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Special School Committee Minutes 03/28/2011

Approved by the Arlington School Committee April 26, 2011

*The Arlington School Committee
Special School Committee Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2011
6:30 p.m.*

*Jefferson Cutter House
1 Whittemore Park, Basement Conference Room
Arlington, MA*

*Present: Mr. Joseph A. Curro, Chair, Ms. Leba Heigham, Vice Chair, Ms. Cindy Starks, Secretary, Mr. Thielman, Mr. Curran, Dr. Allison-Ampe, and Mr. Judson Pierce.
Dr. Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Peter Berry, Attorney, D/W, and Mr. Michael Long, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents*

Mr. Curro opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Curran moved to enter Executive Session at 6:37p.m. to consider the discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public employee, and return to open session, seconded by Dr. Allison-Ampe .

Roll Call: Mr. Curran Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes, Ms. Heigham Yes, Mr. Curro Yes, Mr. Pierce Yes, and Ms. Starks Yes.

Voted: 7-0

Mr. Curran voted to exit Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. and return to open session, seconded by Ms. Heigham.

Roll Call: Mr. Curran Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes, Ms. Heigham Yes, Mr. Curro Yes, Mr. Pierce Yes, and Ms. Starks Yes.

Voted: 7-0

Ms. Heigham moved, In accordance with its vote of March 1, 2011, the Arlington School Committee did on Monday, March 28, 2011 meet in executive session with Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Bodie to discuss administration decisions and actions surrounding the fiscal year 2010 end-of-year budget shortfall. The School Committee acknowledges the extended length of time that has elapsed since the shortfall was first discussed in an open session on August 26, 2010, while further acknowledging that the passage of the intervening months allows for a broader assessment of measures that have been taken since that date to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The School Committee voted to express its confidence in Dr. Bodie's continued leadership of the Arlington Public Schools and in specific measures that have been taken to date with regard to financial operations of the District, such as monthly revenue and expenditure tracking reports, regular budget reconciliation meetings with municipal financial authorities, and related procedures, seconded by Ms. Starks.

Roll Call: Mr. Curran Abstained, Mr. Thielman Yes, Dr. Allison-Ampe Yes, Ms. Heigham Yes, Mr. Curro Yes, Mr. Pierce Yes, and Ms. Starks Yes.

Voted: 6-0-1

Mr. Curran moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Ms. Heigham.

Voted: 7-0

*Respectfully Submitted by
Karen M. Fitzgerald
Administrative Assistant
Arlington School Committee*