Arlington School District
Regular Meeting
February 27, 2019
Meeting Minutes

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

Administration Present: William Bazyk, Deanne Lacoste, Sarah Merrill.

Audience Present: Rich Lederer, Howie Lederer, Brian Howe, Shelly Stiles, Annabel Perna.

Call to Order:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to call the Arlington School District Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public Comments: Anabel Perna read a letter to the board members about the need of a full time guidance counselor at the elementary school.

Shelly Stiles spoke to the board members about the eroded areas around East Arlington Road and the property owned by the Arlington School District.

Todd Wilkins made a motion to allow the Bennington County Conservation District to work on eroded channels that extend around specific perimeters of the school property. Moved by Jeff Tilley. Second by Matthew Bykowski. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Matthew Bykowski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 23, 2019. Moved by Robert Zink. All in Favor.

Report of Principals:

Deanne Lacoste – Fisher Elementary School Principal

- 100th day of school celebration on February 6, 2019
- Grade 4 completed the NAEP test
- PTG Sponsored the talent show
- Dr. Suess day was on March 4, 2019

Sarah Merrill – Arlington Memorial High School Principal

- Teachers and Leadership team will be working on the master schedule
- Professional Development – team discussed SWIS data – student discipline
- New cell phone procedure for Arlington Memorial High School

- Renovation of the roof on the main entry is complete

Principal Merrill also asked that the Graduation Date for 2019 be set for June 8, 2019. The board members approved.

AMHS Science Teacher Brett ApRoberts and his students presented to the school board and audience members a presentation on noise abatement on the gymnasium.

Report of the Superintendent – William Bazyk

William Bazyk spoke about the technology fund for new computers and the bus fund for a new school bus.
The cost of the bus is $83,262 and we received a grant of $21,250. We were able to locally and grant fund a large portion of the $58,208 for the new computer initiative that FES and AMHS have begun. However, we did come up a bit short and will be requesting $5000 from the tech fund to make up the difference.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to withdrawal $5,000.00 from the Technology fund and apply this amount to the payment of school computers. Moved by Todd Wilkins. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.

Nicol Whalen made a motion to withdrawal $62,012.00 from the bus fund for the purchase of a new school bus. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.

Discussion:

William Bazyk spoke on property yield, the upcoming town meeting, and voting of the school budget.

SU Assignment Consultant: William will reach out and gather a list of SU Assignment Consultants and will report at the March 28, 2019 meeting.

SY2020 Calendar: Draft 2020 calendar was distributed to board members. Please review. There will be more of a discussion at the March meeting.

Discussion about the Act # 129 – School choice for high school students in grades 9-12.
Todd Wilkins made a motion to set the number cap of students for school choice in grades 9-12 from 10 students to 12 students. Moved by Matthew Bykowski. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Nicol Whalen to adjourn to Executive Session at: 7:10 pm for the reason of teacher contracts. Moved by Todd Wilkins. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor.
Invited to attend – Principal Sarah Merrill.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:24 pm with no actions taken.

Appointments / Resignation:

Nicol Whalen made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Chelsea Vargas - the current physical education teacher. Moved by Todd Wilkins. Second by Robert Zink. All in favor

Other Business: None

Warrants: After Warrants were reviewed they were signed.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date will be on March 27, 2019.

Adjournment:

The Arlington School District board meeting adjourned at: 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendell Jennings
Recorder

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Board Clerk **February 27, 2019**