

Arlington School District
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nicol Whalen, Dawn Hoyt, Kevin Smith, Matthew Bykowski, Alexander Gamble.

Administration Present: William Bazyk, Randall Morton, Tim Stewart, Deanne Lacoste.

Audience Present: Brian Howe, Vickey Corey, Linda Naatkgeboren, Hooper Pickering, K. John Smith

Call to Order:

Nicol Whalen called the Arlington School District board meeting to order at 5:51 pm.

Public Comments: None

Approval of minutes:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 20, 2017. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Report of the Principals:

Fisher Elementary School – Deanne Lacoste – Principal

- Winter concert was a huge success
- Fisher News Team is back in action
- Movie night was sponsored by PTG on January 19, 2018 - A great time was had by all.
- Many students have received honors – congratulations to them!

Arlington Memorial High School – Tim Stewart – Principal

- Tim Stewart wanted to thank all involved with regards to the issues with the gym. A lot of extra work has been put on Ashley, bus drivers, and students. Thank you to everyone who is involved.
- New student Athletic policy has been put in place
- Many students have been listed on the honor roll for this quarter

Field Trip Approvals:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve three different field trips that will take place out of state. The Henry Hudson Museum on January 26, 2018, located in Albany, New York. Willard Mountain on February 1, 2018, located in Greenwich, New York and the Children's Science & Technology Center in Troy New York. Moved Dawn Hoyt. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor.

Report of the Curriculum Director:

Integrated Field Review Results

Dr. Luisa, Millington reviewed the Integrated Field Review Report from the Vermont Agency of Education. The report received was very good. The site visit was held on November 21, 2017 and the representatives from the state were very happy with the school.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools:

a. Approval of the SY2019 budget

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve a budget of \$6,956,197.00. Moved by Kevin Smith. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

b. Finalize and approve warning

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the Warning that will be posted to the Arlington community. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Approval of SY2019 School Calendar

Once reviewed by board members, Dawn Hoyt made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 school calendar. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Executive Session:

Nicol Whalen made a motion that the board members adjourn to executive session at 6:35 pm for the purpose of contracts. Invited to attend was Tim Stewart. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor. Executive Session adjourned at 7:05 pm

c. Principal Contract Renewals

Nicol Whalen made a motion to renew the contract for Deanne Lacoste as Principal of Fisher Elementary School. Terms of the contract will be negotiated and completed by April. Moved by Kevin Smith. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor.

Nicol Whalen read a letter of resignation from Tim Stewart as principal of Arlington Memorial High School. He will return to teaching with the AMHS faculty. Nicole Whalen made a motion to accept the letter of resignation with many thanks and regrets. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

d. Appoint Negotiation Members

Nicol Whalen and Alexander Gamble have offered to be on the negotiation committee for the upcoming negotiations with the Arlington Staff Association.

e. First reading of two policies: Capitalization and Conflict of Interest Policies

William Bazyk distributed both the Capitalization Policy and the Conflict of Interest Policy to the board members. The board members reviewed them. This will be considered the first reading of each policy. Dawn Hoyt made a motion to approve the first reading. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

f. Facilities Project Update

William Bazyk spoke to the board members about the most recent flooding in the gymnasium and stage area at the high school. Wright Construction is willing to start the renovation project earlier as the gymnasium will be closed for the remainder for the school year anyway. In order for them to start the project earlier, a new contract will have to be written up and signed. Mr. Kevin Smith made a motion to authorize Nicol Whalen as the authorized signer from the Arlington School Board. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

g. Board Goals

There are many board goals which were reviewed by the members. William Bazyk stated to the board members that the goals have to be sent to Melissa Smith no later than February 7, 2018. Nicol Whalen is requesting that members have their goals to her no later than February 2, 2018 for review.

William Bazyk distributed a draft letter from the BRSU Board stating that they are going to submit the letter to the Agency of Education indicating that they have many concerns about the BVSU joining them.

Other Business:

Hooper Pickering spoke to the board members and the audience and stated that the graduation committee is in the process of getting prices for renting tents / chairs etc. as the gymnasium is not available for use due to the flooding / construction. They would like to have Graduation and Awards Night on the same evening. More discussion at future meetings.

Warrants:

Once Warrants were distributed, board members reviewed and signed them.

Next Meeting Date:

The Next scheduled Arlington School District regular meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018.

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Adjournment:

The Arlington School District Board Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendell Jennings
Recorder

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Alexander Gamble – Board Clerk

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