

MINUTES**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 28, 2006 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 4, 2006, to begin at 7:30 PM.

III. ROLL CALL

Kathleen Finnegan - P
Francis L. Guenther - P
Beth Harding - P
Bernice M. Keizer - A
Diane Y. Kelly - P

Douglas E. Linden, Jr. - P
Susan F. Luthringer - P
Patrick D. McGuinness - P
Susan E. Metz - A

IV. BOARD STATEMENT

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

V. FLAG SALUTE**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Luthringer acknowledged a donation made to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia by the Spiegle Group on behalf of the Board.

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT

President Luthringer advised that she attended the NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Workshop and found it to be beneficial.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Kacedon gave an update on activities at the Lester D. Wilson School.
Mr. Pawlowski gave an update on activities at the Alexandria Middle School.

Jennifer Bills advised that the sending districts are applying for a \$225,000 grant relating to autism education.

IX. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

1. 2007-08 budget preparation is underway.
2. NJDEP notice regarding arsenic levels in drinking water at Lester D. Wilson School.
3. The Board discussed extending the polling hours for the annual school election in April, 2007. In recent years the polls were open from 3-9:00 PM. The Board agreed to extend the hours in conjunction with the other sending districts.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

McGuinness - Buildings and Grounds
McGuinness - Technology
Linden - NJSBA Annual Workshop
Finnegan - Negotiations
Kelly - NJSBA Annual Workshop
Guenther - NJSBA Annual Workshop
Guenther - Hunterdon County Education Commission

XI. PUBLIC INPUT

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed honoring Arthur Pfefferle, a retired Board Member who served the students of Alexandria Township for 27 years, by naming something in his honor. The Board will discuss the matter at the December meeting when all nine members are present.

XIV. MOTIONS

Personnel

1. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Amber Bucior to replace Mary Bidwell during her maternity leave from December 7, 2006 to June 30, 2007, at Step 1-BA, at a salary of \$41,186 prorated, plus benefits.

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 Marsha Seckler to replace Amber Bucior as an aide in the Alexandria Middle School MD Class at a salary of \$19,501, prorated. Start date to be December 6, 2006. Employment contingent upon the criminal history background check required by law.

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 the placement of two student teachers at the Lester D. Wilson School from January 16, 2007 to May 4, 2007. Cooperating teachers will be Mrs. Bernardo and Mrs. Pawlowski. Principal will oversee the process. No cost to the Board. Students are from the College of St. Elizabeth. Their names are Patricia Walsh and Caterina Dobak.

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 Denise Kielce to replace Ms. Cooper, who resigned. Ms. Kielce will start November 20, 2006 as a substitute until November 28, 2006. She will be hired as a teacher from November 29, 2006 to June 30, 2007 at Step 1- BA+15, \$42,636, prorated, plus benefits. Employment contingent upon the successful completion of the criminal history background check required by law.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Emergent Hire

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:

Denise Kielce	Teacher
Ruth Schlitter	Cafeteria Employee
Marsha Seckler	Aide

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Finnegan, Guenther, Harding,
Kelly, Linden, Jr., Luthringer,
McGuinness

6. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of Heather Belle, Special Education Aide, as of December 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 the appointment of Lisa Wachter to hold the position of Special Education Aide at a salary of \$17,500, plus benefits, prorated, to begin December 4, 2006. (This position is replacing Heather Belle, who resigned.) Employment contingent upon the successful completion of the criminal history background check required by law.

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 the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Alexandria Township Board of Education approve application of the emergent hiring of the following:
Lisa Wachter - Special Education Aide

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present Finnegan, Guenther, Harding,
Kelly, Linden, Jr., Luthringer,
McGuinness

Workshops

9. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Linden, 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>
Schryer	Foundations Presenter Workshop	11/03/06	\$ 49
Milford	How to Successfully Teach Math Facts & Word Problem Strategies to All Students	11/06/06	199
Carothers	Every Mind Can Be Aligned	12/06/06	175
Compton	Be The Best You Are Softball	1/12/07	100
Colontrelle	Teaching the Gifted & Talented/ Higher Order Thinking	5/23/07	160

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Trips

10. Motion made by Mrs. Finnegan, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following trips:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Destination</u>
12/15/06	4	Papermill Playhouse
12/21/06	5-8	Bridgewater Sports Arena
5/24/07	5	Philadelphia Zoo
5/30/07	6	NJ Marine Science Consortium

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Girls' and Boys' Basketball Schedules

11. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve both the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Schedules for 2006-07 as per attached.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Approval of Minutes

12. Motion made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2006, meeting and the Minutes of the November 6, 2006, meeting as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Finance

13. Motion made by Mr. Guenther, seconded by Mrs. Harding, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the transfers for the month ending October 31, 2006, 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 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 October 31, 2006, 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 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 October 31, 2006, 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

Bill List

16. Motion made by Mrs. Harding, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Bill List dated October 13, 2006 - October 27, 2006, in the amount of \$535,284.09, check numbers 3525-3609, and the Bill List dated October 28-November 16, 2006, in the amount of \$705,809.27, check numbers 3610-3685.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Curricula

17. Motion made by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Finnegan, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following curricula:
Library Curriculum
General/Vocal and Instrumental Music Curriculum

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Special Education

18. Motion made by Mrs. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the consulting services of Thomas Connolly (Summit Speech School) as teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, if needed, for no more than 10 hours per year, at a fee of \$85 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

19. Motion made by Mrs. Finnegan, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement accepting a student from the Frenchtown Board of Education into the Lester D. Wilson School Multiple Disabilities Class commencing October 25, 2006, at a prorated amount of \$21,440 for the 2006-07 school year.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Use of Facilities

20. Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. McGuinness, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the use of the Alexandria Middle School cafeteria and old gym by the Wildcat Wrestling club to conduct wrestling matches from noon until 4:00 PM on the following dates:

December 3, 2006
December 10, 2006
January 7, 2007
January 24, 2006
January 21, 2007
February 10, 2007

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Mr. Joe Somers introduced himself as a Holland Township Board of Education Member. Mr. Somers said he wanted to observe another Board and commended the Alexandria Board Members on how efficiently their meeting was run. Mr. Somers asked the Board to consider any shared service arrangement that they might venture into with Holland Township Board of Education.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:33 PM

Motion made by Mrs. Finnegan, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board go into Executive Session to conduct a residency hearing with a family.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

OPEN SESSION: 9:20 PM

Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board return to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

XVI. BOARD GOALS

- A. Develop creative and innovate ways to improve communications about strengths and challenges facing the District with the community, and with parents, and teachers/staff.
- B. Increase meeting productivity by:
 - 1. Contacting administration prior to the meeting to discuss new items for the Agenda; and
 - 2. Direct new business to the appropriate committee or administrator and to place that item under "Unfinished Business" for the next meeting; and
 - 3. Limiting discussion to Agenda items.

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mrs. Kelly, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM..

Respectfully Submitted By,

Barbara E. Prowker
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

BEP/nlm

Att.