

Arlington School District  
Special Meeting  
December 6, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

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

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

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Nicol Whalen called the Arlington School District Board Meeting to order at 5:41 pm

Recommendation to approve minutes:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2017 with a correction of the date printed. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Report of the Act 46 Study Committee

Nicol Whalen spoke to the audience members and went into full detail about what Act 46 is, what responsibility the school board has with regards to the act, the required structures of Act 46 and how at this point in time the BVSU is in the path of merging with the BRSU. There were multiple questions asked and the board members were able to address them with answers.

Nicol Whalen introduced the Arlington School District Study Committee. (ASD Study Committee)

Speaking on behalf of the ASD Study Committee was Kate Bryan.

In opening, Kate introduced herself and spoke briefly about herself, being a lifelong resident of Arlington, her role on the committee, and how she feels compelled to be part of the community. Kate briefly explained her thoughts on Act 77 & Act 46 and how it is imperative as a community to support the future of our children and school.

She read from the report that is posted on the BVSU.org site. (Please refer to the web site for a complete version of the report.)

In findings, the committee is recommending to the board members that they consider a Five Year Pilot Program that will be developed and implemented by the BVSU serving Arlington, Sandgate, and inviting North Bennington to serve as a Pre-K – 12 choice school district.

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There was a lengthy discussion about the recommendation from the committee. Many questions were asked, and audience members voiced their opinions - some being positive, some being negative.

Neither the School Board members nor superintendent were aware of the ASD Study Committee inquiring with North Bennington on this newest proposal – so no decision was able to be made. Nicol Whalen stated the board members have an obligation and responsibility to the town to review what was proposed to them. A decision will be made at a meeting in the very near future.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

*SY2019 Budget*

Randy Morton distributed to the board members the most recent report he has been working on with regards to the budget and numbers. This year the new addition is the HRA Account. This portion of the budget should be funded at 100% - assuming that the employees will use the 100% allotted to them. The board members will review what was distributed to them and if any questions or concerns arise – they will get in touch with Randy. More budget discussion to follow at next budget meeting.

**Other Business:** None

**Warrants:**

Nicol Whalen and board members signed all warrants that were presented to them.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting date for the Arlington School District will be December 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm serving as a special meeting.

**Executive Session:** Nicol Whalen made a motion to go into executive session at 7:40 pm for matters of Personnel. Moved by Kevin Smith. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 pm. A motion was made by Nicol Whalen to offer an early retirement package to teachers. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor

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**Adjournment:**

The Arlington School Board Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendell Jennings, Recorder

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Alexander Gamble – Board Clerk

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