

Arlington School District
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2017
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Audience Present: Brian Howe, Jamie Keel, Kylee Ryan, Susan Jennings, Linda Crosby, Kerry Wilkins, Cynthia Browning, Andrew McKeever, Derek Carson, Anne Sulzmann, Christy Wood, Marshall Cross, Jack McDonnough (GNAT-TV)

Consent Agenda:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2017, June 28, 2017 & July 12, 2017

Payroll Warrant # 1 - \$903.86

Payroll Warrant - #1000 - \$19,205.54

Payroll Warrant - #1001 - \$23,272.77

A/P Warrant - # 1003 - \$117,338.18

A/P Warrant - # 1004 - \$1,042.50

Motion moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor.

Public Comments:

Kylee Ryan expressed her concern about the decision to change the 1st grade teacher / classes.

Linda Crosby expressed her concern about only having the meetings of the school district monthly and also only having one person be responsible for signing. She is asking that the school board members reconsider this decision and go back to meeting two times a month.

Administrative Reports:

Fisher Elementary School – Deanne Lacoste – Principal

- The Arlington Summer camp is going great – many students are attending and having a great time
- Soccer camp hosted by John Werner will be the week of July 31, 2017
- Pre-K licensing is underway, moving classrooms, restructuring teacher assignments
- Supplies are coming in and being processed
- Handbooks are being worked on
- Family letters to go out in the beginning of August
- Maintenance continues – the building will be closed the week of August 8-19

AMHS – Tim Stewart – Principal

- Middle School PBIS Team attended the “Best” conference in Killington
- Attending the Annual VPA conference in August
- AP Test scores were released earlier this month

Old Business:

Act 46 Update

William Bazyk addressed the board members and audience members. He indicated that right now the Act 46 issue for the BVSU is in a holding position. There will be many topics discussed and decisions made in August which will “start to pick things up” with regards to Act 46. Which means that nothing can really be done or discussed until September.

Nicol Whalen explained to audience members the process of Act 46 and what the guidelines are.

Susan Jennings mentioned that she wants to leave the school as it is. There are many generations in this town and many people are proud of this school district.

William Bazyk stated that the decision about the letter from Burr & Burton Academy is up to the voters of the town. The school board or superintendent does not have any say with regards to this. It is all up to the voters.

Cynthia Browning wanted everyone to know that she was not and will never be a supporter of Act 46. If anyone would like to discuss this issue with her – she is available.

Negotiations Update

William Bazyk stated that Mediation will be held on September 5, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Arlington Memorial High School.

New Business:

Tax Anticipation Loan

Linda Crosby explained to the board members about the tax anticipation loan. Nicol Whalen made a motion to proceed with the request for a tax anticipation loan with the terms as outlined by Linda Crosby. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor. Documentation requiring signatures was also obtained at the time for the tax anticipation note.

Facility Project Bids

After reviewing the bids that were sent to the school district the motions were made on the following:

Phone System – Mrs. Nicol Whalen made a motion to award the bid to First Choice in the amount of 31,765.00. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Alexander Gamble. All in favor.

Card Reader Access Control – Nicol Whalen made a motion to award the bid to First Choice in the amount of 33,301.84. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Windows – Nicol Whalen made a motion to award the bid to Clyde Baker Construction in the amount of 35,505.80. Moved by Mathew Bykowski. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Construction Loan

Linda Crosby Spoke in detail about her meeting with the officer from the bank. The bank is recommending that the district take the entire 1,600,000.00 and draw off of it as needed. The repayment terms will still be a 20 year term.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to proceed with the 1,600,000.00 note as presented as well as proceeding with the terms of the note as presented. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

High School Schedule

Anne Sulzmann and Christy Wood presented to the board members and audience a slide show of the new schedule the high school has set for the new school year. Tim Stewart spoke on behalf of the teachers of how they worked together and came up with the schedule. Many teachers worked diligently on the new schedule and are looking forward to the change.

Happy Days Waste Water Contract:

Carol Barberri sent a letter asking to extend the contract that they have with the district for use of the waste water plant, as well as increase usage to 35 students in case of expansion.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve a 3 year agreement as well increase the student usage to 35. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Contracts / Hiring / Resignations

Mrs. Nicol Whalen made a motion to hire Thomas Neeson as the Music Teacher at Arlington Memorial High School. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Mrs. Nicol Whalen made a motion to hire Lei Liu for the position of Chinese Teacher at the Arlington Memorial High School. Moved by Dawn Hoyt. Second by Kevin Smith. All in favor.

Executive Session:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:35 for matters of personnel. Invited to attend was William Bazyk. Moved by Alexander Gamble. Second by Dawn Hoyt. All in favor.

Adjournment:

The Arlington School Board meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with no motions or actions taken.

The next Arlington School Board Meeting will be held on August 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendell Jennings
Recorder

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM ONLY. THEY ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE VOTED ON THEM AND THE BOARD CLERK HAS SIGNED THEM.



Alexander Gamble - Clerk

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