

Arlington School District
Regular Meeting
September 27, 2017
Meeting Minutes

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

Administration Present: Bill Bazyk, Randall Morton, Tim Stewart.

Audience Present: Brian Howe, Katie Palmer, Julianna Gabriel (Student Council – AMHS), Terry Sweet, Robin Urbanski, Elizabeth Berger, Andrew McKeever, K. John Smith, Kylee Ryan, Karen Schroeder, Dustin Redlein, Matthew Granger, Susan Stewart, Catherine Redlein, Florence Belnap, Hooper Pickering, Jack McDonnough (GNAT-TV)

Nicol Whalen called the Arlington School District board meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 23, 2017, September 5, 2017 & September 15, 2017. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Warrants – Payroll, A/P & Transfer.

Payroll Warrant - # 6 -3360.20, # 1014 – 115,522.00, # 7 – 5582.05, # 1015 – 180,218.24,
- 8 – 10,961.11, # 1018 – 215,212.04

A/P Warrant - # 1019 – 35,539.95

Transfer – Please transfer \$3,939.00 from the technology fund checking account to the ASD general fund checking account for the payment made to Audio Video Corp. on 8/31/2016. Check # 10081. This payment was posted in fiscal year 2017 with voucher (warrant) number 1010.

Public Comments: – Dawn Hoyt wanted to extend condolences to the family of Diane Jennings. Diane was a former board member and longtime Arlington resident. Diane will be dearly missed.

K. John Smith stated that he thinks that the board meeting once a month is not a good thing. He suggests perhaps the school board should reconsider to meeting twice a month. K. John also mentioned that he heard from a few people around town that there is talk of cutting a few programs/sports. The board responded that they are not aware of this and there has not been discussion of it.

Florence Belnap expressed her concern about not having the senior lounge any longer. She thinks that the students benefit from having it.

Administrative Reports:

Fisher Elementary School – Report not available

Arlington Memorial High School – Tim Stewart – Principal

- Jamie Keel Congratulations on the Track & Field
- Seven AMHS Students named to 2017 AP Scholars
- Parent/student hand book is available on line
- 6th grade student orientation went very well
- Several field trip have been planned

Old Business:

Act 46 /49 Update – Kevin Smith spoke briefly about the 3:1 option that has been dissolved. The new focus is to keep our SU/District the same. The committee that has been formed would like to study keeping the BVSU intact and not be involved with Act 46. Bill Bazyk spoke to the board members about what is needed to present to the State of Vermont. He will continue to prepare what documents are needed to submit to the state.

Facilities Project Update - Bill Bazyk mentioned that the facilities project is going good. The committee is meeting again on October 11, 2017. Once they meet, the committee will bring back to the board the details of what was discussed.

Athletic Policy – Second Reading – There were no comments from the public. Looking to make it a policy with final reading in the October meeting.

New Business:

Nurse Substitute Pay – Bill Bazyk stated to the board that it is hard to find a RN Nurse substitute when the RN nurse is absent. The main reason for this is because our pay structure for the RN nurse substitutes are low compared other schools/districts. A motion was made to increase the substitute nurse pay from 85.00 per day to 130.00 per day. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor with the exception of Nicol Whalen.

AEA Contract Ratification - Tabled

Act 166 Tuition Request – There has been a request from parents to consider granting the Pre-K reimbursement for them. This request is being made because it is outside of the designated boundaries that are set in place. Because the board members just received the request – they would like to review it and have an answer at the October meeting.

SY2017 Financials- Randall Morton went over the financials for the Arlington School district. He thinks that the budget is in good shape and he is expecting to receive a large reimbursement this Friday. He will update the board with another financial report at the October meeting.

Contracts/ Hiring / Resignations

Evening Custodial Hire: Nicol Whalen made a motion to hire Michael Derney as the evening custodian at the Arlington Memorial High School. Moved by Kevin Smith. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Approval of Stipends – List of stipends were distributed to the board members. Stipends are not contracted. This is just an agreement. This will be a large topic of discussion for next year. There are many area that needs to be reviewed.

Brian Howe – spoke to the board members about not following the NEASC standards. He wants to be sure that we did not lose our accreditation – this is a very important standard that the school should continue with for multiple reasons. Nicol Whalen stated that we are still accredited – we just have an extension for renewal.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to grant a Field Trip to Liberty Ridge Farm on October 18, 2017. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

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Executive Session: Nicol Whalen made a motion to adjourn to executive session for matter of the librarian increase at 6:50 pm. Moved by Kevin Smith. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

.1 FES Librarian Increase – Nicol Whalen made a motion to increase the librarian position from .9 FTE to 1 FTE. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Executive Session

Nicol Whalen made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:40 pm for the matter of personal.

Executive session adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Adjournment: The Arlington School District board meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

The next Arlington School District board meeting will be held on October 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Arlington Memorial High School – Library

Respectfully submitted,

Kendell Jennings
Recorder

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Alexander Gamble - Clerk

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