

MINUTES**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 22, 2005 meeting of the Alexandria Township Board of Education was called to order by President Susan F. Luthringer at 7:30 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 - A (7:32PM)
Bernice M. Keizer - P
Douglas E. Linden, Jr. - P

Susan F. Luthringer - P
Lori Kopf MacWilliam - A(7:39PM)
Patrick D. McGuinness - A(7:32PM)
Susan F. Metz - P

V. FLAG SALUTE**VI. PUBLIC INPUT**

Nancy Peach and Dawn Winchell, parents of students residing on Race Street, asked the Board's consideration in reinstating their bus stops on Race Street for safety reasons. Ms. Peach and Ms. Winchell said that the stop at the end of Race Street and County Road 513 is unsafe in the morning due to heavy morning traffic. They said that cars pass the school bus and they also fly down Race Street to avoid the school bus.

There were several other people who approached the Board for their consideration in reinstating the Race Street bus stops.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of a post card from Arthur Pfefferle.

A thank you note was received from Elizabeth Metz, thanking the Board for the fruit basket sent during her recent recovery from surgery.

The Board received a thank you note from Susan Larson for the gifts in recognition of her years of service to the District.

VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

X. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

1. 2006-07 Budget preparation is underway

XI. GOALS PROGRESS

1. By June 30, 2006, analyze the data collected from the survey and present to the Board recommendations for next steps.
2. By November 1, 2005, analyze our spending trends within the areas of:
 - Special Education
 - Per pupil costs
 - Between adopted budget and actual budget
3. By June, 2006, explore World Language Programs within and outside the District to determine options available

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bubba gave an update on events at the Lester D. Wilson School, and Ms. Wood gave an update on events at the Alexandria Middle School.

Bernice Keizer - Public Relations
Patrick McGuinness - Buildings and Grounds
Patrick McGuinness. - NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop
Douglas Linden, Jr. - NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop
Francis Guenther - Special Education
Francis Guenther - NJASBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop
Lori MacWilliam - Policy

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Bernice Keizer said that she is troubled with some of the bus stop locations throughout the Township. Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Metz expressed their concerns as well.

The Board discussed the matter at length and directed Barbara E. Prowker to change the bus stops back to their 2004-05 arrangement for those who have expressed displeasure with the 2005-06 assignment except for those who reside within a development.

XV. PUBLIC INPUT

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:20 PM

Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and personnel matters.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

OPEN SESSION: 9:39 PM

Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board return to Public Session at 9:39 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

XVII. MOTIONS

Personnel

1. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the letter of resignation submitted by Maureen L. Smith, resigning from her assignment riding a bus to supervise a special education student. The resignation is effective November 30, 2005.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

2. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an employment contract for Heather L. Belle as a special education aide, effective November 23, 2005, at a salary of \$14,500, prorated, plus benefits.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

3. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an employment contract for Linda M. Finan as a ten month secretary, effective November 23, 2004, at a salary of \$17,500, prorated, plus benefits.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

4. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following additions to our Substitute List:

Denise Placa-Drabich	Teacher
Beth Fodor	Teacher
Marie Giuliano	Nurse
Dalia Halpern	Teacher
Mary Hurford	Teacher
Nancy Klein	Teacher
Scott Polizzio	Teacher
Holly Rocchetti	Teacher

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

5. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, 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:

Heather Belle	Special Education Aide
Linda Finan	Ten Month Secretary
Marie Giuliano	Substitute Nurse

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

6. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve tenure of Amy Murray, effective January 1, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

7. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve tenure of Thomas A. Bubba, effective February 4, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

8. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Rebecca Zielinski (a former student) to attend and observe classes at Lester D. Wilson and Alexandria Middle Schools, starting December 20, 2005 and continuing through January 25, 2006. Rebecca is a student at the University of Connecticut, studying for her Elementary and Special Education certifications.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

9. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Amanda Benolken (a former student) to visit Alexandria Middle School from December 19, 2005, through January 31, 2006. Amanda is a student at Salsbury University. She will be observing classes at both the Lester D. Wilson and the Alexandria Middle Schools.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

10. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2006, from Ronald C. Jones.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

11. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board amend the employment contract for Joann Whiteley, effective September 1, 2005, as follows:

Step 12-MA+15(.711) at a salary of \$37,221

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Workshops

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

Mitchell Dale	Strategies for Your Students W/Asperger Syndrome and High-Functioning Autism	10/21/05	179.00 Each
McCluskey	Inclusion-Making It Work For Children Who Are Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing	11/05/05	99.00
Martin DeWire	Improving Writing	11/16/05	179.00 Each
Savacool	Preparing Special Ed Students For The GEPA	12/02/05	195.00
Matko Pean	Discipline With Dignity for Difficult Youth	12/02/05	189.00 Each

Milford	Integrating Math Games In The Classroom	12/06/05	195.00
Cooper	Adapting Curriculum To Meet IEP Requirements	12/12/05	179.00

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Policy

13. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the first reading of the following bylaw:

9272 - Board Member Reimbursement for Expenses

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

14. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the first reading of the following revised policy:

4133 - Staff Reimbursement for Expenses Related to Job Related Activities

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Sports Schedules

15. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the attached sports schedules for Girls' and Boys' Basketball.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Approval of Minutes

16. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2005 meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Finance

17. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the transfers for the month ending October 31, 2005, as submitted by the Superintendent, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

18. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. Linden, 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 October 31, 2005, and she further recommends in compliance with N.J.A.,.C. 6:20-2.13(3) 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

19. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. Linden, 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, October 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

20. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Bill List dated November 15, 2005, in the amount of \$812,510.38, check numbers 2156-2310, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

IDEA-Part B Funds for FY2006

21. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept IDEA-Part B Funds for FY2006 as follows:

Basic	\$125,454
Preschool	3,955

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Facility Use

22. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Alexandria Middle School cafeteria on Saturdays during basketball season by the Girl Scouts in Alexandria Township to hold bake sales.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

23. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, 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 the Tiger Cubs, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM for the 2005-06 school year.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Four Strong Builders

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

WHEREAS, Four Strong Builders, Inc. ("FSB") brought a law suit against the Alexandria Township Board of Education ("Board") seeking to recover monies allegedly due and owing on a contract with the Board for asbestos removal at the Lester D. Wilson Elementary School, amounting to \$17,178, which law suit was transferred from Passaic County to Hunterdon County, thereafter bearing docket no. Hun-L-293-05, and

WHEREAS, the Board counterclaimed against FSB for the sum of \$17,178 in grant funds withheld by the State of New Jersey due to FSB's New Jersey Economic Development Authority, School Construction Corporation Prequalification renewal being pending at the time of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to a resolution of all claims by both sides in the litigation, now therefore, it is

AGREED, that the Board shall pay to FSB the sum of \$8,589, 1/2 the amount in dispute, and, in light of the fact that FSB never cashed a check issued as final payment in the sum of \$25,768, the Board shall add to the check to be issued to FSB the sum of \$25,768, so that the check to be issued to FSB by the Board shall total \$34,357, and the parties shall exchange Releases of all claims set forth in the above-specified litigation, and shall file a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice of the litigation with Superior Court, Hunterdon County.

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

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Respectfully Submitted By,

Barbara E. Prowker
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BEP/nlm

Att.