

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 27, 2005, meeting of the Alexandria Township Board of Education was called to order by President Susan F. Luthringer at 7:33 PM.

II. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

This meeting was properly advertised according to the Open Public Meeting Act (P.L. 1975:31) in the Delaware Valley News on May 5, 2005, to begin at 7:30 PM.

III. GOAL STATEMENT

The Alexandria Township Board of Education is committed to provide an educational climate where all children can and do learn.

IV. ROLL CALL

Kathleen Finnegan - A
Francis L. Guenther - P
Beth A. Harding - P
Bernice M. Keizer - A
Douglas E. Linden, Jr. - P

Susan F. Luthringer - P
Lori Kopf MacWilliam - A(7:36PM)
Patrick D. McGuinness - P
Susan F. Metz - P

V. FLAG SALUTE

Ursula Accumanno, Lester D. Wilson School art teacher, gave a presentation on the artsonia. Artsonia is an online art gallery comprised of students' art from around the globe. The program is sponsored by Dick Blick Art Supplies.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Merry Zehnbauer requested the Board's consideration in changing her children's bus stop.

Mr. Sedlak said that his child is on the bus for an hour in the morning and in the afternoon and that this amount of time is unacceptable to him.

Ms. Prowker advised the Board that she did explain the reason to Mr. Sedlak as he resides at the far end of Alexandria Township. Mr. Sedlak said that he is a "transportation expert" and that he could revise our transportation system more efficiently. President Luthringer told Mr. Sedlak that if he could come up with a plan to shorten his route, to be in touch with the administration.

Mr. Garret Henderson asked the Board's consideration in changing his children's bus stop. Mr. Henderson also advised the Board that Ms. Prowker was rude to his wife when discussing the matter.

Mrs. Lynn Yanulevich asked the Board if they had a plan for energy conservation in light of the recent increase in fuel costs. President Luthringer advised that the Board is always interested in conserving energy and if she has any suggestions to please let us know.

Mrs. Karene Nebel advised that her child's bus route has had several different bus drivers. Mrs. Nebel requested that the same driver be assigned to the route. Ms. Prowker said that she agreed and that she would contact Delaware Valley transportation to see what the problem is.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Post card from Ellie Hahola
2. Post cards from Arthur Pfefferle
3. Thank you note from Joanne McCluskey
4. Thank you note from the ATEA

VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT

President Luthringer advised that the Board had their retreat on September 17, 2005. They discussed the Board's responsibilities, reviewed the Board's self-evaluation, and set Board goals.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bubba gave an update on what's going on in Lester D. Wilson School. Ms. Wood gave an update on what's going on in Alexandria Middle School. She advised that, at the October Board Meeting, there will be a presentation on the Smart Board.

X. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Barbara E. Prowker, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, reported the following:

1. Reminder: NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop is scheduled for October 26-28, 2005. Please let me know at the meeting if you plan to attend.

2. Finance Committee: Please consider a meeting with William M. Colantano, Jr., CPA, the District's auditor, to review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005. I have tentatively scheduled a meeting with Mr. Colantano for Monday, October 17, 2005, at 5:30 PM, in the Alexandria Middle School Board conference room.
3. 2006 New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Local Plan Rate Renewal
4. There is a motion on the agenda seeking Board approval to change the October Board Meeting to October 18, 2005, due to the NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop, which is scheduled to begin October 25, 2005.
5. There is a motion on the agenda seeking Board approval to submit the District's 2005 Long Range Facilities Plan by October 1, 2005, as required.

XI. GOALS PROGRESS

1. Public Relations Survey
2. Finance
3. World Language

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lori MacWilliam - Public Relations
Beth Harding - Transportation
Frank Guenther - Hunterdon County Education Commission
Patrick McGuinness - Finance

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. PUBLIC INPUT

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:34 PM

Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:34 PM to discuss personnel, status of negotiations, and confidentiality.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

OPEN SESSION: 8:52 PM

Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board return to Open Session at 8:52 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

XVII. MOTIONS

Personnel

1. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Alexandria Township Board of Education approve application of the emergent hiring of the following:

Sara Slack - Teacher
Cathy Cobb - Teacher

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present Guenther, Harding, Linden, Jr.,
Luthringer, MacWilliam,
McGuinness, Metz

2. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Denielle Flora, a student at Delaware Valley Regional High School, to be a school volunteer, assisting Ms. Barry after school with the volleyball team practices.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

3. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following additions to the Substitute List for the 2005-06 school year:

Barbara DiLorenzo - Teacher
Angela Flora - Teacher

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

4. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the position of Assistant Drama Director at a salary of \$1,091 (2/3 of head) for the 2005-06 school year. (Funds from the unfilled Odyssey of the Mind Program).

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

5. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the position of Jazz Band Director at a salary of \$1,000 for the 2005-06 school year. (Funds from the unfilled Odyssey of the Mind Program).

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Workshops

6. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following workshops:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Jones, D.	NJAHPERD Lake Conference	9/30/05	\$170
Compton	Project Adventure Cooperative Activities and Team Building	9/30/05	20
Meyers	NJAET Conference	10/11/05	100
Accumanno	AENJ Conference	10/12/05	155
Barry Milford	Innovative Forensic Science	10/19/05	179 Each
McCluskey	The Problem With Word Problems Is The Words-A researched based practice program	12/07/05	165

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Class Trips

7. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following class trips:

8th Grade	September 22, 2005	Easton Water Works & Hugh Moore Park
8th Grade	September 23, 2005	Easton Water Works & Hugh Moore Park
8th Grade	September 29, 2005	Phillipsburg NJ Boat Ramp
8th Grade	September 30, 2005	Phillipsburg NJ Boat Ramp
4th Grade	October 6, 2005	Clinton Red Mill Museum
7th Grade	October 5-7, 2005	Fairview Lake
4th Grade	May 23, 2006	Sterling Mine and Mineral Museum

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

2005-06 School Level Objectives for LDW and AMS

8. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the proposed 2005-06 School Level Objectives for Lester D. Wilson School and Alexandria Middle School.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Approval of Minutes

9. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Minutes of the following meetings, as presented: August 23, 2005, September 1, 2005 September 17, 2005.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Finance

10. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the transfers for the month ending August 31, 2005, as submitted by the Superintendent, as authorized by N.J.S.A.18A:22-8.1.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

11. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, to accept the Alexandria Township Board of Education's certification that the Superintendent, Dr. Wendy L. Schadt, recommends that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month ending August 31, 2005, and she further recommends in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e) that the Board of Education certify that no major account or fund has been overexpended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

12. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Barbara E. Prowker, certification as required by N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(d), that no line item account has been overexpended as of August 31, 2005, and that as of this date sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Approval of Bill List

13. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Bill List dated September 1- 22, 2005, in the amount of \$533,381.29, check numbers 1954-2059 , as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

5-Year Long Range Facility Plan

14. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following resolution:

Whereas, every New Jersey school district must submit a Long Range Facility Plan to the Commissioner of Education every five years, specifically every year ending in "O" or "5", and

Whereas, regulations require that every board of education must approve of the submission of this plan,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Alexandria Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent and/or the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Long Range Facility Plan for the Alexandria Township School District to the Commissioner of Education, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Superintendent and/or the School Business Administrator, in accordance with regulation, shall provide an advisory copy of this plan to the local planning board.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present Guenther, Harding, Linden, Jr.,
Luthringer, MacWilliam,
McGuinness, Metz

Change October, 2005 Board Meeting

15. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve changing the originally scheduled October 25, 2005, Board Meeting to October 18, 2005, to commence at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Use of Facilities

16. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Alexandria Middle School art room by Troop #993 for the 2005-06 school year, on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 3:40-5:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

17. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Lester D. Wilson School art room by Girl Scout Troop #1211 for the 2005-06 school year, the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 3:40-5:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

18. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Alexandria Middle School cafeteria by the Riegel Ridge Rams to conduct cheerleading practice on Tuesdays and Fridays for the months of September-November, 6-8:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

19. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Alexandria Middle School cafeteria by the Rams Pee-Wee Cheerleaders, from 6-7:30 PM, on the following dates:

October 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28
November 3, 4, 15, 17, and 18, 2005.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

20. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Alexandria Middle School cafeteria by Daisy and Brownie Troops for a karate demonstration from 6-7:30 PM on November 3, 2005.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

VXIII. ADDITIONAL MOTIONS

No Child Left Behind

1. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve submission of the No Child Left Behind application in the amount of \$15,075.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Tuition

2. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Extended School Year Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Union Township Board of Education for the 2005-06 school year at the cost of \$800 per student for the following students:

D.O.B. 5/17/00, PSD
D.O.B. 8/09/00, PSD
D.O.B. 5/24/00, PSD
D.O.B. 11/23/01, PSD
D.O.B. 3/07/00, PSD

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

3. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Extended School Year Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Union Township Board of Education for the 2004-05 school year at the cost of \$800 per student for the following students:

D.O.B. 8/09/00, PSD
D.O.B. 5/06/99, PSH
D.O.B. 2/13/99, PSH
D.O.B. 2/05/99, PSH
D.O.B. 12/29/98, PSH
D.O.B. 4/20/99, PSH

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

XIX. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Respectfully Submitted By,

Barbara E. Prowker
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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