

Arlington Public Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2009

STUDY SESSION

President Kay Duskin called the Study Session to order at 5:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. Also present were Directors Jeff Huleatt, Jim Weiss, and Carolyn Erickson. Student Advisor Nikita Doggett arrived at 6:25 pm. Director Bob McClure and Student Advisor Andy Smith were absent and excused.

Policy Review

Shirley Case, Executive Director of Personnel, and Dr. Warren Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent, outlined several policy amendments being recommended by the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) as part of the full policy review. Board members' questions were answered, and this set of policies will be presented for first reading at the next meeting, with the adjustments requested by the Board.

The study session was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Kay Duskin called the regularly scheduled Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16 to order at 7:00 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. Also present were Directors Jeff Huleatt, Jim Weiss, and Carolyn Erickson, and Student Advisor Nikita Doggett. Student Advisor Andy Smith arrived at 7:08 pm. Director Bob McClure was absent and excused.

The flag salute was given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A revised Personnel Report has been provided. Director Erickson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Weiss seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Pioneer Elementary – Martin Luther King Jr. Performers

Karl Olson, Pioneer Elementary Principal, introduced music teacher, Susan Schultz, and four fifth grade students, who shared excerpts from their "O' Freedom" production about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement, scheduled for this Thursday at 7:00 pm at Pioneer.

PRESENTATIONS

School Board Appreciation

Dr. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent, had the Leadership Team come forward as she read aloud a proclamation declaring January 2009 *School Board Appreciation Month*. The team presented each Director with a certificate recognizing their dedicated service, and a card of thanks. Board members were also treated to a special *Winter Barbeque* dinner prior to the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

There were no comments from audience members.

DISCUSSION**School Board Members**

Director Erickson drove cars for Dwayne Lane as part of a fundraiser for the AHS newsletter. She also had an enjoyable time chaperoning the tolo.

Director Huleatt attended Dr. McDuffy's *State of the District* address. He thought it was well done and felt it was a good snapshot of the District's current position. He enjoyed the boys' basketball game, and took part in the varsity baseball coach interviews.

Director Weiss enjoyed the JROTC Drill Competition. He felt the *State of the District* address was well attended. He is looking forward to the Board Retreat this Friday, and being a panelist for Early Bird Senior projects on February 5.

President Duskin also enjoyed the JROTC Drill Competition and several recent basketball games. She attended the *State of the District* address and heard very good comments from community members. She attended the University of Scouting event at Haller Middle School on Saturday, and noted that Alan Boatman and Dwaine Craig worked very hard on the event. On behalf of the District, she accepted a plaque from the Scouts in thanks for allowing them to use Haller for their event. President Duskin also shared that, due to the District's financial situation, the full Board will not be attending the NSBA Conference this year, as in the past.

Student Advisor Doggett is preparing for finals. She enjoyed the tolo last weekend.

Student Advisor Smith has been busy with basketball and getting ready for finals.

Superintendent McDuffy shared that she will be talking with building staffs throughout the District. She provided the Board with the Citizen's Guide to the Budget, as well as the outline she'll use for the staff meetings. Dr. McDuffy added that a webpage dedicated to the budget is now available on the District's website.

Master Sgt. Alvin Moore introduced two students, who shared information about the recent Drill Competition, and some of the community service activities of the JROTC. They shared a short video clip of the competition. Master Sgt. Moore expressed his appreciation of the community and parent support.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

From the agenda, the Board identified the following items for discussion and action:

2. Donation from Cintas to AHS FIRST Robotics Club
3. IDEA Grant Application

The remaining items, comprising the consent agenda, were:

1. Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2009
4. Student Calendar Amendment – AHS Graduation Date
5. Overnight Field Trip – AHS Wrestling to Tacoma, WA, February 19-21, 2009
6. Out-of-State Travel – AHS Bands to Anaheim, CA, March 27-30, 2009
7. Out-of-State Travel – Director of Technology, Portland, OR, February 17-20, 2009
8. Inter-Local Agreement with Franklin Pierce School District – Software Development & Support
9. Contracts and Personal Service Agreements
10. Policy Revisions – First Reading (4 Policies)
 - Policy 3115 – Students – Homeless Students - Amended
 - Policy 3130 – Students – District Attendance Areas – Amended
 - Policy 3142 – Students – International Exchange Students – Amended
 - Policy 3610 – Students – Child Custody – Amended and Renumbered to 3126
11. Policy Revisions – Second Reading and Adoption (1 Policy)
 - Policy 3108 – Students – Qualifications of Attendance and Placement – amended and renumbered to 3110
12. Personnel Report
13. Budget Report

14. Vouchers and Warrants

- January 20, 2009 Checks #45015-45165 in the total amount of \$211,043.59
- January 22, 2009 Checks #45166-45174 in the total amount of \$134,212.00

15. Adjusted Warrants

- January 7, 2009 ASB AP – Warrant #42883 in the amount of \$61.25
Duplicate Warrant-Bank wouldn't cash due to date of check
- January 8, 2009 General Payroll – Warrant #700001983 in the amount of \$113.89
Not Coaching
- January 8, 2009 General Payroll – Warrant #700002110 in the amount of \$132.01
Not Coaching

Director Erickson moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Director Weiss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD ACTION**Donations from Cintas to AHS FIRST Robotics**

Brett Sarver, CTE Director, shared details of the donation from Cintas to the AHS FIRST Robotics Club. He also provided a short update about the FIRST Robotics Club. Director Erickson moved to approve the generous donation of 900 shirts, valued at \$6525.00. Director Huleatt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

IDEA Grant Application

Director Huleatt noted that a lot of work obviously went into this grant application. He shared that the seeking and application of grants is one example of the many great things going on in this District to benefit kids. He thanked Diane for her work on the application and commented that he learned a lot by reading it. Director Erickson moved to approve the IDEA Grant Application. Director Weiss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Board will hold a Retreat on January 30, 2009 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, at Fire District No. 1 Headquarters, 12425 Meridian Ave: Everett. The purpose of the meeting will be to work on School Board goals. No public testimony will be heard and no final action will be taken.

The February 9, 2009 regular business meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of quorum. At this time, that meeting is not being rescheduled. Please refer to the District's website for up-to-date meeting information. <http://www.asd.wednet.edu/BoardMeetings>

The next regular business meeting of the Arlington School District Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the District Administration Building Board Room at 315 N French Avenue, Arlington.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Director Erickson moved and Director Huleatt seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Kay Duskin, President
Board of Directors

E. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board