

Arlington School District

Regular Meeting <sup>15</sup> *TRZ 6 Dec 2017*  
November ~~16~~, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

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

**Administration Present:** William Bazyk, Randall Morton, Luisa Millington

**Audience Present:** Hooper Pickering, Breana Einsig, Todd Wilkins, Kerry Wilkins, K. John Smith

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Nicol Whalen called the Arlington School Board meeting to order t 6:00 pm

**Public Comments:** None

**Recommendation to approve minutes:**

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2017. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

**Report of the Curriculum Director -** *Dr. Luisa Millington*

Luisa Millington presented to the board members the results from the many tests that were performed by the Arlington School District students. There was much discussion about the results of the tests, and what to prepare for in future testing. The board members reviewed the graphs that were distributed by Luisa.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

*Act 46 study committee* - William Bazyk stated that the committee will have one more meeting at the end of the month and hopefully make a recommendation. Once that is made, William Bazyk will update the board members. The goal is to have a committee decision by November 29, 2017.

*Tractor Lease* – William Bazyk wanted to let the board members know that they are looking into leasing a tractor. The purpose of the tractor is of question. Will it be just for plowing sidewalks etc., or will it have other uses. The one that they have now is between 20-30 years old and is in need of repairs. More to present at next meeting.

*Prequalify facilities project contractor for bidding* - William Bazyk stated that the committee interviewed 5 contracting companies to perform the responsibility of the Construction Manager. The team is purposing to the board members that they pre-qualify the following construction companies:

Ingram Construction, Russell Construction, Negley & Chase Construction & Wright Construction. He will request that the sealed bids be back by December 7, 2017 and have a meeting on December 18 to open all of the bids. At the following board meeting it will be stated what the bids were. Nicole Whalen made motion to accept the construction companies presented to the board. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Matthew Bentowski. All in favor.

Background checks – currently there is no state policy with regards to having criminal checks done on construction workers. Some school districts have their own policy about this. There was much discussion if Arlington should have a policy of their own. There will be more discussion at a future meeting.

*Approval of teacher in service day* - Due to a mix up with the calendar presented last year—the teachers need to be given a day off because Veterans day was on November 10, 2017 and this was considered a professional development day for them. It was proposed that the teachers have December 22, 2017 as the “made up day” Motion made by Nicol Whalen. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor

*Senior Class Field Trip:*

Hooper Pickering presented to the board members that the seniors would like to take a trip to New York City. They are hoping to go in May. There are many activities planned, some of which are Ellis Island, Top Rock, Broadway shows, Train ride. There will be one chaperone for every 4-5 students. Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the senior trip to New York City in the spring. Moved by Kevin Smith. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

*Approval of SY19 trip to Spain:*

Breana Einsig proposed to the board members a trip to Spain for April of 2019. Planned with EF Tours. The school has used this tour company for many years. There are many daily activities planned, and she feels this is a great experience for the students. There will be many fundraising activities to help with funding. Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the Spain trip in April of 2019. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor,

**Appointments / Resignations:** None at this time

**Other Business:** None at this time

**Warrants & Payments:**

Payroll - # 12 - 4,913.05, # 13, 17,233.18, # 1029 - 193,188.38,  
A/P Warrants - # 1031 – 36,150.39  
Facilities Project - # 1030 – 26,192.95

Town Treasurer – Please make the following payments from the ASD General Fund:

1. Depository Trust Co. – Bond payment - \$132,450.00
2. Bank of Bennington – short term loan - \$1,515,520.00
3. Bank of Bennington – Fisher Elementary School roof loan - \$51,351.14

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the warrants to include payroll, A/P, Facilities project payment and payments from the ASD General Fund. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

**Next Meeting Date:**

There will be a special meeting on November 29, 2017 at 5:30.

**Adjournment:** The Arlington School District board meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

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The next regular Arlington School District monthly meeting will be held on December 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendell Jennings  
Recorder

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Alexander Gamble – Board Clerk

November 15, 2017