Schools.

Consent Agenda

***Dr. Allison-Ampe moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of Warrant: Warrant 17167, Total Warrant Amount \$853,228.73 dated 4/13/2017 and Warrant 17167A, Total Warrant 82,696.00 dated 4/13/2017 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of Organizational Meeting And Regular School Committee Meeting, April 13, 2017, seconded by Mr. Hayner.
Voted: 6-0***

Review Update of School Committee Calendar

Mr. Thielman noted that the CIAA subcommittee must meet to discuss district goals. This will be a working document, and it was suggested to have updates in italics for all to see.

Policy: *Refer to the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee the following:*

JIC Student Conduct for inclusion of an annual report. 2. Review of policies with regard to legal responsibilities of the district with regard to requests for student information.

Ms. Susse moved to have Policies and Procedures review policy JIC Student Conduct to include annually report into the policy, seconded by Mr. Kardon.

Voted: 6-0

Dr. Allison-Ampe moved to have Policies and Procedures review all policies with regard to legal responsibility of the district with regard to requests for student information, seconded Ms. Starks.

Voted: 6-0

Subcommittee & Liaison Reports & Announcements

· Policies & Procedures, Len Kardon (Chair) BBA, and BBA-1 were discussed and Mr. Kardon provided and update from today's Policies and Procedures subcommittee meeting where P&P covered policy change on BBA, to modify School Committee hires but will not take any action on this now.

· Budget, Kirsi Allison-Ampe (Chair) nothing

· Community Relations, Cindy Starks (Chair) nothing

*· District Accountability, Curriculum/Instruction & Assessment, (CIAA)
Paul Schlichtman, (Chair) nothing*

· Facilities, Jennifer Susse (Chair) nothing

· School Enrollment Task Force, Bill Hayner, Cindy Starks, Jeff Thielman nothing

· Legal Services Review, Bill Hayner, Len Kardon nothing

· Arlington High School Building Committee Jeff Thielman and Kirsi Allison-Ampe already discussed

· Gibbs Committee, Cindy Starks said the committee is deciding on colors for the school

· Warrant Committee, Bill Hayner all paid

*· Liaisons Reports
Nothing*

· Announcements

Mr. Hayner announced the Rotary Dinner, June 6, 2017 at Sons of Italy and invited the committee since Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine and Chief Fred Ryan will receive awards.

Ms. Starks noted the Arlington Boys and Girls Dinner is next week and her husband is receiving an award.

The Japanese students are here and the committee will see them at Town Hall Monday night.

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Future Agenda Items

Future, Matt Coleman have Computer Science teachers presented May 11, 2017

Dr. Allison-Ampe announced the Special Education Reserve Account will be discussed Monday and asked Mr. Hayner to speak to it.

Executive Session

None

Correspondence Received:

Draft minutes Regular and Executive Session School Committee meeting April 13, 2017

Commissioners Report 4/21/2017

School Committee Meeting Calendar updated 4/25/17 for 2017-18

Elementary Assistant Principal Job Description

Education Law Update: What Should School Districts do When ICE Comes Knocking, April 18, 2017

Math Curriculum Presentation

Internship Program Update

Warrant(s) dated 4/13/2017

APS Report to Town Meeting & FY 2018 Budget Summary

Save the Date for Staff Appreciation Celebration, Thurs. June 1, 2017

Colonial Day update and email to parents 4 24 2017

JIC Student Conduct Policy

US News Ranked AHS 12th in State 4/25/2017

Superintendent's March Newsletter

Rotary Club Paul Harris Award, June 6, 2017 notice

Adjournment

Mr. Hayner move to exit and adjourn at 8:23 PM, seconded by Mr. Starks.

Voted: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by

Karen M. Fitzgerald

Administrative Assistant

Arlington School Committee