

**Arlington School Board  
Negotiations Committee Meeting  
October 13, 2016  
5:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Mrs. Dawn Hoyt, Mr. Kenneth Smith, Mr. Gerald Woodard, Mr. Alexander Gamble, Mrs. Nicol Whalen

**Administration Present:** Mrs. Judith Pullinen

**Legal Counsel for the Board:** Mr. Pietro Lynn

**Arlington Teachers Association Present:** Mr. Brian Howe, Mrs. Patricia Presault, Mr. Jeremy Pratico

**Arlington Support Staff Association Present:** Mrs. Errin Pickering, Ms. Joselyn Noble

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Mr. Gerald Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the Ground Rules for negotiation. Mr. Howe stated that they would begin discussion but might not finish as their VT-NEA representative was not present.

Mr. Brian Howe asked why the board was proposing changes to the Ground Rules for Negotiation. Response: to streamline the bargaining process. Mr. Howe stated for the record he does not understand why things are going differently.

The Ground Rules were reviewed:

#1 – First meeting – Mr. Howe stated the date may need to change if we can't come to an agreement on the Ground Rules.

#2 Teams – no change from previous rules

#3 Bargaining Sessions – no comments

#4 Consultants. Deleted confidentiality clause due to bargaining in Open Session. Mr. Howe asked why meet in Open Session. Mr. Pietro Lynn explained that under the Open Meeting Law, meetings are conducted in Open Session unless the board determines they would be placed at a substantial disadvantage. Caucusing would be done in Executive Session. Mr. Brian Howe stated that the AEA does not want to discuss rules without a VT-NEA representative present.

It was agreed that Mr. Gerald Woodard would be the contact person for the Board. Mr. Brian Howe will be the contact person for the Associations. They will communicate regarding rescheduling the meeting.

Mr. Ken Smith stated that Mr. Pietro Lynn will be present at all negotiations meetings.

Meeting adjourned 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Pullinen