

Arlington School District #3  
Arlington, OR 97812  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2015

Board Members: April Aamodt, Danelle Wetherell, Shanna Gronquist and Grant Wilkins were present. Brad Wiley was absent.

Personnel: Kevin Hunking and Mariah Shandy

Visitors: Aimee O'Brien, Paul Wilson, Joe Patnode, Kathy Street, Cris Patnode, Tiffany Wilkins, Bethany Smith, Christine Goad, Michelle Reeser, Melodee Tucker, Teren Humphrey, Kristine Wetherell, Alan Cunningham, Ann Dean and Jon Dean and Leslie Walborn were present.

**Regular Meeting Opening**

1. Call to Order: Chairman, April Aamodt, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

At this time the Board accepted the resignation of April Aamodt from Chairperson. April explained that she has been Chairperson for 4 consecutive years, and must step down according to our Board policy. Grant nominated Danelle Wetherell for chairperson, Shanna Gronquist 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. The Board voted and it was **unanimous that Danelle Wetherell becomes the new chairperson. As chairperson Danelle Wetherell will be added to the BEO Arlington School District Checking account as a signer.**

2. Consent Agenda:

- 2.1 Approve Amended Agenda
- 2.2 Approve February 2015 School Board Minutes
- 2.3 Approve Bills/Financials

**Motion made by April to approve consent agenda, motion seconded by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Comment:

- 3.1 Bethany Smith-Student Council Update- The High School had a successful lockin and dance on February 27<sup>th</sup>, the student council has been assisting at the Senior Meal Site for the last couple of months, Prom will be April 10<sup>th</sup> and the students have put a prom committee together, Red Cross blood drive April 2<sup>nd</sup> and carnival is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

4. Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Hunking reported there will be a Charter School Summit on April 3<sup>rd</sup> if any of the Board is interested in attending. The spring sports have begun and we have 14 students out for AHS track, 25 students out for GS track and 2 boys participating in our baseball coop. The staff continues to have weekly meetings at both schools, Mr. Hunking attends these meetings. The school recently participated in the Missoula Children's Theatre and had a successful show of The Little Mermaid. We had two teams participate in the Oregon Battle Of the Books regional contest in Pendleton. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade team did a good job participating in the pool play, and

our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished first moving them on to the state competition on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Salem. We had one High School student participate in the Poetry Out Loud contest in Portland,

she did an excellent job representing our school. Mr. Hunking informed the Board that he attended the Legislative Assembly last week and visited with our Representative and Senator regarding upcoming school funding, and new bills that are trying to be passed. The 9-12 grade visited the Sage Center this week for a career fair. Mr. Hunking continues to meet with local officials and nearby Superintendents. BBT has been appointed as consultant of the CTE building project. He has selected Nucor for the building out of 3 architecture bids theirs was the lowest and best option for the building. We are hoping to break ground by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hunking handed out a state budget for education sheet and reviewed with Board the plan that Oregon is trying to pass for the education budget this year. It involves severe cuts to the budget which would impact schools across the state greatly. Senate Bill 447 is still being worked on in the Senate this is the matching fund bill for facilities.

5. Unfinished Business/New Business/Action Items

5.1 ASD Budget Committee and Budget Calendar-The following community members have expressed interest on being on the budget committee for ASD: Stephanni McAninch, Peter Mitchell, Dave Anderson, David Anderson, Christine Goad, and Alcenia Wright. After some discussion, **Motion was made by Grant to appoint Stepahnni McAninch, Peter Mitchell, Dave Anderson, David Anderson and Christine Goad to the Budget Committee, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by April and passed unanimously.**

**Motion made by Grant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shanna to approve the Budget Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.2 NCESD Budget Committee—Danelle Wetherell volunteered to be on the NCESD budget committee

5.3 Staff Renewals: The Board reviewed the list of Certified and Classified staff. **Motion made by April to approve staff renewals as presented, motion seconded by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4 Policy Revision Final Reading JFCG Tobacco Free Environment-The policy was read. **Motion was made by April to approve all revisions to this policy as presented, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.5 Spring Sports Coaches: HS head track coach Teren Humphrey, HS assistant track coach Paola Escobedo, GS head track coach Sherra Inman, GS assistant track coach Stephanni

McAninch and HS baseball assistant coach Shawn Troutman. **Motion made to approve coaches as presented by Grant, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.**

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5.6 Eligibility Policy AHS- Mr. Hunking reviewed the Eligibility Policy with the Board and explained that the committee who has researched the various options for this policy has taken in to consideration other local schools and schools our size, the OSAA policy and what would be the best options for our students. The committee feels strongly that they have looked at all areas and presented the best options. Some students need sports, because that is the only thing keeping them involved in school. The policy change is not meant to lower the bar or to do what every other school is doing but meant to keep students involved.

Melody Tucker spoke from the audience that they do not want to see the standards lowered for the students. They don't want students to be allowed to get a D. She would like students to start getting help before reaching a D.

Mariah Shandy spoke as a parent-Parents are able to check student grades online and at any point can ask for their student to get additional help or tutoring the parents do not have to wait until their students reach a certain level, therefore if your standards are higher than the policy you can get help whenever you feel your students need it.

April Aamodt-commented that she agrees with the policy but would like to see the policy read "all study sessions that are available"(in the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point) and change to "one or more" and " until grades are brought up to C" (in 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point).

**Motion was made by April to approve the Eligibility Policy for AHS as amended, motion seconded by Grant. A vote was had Grant=yes, Shanna=yes, April –yes, motion passed unanimously.**

5.7 Resolution 1415-01-**Motion was made by April and seconded by Shanna to approve resolution 1415-01 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.8 Resolution Services Agreement 2015-2016- **Motion made by Grant to approve Resolution Services agreement for 2015-2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April. Motion passed unanimously.**

5.9 Softball Coop-Mr. Hunking explained that that we have a couple of students interested in playing softball and Boardman is willing to coop with us. **Motion made by April to approve coop as explained, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 5.10 Auditor Discussion-Last Board meeting the Board approved the contract with Oster to be our auditors for 2015-2016. We have since learned that Oster failed a recent audit and we do not feel they were forth coming with this information. Superintendent Hunking recommends RFP go out for this service. **Motion made by April to withdraw our contract with Oster for auditing services and put out RFP for this service, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shanna. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 5.11 Five Year Diploma-Mr. Hunking reviewed the Five Year Diploma handout (see attached). This is a new option that our school is looking into implementing, but we are just at the starting stages and wanted to share what we had at this point.
- 5.12 Board Officers-This was done at the beginning of the meeting. Danelle Wetherell is now the new chairperson of the Board.

## 6 Concluding Board Motions

The Board adjourned the regular session at 7:52 pm.

### Announcements:

Spring Concert March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Band Field Trip Guys and Dolls March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Jump A Thon K-6 March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Break March 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2015

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary