

**Arlington School District  
Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Nicol Whalen, Matthew Bykowski, Dawn Hoyt, Alexander Gamble, and Kevin Smith (via cellular)

**Administration Present:** William Bazyk, Randall Morton, Deanne Lacoste

**Audience Present:** Kate Bryan, Todd Wilkins, Kerry Wilkins, Paula Hoffman, Kathryn Berger, William Byran, Marshall Cross, John Whalen, Hooper Pickering, Jack McDonnough (GNAT-TV).

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Nicol Whalen called the Arlington School Board Meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**Public Comments:** Nicol Whalen read a letter from Scott and Kelly Dickie - Sunderland residents. They voiced their concerns about their son not being allowed to attend Arlington Schools due to Act 46. Nicol Whalen stated that she believes there will be many more letters of the same concern forthcoming.

**Recommendation to Approve Minutes:**

Nicole Whalen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 13, 2017. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

*SY2019 Draft Budget*

William Bazyk distributed the budget to all board members to review. He did note that three teachers have now accepted the early retirement package. There was a lengthy discussion. If there are any additional questions with regards to the budget, please contact Randy Morton.

*Award Facilities Project Bid*

William Bazyk reviewed the CM Bid Summary with regards to the bids that were publically opened on December 18, 2017. The bids came in as:

Wright Construction - 198,677  
Neagley & Chase - 280,557  
Russell Construction - 244,625  
Ingram Construction - 216,000

Alexander Gamble made a motion to accept the CM Bid from Wright Construction in the amount of 198,677.00. Second by Matthew Bykowski. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

**Appointments / Resignations:**

*Paraprofessional Retirement*

Executive Session: Nicol Whalen made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:32 pm for matter of personnel inviting Deanne Lacoste. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Executive session adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the letter of resignation from Deb Roberts with many thanks and regret effective June 30, 2018. With a notation of mandatory retirement notification date from October 1 – December 8. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Matthew Byowski made a motion to accept the resignation letter and request to participate in the early retirement package from Patricia Preseault with many thanks and regret. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor.

Kate Bryan thanked both Pat Preseault and Deb Roberts on behalf of the community for their long time commitment to the school district.

**Other Business:**

*Proposed Addendum to the Act 46 Section 9 Report*

Nicol Whalen addressed the public stating that she received a letter from Rebecca Holcomb, Secretary of State. Nicol thinks that having a “Plan B” in place would benefit the Battenkill Valley SU incase the State of Vermont declines the already proposed request. There was again, a very lengthy discussion about Act. 46. It was decided that the board members will host a Special Meeting and invite Jackie Wilson – Superintendent of the BRSU as well as set a date and time for our school board members to meet with the board members of the BRSU. William Bazyk will work on setting this up after the Winter break.

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**Other Business:** None

**Warrants:** Warrants were signed after all board members reviewed them.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm

The Arlington School District board meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kendell Jennings  
Recorder

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Alexander Gamble - Clerk

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