

**Arlington Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2014 7:00 p.m.
HS Conference Room**

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by President Dwyer.

1.2 Roll Call

Present Board Members: Micheal Dwyer, Matt O'Daniel, Teri O'Flaherty, Greg Sampson, Luanne Sundberg, and Shanon Willmott.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented passed 6-0 with a motion by Micheal Dwyer and a second by Matt O'Daniel.

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Kathy Rhea addressed the board. She encouraged the administration and the board to continue to pursue career readiness training opportunities for our students. In addition, she expressed her perspective that the current political climate will realize changes in educational funding in the near future.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented passed 6-0 with a motion by Greg Sampson and a second by Matt O'Daniel.

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3. Claims (Check Register)

3.4. Special Fund Transfers

3.5. Hot Lunch Report

3.6. Activity Report

4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

4.1. NESA Report

David Fritson shared data results from the fall 2014 NeSA assessments. Some of the information will not be made available to the external public until October 22, 2014. Arlington Public School students continue to achieve higher than the state average and compare favorably to students in area school districts. In November we will share all data in more detail with the board and the public.

4.2. Special Education Report

Andy Farber, special education director and Ann Jamison, special education assistant director shared programming information with the board. The state is in the process of implementing a process change which focuses on creating multi-tiered systems to help students learn. These systems are to be tied to the district and building school improvement goals. Preliminary data results indicate that students are showing improved performance as measured by scale scores on the NeSA tests overall and the additional accommodations afforded students have proven to be effective. The number of students served in this program has increased slightly but the amount of service time and types of services has increased more significantly.

4.3. Title I Report

Deb Hansen provided a report on the Title I program. The program goal is to have all students reading fluently and at grade level. Mrs. Hansen explained the various techniques and programs utilized in Title I and shared data that showed the increased skills gained by students participating in this program.

5. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DISTRICT PLAN

5.1. Review Plan Item One

The board reviewed item one from the Annual District Plan. It was reviewed and updated with focus areas to include exploring the feasibility of Spanish being offered at the elementary and middle school, final adoption of language arts, articulating a health curriculum, finalizing the technology curriculum mapping, continuing to focus on opportunities for high ability learners, and continuing to explore career readiness programs and opportunities.

6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

6.1. Principal Farber's Report

Andy Farber report that Arlington Public Schools has been recognized as a Blue Star school two years in a row for student performance on a Financial Certification Test, he shared that Arlington students will participate in the national campaign that emphasizes tolerance by participating in a "Mix It Up At Lunch Day" event and he shared discipline data.

6.2. Principal Fritson's Report

David Fritson expressed his thanks to both the Arlington and Kennard Volunteer Fire Departments for their assistance with Fire Prevention Day and he reported on the progress with the language arts adoption process.

6.3. Assistant Principal Shada's Report

James Shada was unavailable due to supervision duties.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1. State Education Conference: November 19-21, 2014, LaVista Embassy Suites

Lynn Johnson asked for affirmation of which board members will be attending the state conference.

7.2. Update on HVAC upgrade/replacement

Lynn Johnson reported on the progress with this initiative. The plan is still to have the building and grounds committee interview prospective engineers for the project and to make a recommendation to the board of education by the December board meeting.

8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8.1. Americanism/Education Evaluation

No report

8.2. Buildings and Grounds Committee

No report

8.3. Finance Committee

No report

8.4. Negotiations Committee

Greg Sampson reported that the committee has met twice this month and he reported on the negotiation progress with the teachers.

8.5. St. Paul Liaison Report

Luanne Sundberg reported on the meeting held with representatives from St. Paul's. She reported on the agenda items that were covered at this meeting and expressed that it was a valuable meeting with collaborative dialogue and a positive working relationship.

8.6. NASB Legislative Representative

Micheal Dwyer encouraged all to participate in the upcoming elections.

8.7. Professional Development Sharing

Greg Sampson shared that he attended the Labor Relation Workshop and found it to be valuable. Micheal Dwyer shared information learned at the NASB Regional Meetings.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1. Discuss, Consider and Review plans for the Community Engagement Discussion.

Lynn Johnson reviewed with the board details pertaining to the organization and format of the upcoming engagement meeting and in response to a request by Greg Sampson, reviewed the various formats used to communicate this opportunity to the public.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Discuss, Consider and Review the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.

Micheal Dwyer expressed that the superintendent evaluation is a primary responsibility for the board. The board discussed the evaluation instrument and the mechanics of the evaluation process.

10.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve the supplemental agreement for the Safe Routes Project.

Lynn Johnson shared that this supplemental agreement expands the scope of the original project to include removal and replanting of trees impacted by sidewalk installation.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve a resolution that authorizes the superintendent to sign Preliminary Engineering Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between Arlington Public Schools and Civil Solutions, LLC. passed 6-0 with a motion by Teri O'Flaherty and a second by Luanne Sundberg.

10.3. Discuss and Consider the Board Self Assessment Process.

In board discussion it was affirmed that a board self evaluation is a valuable process and the board discussed when to complete the evaluation and what tool to use. It was agreed that this topic should wait until January and potentially be part of the next board retreat.

10.4. Discuss, Consider and Review Policies 9200-9400.

The board agreed to update policy 9320 to reflect the current order in which board meeting agendas items are executed.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

12. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Dwyer at 9:35 p.m.

Micheal Dwyer, Board President

Lynn Johnson, Board Secretary

Date

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