

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 24th meeting of the Alexandria Township Board of Education was called to order by President Susan F. Luthringer at 7:31 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 - P
Francis L. Guenther - P
Beth A. Harding - P
Bernice M. Keizer - P
Douglas E. Linden, Jr. - P

Susan F. Luthringer - P
Lori Kopf MacWilliam - P
Patrick D. McGuinness - P
Susan F. Metz - P

V. FLAG SALUTE

President Luthringer read a statement regarding the status of negotiations with the Alexandria Township Education Association.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

The following people addressed the Board concerned with the lack of a negotiated agreement between the Board and the Alexandria Township Education Association. The Alexandria Township Education Association has been working without a contract for a year and a half:

Marsha Seckler
Matthew Blazure
Tonya Drake
Sharon Lukatch
Beverly Stoskus

Ronald Jones
Gregory Bierly
Joanne McCluskey
David Sousa

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from David Wieller, thanking the Board for their expression of sympathy at the loss of his mother.

A letter was received from the Alexandria PTA, advising that PTA meetings can be a forum for information, but that they cannot take sides in the negotiations between the Board and the ATEA.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Stephani Stephens, thanking the staff for the work they did with her daughter.

A thank you note was received from Susan Matthews, thanking the Board for the planter sent during her recent recovery from knee surgery.

Dawn Winchell and Nancy Peach sent a note thanking the Board for changing their bus stops.

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 Annual Budget
2. Dates to remember:
 - Nominating Petitions Due February 27, 2006
 - Annual School Election April 18, 2006
 - Re-Organization Meeting April 25, 2006
3. Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education has set the polling hours for the April 18, 2006, Annual School Election for 3:00-9:00 PM.
4. Barbara E. Prowker and Dr. Wendy L. Schadt met with the Finance Committee on January 19, 2006, to review the proposed 2006-07 Budget.
5. There will be three 3-year terms open on the Board in April:
Douglas E. Linden, Jr., Susan F. Luthringer, and Lori Kopf MacWilliam

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

Bernice Keizer - Public Relations
Patrick McGuinness - Finance
Patrick McGuinness - Buildings and Grounds
Susan Metz - Curriculum
Susan Metz - Education Foundation
Francis Guenther - Personnel

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. PUBLIC INPUT

Tara Pfreunds Schuh commended the Board and the staff for their efforts in reaching a settlement. Mrs. Pfreunds Schuh asked if there could be a public meeting scheduled so that the public could get information regarding negotiations. Dr. Schadt said that the details of negotiations are confidential information, but that the fact finder's report is public information and is available upon request.

Stephanie Steger, Renee Skibinski, and Karen Stagg all expressed concern for a settlement with the ATEA.

Lee Anderson questioned the grading policy. The matter was referred to the curriculum committee.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:35 PM

On a motion made by Mrs. Finnegan, and a second by Mr. McGuinness, approval was given to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and personnel.

Roll Call Vote: YES: all Present

PUBLIC SESSION: 9:20 PM

Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board return to Public Session.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

XVII. MOTIONS

Personnel

1. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Debra Ann Hager to student teach at the Alexandria Middle School from 1/30/06 to 2/28/06, under the tutelage of Mrs. Kacedon and Ms. Wood. Ms. Hager is a Frenchtown resident and a student at Rider University.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

2. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following substitutes:
Linda Finn - Teacher & Secretary
Penni Trionfo - Teacher
Mary Jo Tufaro - Teacher
Lynn Yanulevich - Teacher

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

3. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a child rearing leave for Gretchen Savacool. Mrs. Savacool's last day will be April 7, 2006. She will use accumulated sick days through June 30, 2006. The child rearing leave will commence September 1, 2006 through the third marking period in January, 2007. Mrs. Savacool will utilize the 12 weeks Family Medical Leave Act for maintaining medical coverage commencing September 1, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

4. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a move on the negotiated salary guide for Joy Dominic from 8-BA+15 to 8-BA+30, effective January 1, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

5. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Virginia Rolleri as an Instructional Aide at a salary of \$14,500, pro-rated, including benefits, effective January 25, 2006.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

6. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, 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 Virginia Roller.

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

Workshops

7. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Finnegan, 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>
Beifus	Parent-Educator Collaboration in the IEP Process	1/24/06	\$ 15
Shoudt	Writing About Mathematics-An Essential Skill in Developing Math Proficiency	3/01/06	179
Bender Dale	Second Grade Conference	3/03/06- 3/07/06	299 Each
Steger Lukatch	Guided Reading Instruction Using Word Walls	3/20/06	179 Each

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Revised Job Description

8. Motion made by Mrs. Metz, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following revised job description:

4118.2 - Elementary Education Teacher

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Field Trips

9. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following field trips:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>
8	1/06/06	Orientation at Delaware Valley Regional High School
2	2/24/06	Weller Health Center
3	4/24/06	Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Re-Organization Meeting

10. Motion made by Mrs. Finnegan, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve April 25, 2006, at 7:00 PM, to conduct the Re-Organization Meeting of the Board. The meeting will be conducted in the Alexandria Middle School Library/Media Center. The Board will conduct regular business immediately following re-organization.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Approval of Minutes

11. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2005, meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Finance

12. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve transferring \$18,250 from Fund 30 remaining from the Lester D. Wilson School asbestos abatement and fire alarm capital projects back to the Capital Reserve Account. The local share was withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Account; therefore funds remaining are to be transferred back to the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

13. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the transfers for the month ending December 31, 2005, as submitted by the Superintendent, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

14. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, 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 December 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

15. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, 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 December 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

16. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Bill List dated December 16, 2005 to January 17, 2006, in the amount of \$730,367.77, check numbers 2410 - 2514, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Facility Use

17. Motion made by Mrs. MacWilliam, seconded by Mr. Linden. upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve use of the Alexandria Middle School cafeteria by the Delaware Valley Junior Lacrosse on January 30 and February 27, 2006, at 7:00 PM to conduct general membership meetings.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid

18. Motion made by Mrs. Keizer, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve submission of the 2005-06 Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$30,519.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Ms. Wood gave an update on the Alexandria Middle School.

XVII. 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 9:36 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Respectfully Submitted By,

Barbara E. Prowker
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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