

Arlington School District
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nicol Whalen, Jeff Tilley, Matthew Bykowski, Robert Zink, Todd Wilkins.

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

Audience Present: Jack Gunther (GNAT-TV), Brian Howe, Marshall Cross, William Bryan, Hooper Pickering

Nicol Whalen called the Arlington School District board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public Comments: Marshall Cross asked the board members about the longevity of the high school. Someone who attended the VPA meeting stated that the Arlington Memorial High School would close in two years. The board members assured that this has not ever been discussed and is a rumor. William Bazyk will be sure to call the AOE regarding this rumor.

Approval of Minutes:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 25, 2018. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Special Meeting on May 2, 2018. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.

Reports of the Principals:

Deanne Lacoste – Principal – Fisher Elementary School

- PTG had many activities for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Chorus concert on May 15, 2018 was great
- Field Day scheduled for June 8, 2018
- Band Concert May 22, 2018
- Teachers / Staff are busy preparing for end of year activities

Tim Stewart – Principal – Arlington Memorial High School

- AMHS was named as 2018 Best High School by US News and World Report
- AMHS seniors accepted into over 50 colleges this year
- Many preparations for graduation going on
- 72 Students in grades 7-12 named to the honor roll

Report of the Superintendent of Schools – William Bazyk

USA-China Dual Diploma Program – Luisa Millington spoke to the board members about a two week “student exchange camp” with students from China over the summer. This would be a great opportunity for students of Arlington. Luisa was able to answer all board questions. The board has agreed that the two week program would be great and she should continue to arrange it.

NEASC Accreditation – William Bazyk has received a one year extension for the accreditation process due to the fact that there are several changes coming up with regards to Act 46.

Facilities Project Update – Everything is going great. Not too much to report on. As of this point everything is ahead of schedule. Everything should be wrapped up and ready for the start of the school year at the end of August.

BRSU / BVSU Section 9 Update – On May 4, 2018 the addendum to the ASD Section 9 report was submitted. The BVSU will have an answer if the extension was granted or not on June 1, 2018.

Field Trip request – Nicol Whalen made a motion to approve the out of state field trip request to Queensbury New York – The Great Escape for the Senior Field Trip. Moved by Robert Zink. Second by Todd Wilkins. All in favor.

Appointments / Resignations:

Teacher Vacancies

Ann Sulzmann, Ashley Hoyt, & Meghan Knight will not be returning next year. All declined to renew their contracts this year. Nicol Whalen thanked them for their time with the Arlington School. The board members wishes them well.

Appointment of new teachers

Nicol Whalen made a motion to offer a contract to Alexis Scanga as the Music / Choral Teacher. Moved by Todd Wilkins. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to offer a contract to Mikalya Dambrackas as the 3rd grade teacher at Fisher Elementary School. Moved by Robert Zink. Second by Todd Wilkins. All in favor.

Other Business: None

Warrants:

After warrants were reviewed they were signed by board members.

Executive Session

Nicol Whalen made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:50 p.m. for the discussion of principal contracts & negotiations. Moved by Robert Zink. Second by Jeff Tilley. All in favor.

Next Meeting Date:

The next regular Arlington School District Board Meeting will be held on June 23, 2018.

Adjournment:

The Arlington School Board Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. No actions taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendell Jennings
Recorder

THESE MEETING 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.



Robert Zink – Board Clerk

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Todd Wilkins