

Arlington Public Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 8, 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, Bob McClure and Carolyn Erickson, and Student Advisor Nikita Doggett. Student Advisor Andy Smith was absent and excused.

Budget Update

Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent, and Deb Borgens, Executive Director of Financial Services, shared the status of the revenue projections for 2009-2010, reviewed the list of projected reductions, and re-capped the process leading to the Public Hearing (2009-2010 Budget) on July 13 and final adoption on August 10.

Further discussion regarding the projected reductions included:

- **School Resource Officer** - Dr. McDuffy shared that the City of Arlington understands our current budget situation and our need to give up the School Resource Officer, however, they have offered to continue to staff that position without a cost to the District.
- **Traffic Safety Education** - President Duskin requested a formal proposal on the Traffic Safety Education program and how it could be self-sustaining. This proposal will be provided to the Board prior to the July 13 meeting.
- **Weston Daycare** - an individual is considering leasing the space for a private daycare. A formal proposal may be provided to the Superintendent soon. Administration would then decide whether to bring it forward to the Board for action.

DynaCal – Web-Based Calendar

Julie Davis, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Directors, provided information about an online calendar product the District is considering. This electronic calendar would provide information about all District events together in one location, virtually eliminating duplication. The calendar can be customized by individuals to include only the events of interest to them. The District is proposing that this product would replace SchoolDude (facility scheduler) and the multi-page printed calendar at approximately half the cost of those two items.

Policy Review

Diane Kirchner-Scott, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, outlined proposed updates to Policy 2410/Procedure 2410P *High School Graduation Requirements*. Board members' questions were answered, and this policy will be presented for first reading at the next meeting, with the adjustments requested by the Board. There was not time to address Policy 4130/Procedure 4130P *Title I Parent Involvement*, therefore those will be rescheduled for a future Study Session.

The Study Session was adjourned at 6:57 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, Bob McClure and Carolyn Erickson, and Student Advisor Nikita Doggett. Student Advisor Andy Smith was absent and excused. Director Huleatt was excused at 7:30 pm.

The flag salute was given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Additional information was provided for Items #9 and #10. A corrected cover sheet and additional information was provided for Item #11, and a corrected page was provided for Item #12. Director Erickson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Huleatt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

SVS Youth in Government Report

Ed Aylesworth, SVS Principal, introduced teacher, Michelle Marang, and five students, who shared information about the Youth in Government program at Stillaguamish Valley School. The students discussed what they learned and showed a short video of an Arlington student lobbying in Olympia for passage of his bill.

Haller Middle School Science Projects

Alan Boatman, Haller MS Assistant Principal, introduced teachers, Allison Sayre and Becky Bradley, who along with three students, provided information about their recent science projects. The students shared an entertaining video "Rad News at 8" produced by and starring the students sharing news reports about their science discoveries.

(Director Huleatt was excused)

PRESENTATIONS

Senior Student Advisor Recognition – Nikita "Niki" Doggett

President Duskin read aloud Resolution 09-02 Honoring Nikita Doggett for her two-years of service as a Student Advisor to the Board. Ms. Doggett was presented with a framed Resolution and a rosewood pen set, and thanked by the Superintendent and Board members for her dedication.

Recognition of Retiring Staff Members

Seven staff members were recognized as they retire this year. Summaries outlining their careers in education were read aloud, as their photos and summaries were projected on the monitors. The Board members expressed their gratitude to these dedicated individuals:

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| • Lyla Anderson | <i>Middle School Librarian</i> |
| • Maureen Arms | <i>Presidents Elementary Teacher</i> |
| • Sally Cantrell | <i>Haller Middle School Teacher</i> |
| • Norma Gunderson | <i>Kent Prairie Elementary Teacher</i> |
| • Warren Hopkins | <i>Deputy Superintendent</i> |
| • Lynnette Jordan | <i>Arlington High School Teacher</i> |
| • Ken Winkes | <i>Director of Support Services</i> |

WASL Results

Diane Kirchner-Scott, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, shared a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the results of the recent WASL testing. The numbers presented have not yet been reconciled. She noted that scores will be released to the media on June 18 and the summary will be provided to the Board prior to that release.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

There were no comments from audience members.

DISCUSSION

School Board Members

Director Erickson attended spring concerts at Trafton, Stillaguamish Valley School, and Arlington High School.

Director Weiss called on Major Mike Blue, who shared that the AFJROTC color guard was very honored to have been selected to present the colors at a recent Mariners' game.

President Duskin noted that she, Director Erickson, and Dr. McDuffy participated in the Relay for Life in Stanwood this year, and that she is part of the planning committee to host an event in Arlington next year.

Student Advisor Doggett is excited to be graduating on Friday.

Superintendent McDuffy noted that the displays in the hall are samples from Post Middle School's 31st Annual Social Studies Fair. She is looking forward to graduations, celebrations and moving up assemblies. She again commended the staff for staying positive and professional during these very tough times.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

2. Donation from SVS Parent Club – Year End Trip
12. 2009-2010 Athletics and Activities
13. Resolution 09-02 – Honoring Student Advisor Nikita Doggett
14. Resolution 09-03 – Delegating Authority to WIAA

The remaining items, comprising the consent agenda, were:

1. Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2009
3. Overnight Field Trip – AHS AFJROTC to Tacoma, June 22-26, 2009
4. Overnight Field Trip – AHS ASB to Leadership Camp, Randle, WA, July 6-11, 2009
5. Overnight Field Trip – AHS FFA to Winthrop, WA, July 14-16, 2009
6. Out-of-State Travel – AHS FFA to Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 18-24, 2009
7. Course Approval – AHS AP Statistics
8. Policy Revisions – First Reading (2 Policies)
 - *Policy 3141 – Student – Non-Resident Students – Amended*
 - *Policy 3420 – Student – Anaphylaxis Prevention - New*
9. 2009-2010 District Calendar Adjustment
10. 2009-2010 Stillaguamish Valley School Calendar
11. 2009-2010 Classified Staffing
15. Inter-Local Agreement with NWESD 189 – Information Systems Support Cooperative
16. Inter-Local Agreement with NWESD 189 – Learning Resource Cooperative
17. Contracts and Personal Service Agreements
18. Payroll Report – May 2009
19. Personnel Report
20. Budget Report
21. Vouchers and Warrants
 - *June 2, 2009* *Check numbers 46382-46553 in the total amount of \$214,676.40*
22. Adjusted Warrants
 - *May 27, 2009* *Gen – Payroll Warrant #700001405 in the amount of \$347.95*
Cancelled Warrant – Deduction Cancelled
 - *May 27, 2009* *Gen – Payroll Warrant #700001348 in the amount of \$347.95*
Cancelled Warrant – Deduction Cancelled
 - *May 27, 2009* *Gen – AP Warrant #46298 in the amount of \$99.45*
Voided Warrant – Paid on District Credit Card

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

BOARD ACTION

Donation from SVS Parent Club

Ed Aylesworth, SVS Principal, shared that the Parent Club has donated \$1000 to assist with the cost of the year-end trip. Director Weiss moved to approve this generous donation. Director McClure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote of the members present.

2009-2010 Athletics and Activities

Superintendent McDuffy commended the administrators responsible for athletics and activities for the work they did to find a 20% reduction in their athletics and activities budgets. President Duskin asked to hear a bit about the impacts of the proposed reductions. Alan Boatman and Faye Britt addressed the questions from the Board.

Summary of Recommended Reductions – Athletics

High School - Drop Eight (8) Assistant Coaching Positions, Drop Freshman Baseball, Drop JV Golf (Boys & Girls), Game Management Savings

Middle Schools - Blend JV Options (drop number of coaches), Drop Soccer (Boys & Girls), New League Formed – Transportation Savings

Summary of Recommended Changes – Activities

High School - Miscellaneous Program Reductions (a list was provided)

Middle Schools – At the July 13 Board meeting, the middle schools will request an increase in the ASB Card Fee from \$10 to \$15.

Director McClure moved to approve the athletics and activities reductions as proposed. Director Weiss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution 09-02 – Honoring Student Advisor, Nikita Doggett

There being no further discussion, Director Erickson moved to approve Resolution 09-02 honoring Student Advisor, Nikita Doggett. Director McClure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 09-03 – Delegating Authority to WIAA

There being no further discussion, Director Erickson moved to approve Resolution 09-03 delegating authority to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). Director Weiss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular business meeting of the Arlington School District Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the District Administration Building Board Room, 315 N French Avenue, Arlington. A Study Session is tentatively scheduled to precede the meeting at 5:45 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kay Duskin recessed the regular Business Meeting at 8:18 pm, stating that, following a short break, the Board would be convening in an Executive Session for the purpose of the evaluating the performance of employees. She stated that the estimated time for the Executive Session would be 30 minutes and that no action would be taken. She further stated that, following the Executive Session, the regular meeting would be reconvened for the sole purpose of adjournment. The Executive Session convened at 8:35 pm. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

ADJOURN

President Duskin reconvened the regular Business Meeting at 9:08 pm. With no further business to come before the Board, Director McClure moved and Director Erickson seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Kay Duskin, President
Board of Directors

Dr. E. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board