

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
May 4, 2017

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 6:30 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹ Prior to the meeting, Board members attended the Student Advisory Board Meeting in room 101 at 6 PM.

Present were:

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
James Lander, Member
Tannia Talento, Member
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING: (6:35 PM)

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider a student matter as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(2), and for consultation with legal counsel concerning specific matters requiring the provision of legal advice as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(7), seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively, and the Board convened in a closed meeting.

The closed meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Van Doren moved to certify that to the best of her knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered, seconded by Mr. Lander and adopted in a vote of 5-0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Mr. Lander – Aye; Ms. Talento – Aye; and Ms. Van Doren – Aye.

Ms. Van Doren called for a brief recess.

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

Also present were:

¹ Video clips of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link: <https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/view-school-board-meetings/>
DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services
Paul Jamelske, Director, Special Education

1. Call to Order: 7:31 PM

2. Recognitions

Elenor Hodges, Executive Director, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, and Kate Marshall, Chair, Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Sustainability, recognized student recipients of Green Action Awards. Dr. Michelle Picard, Supervisor, English/Language Arts, recognized winners of the Teen Trendsetters Excellence in Leadership and Service Award. Dr. Murphy congratulated Leslie Peterson, Tameka Lovett-Miller and the Finance Department on two budget awards. Mr. Goldstein recognized Thomas Jefferson Middle School student Fatima Mouslik, as winner of a Virginia Letters About Literature competition.

3. Announcements: (7:50 PM)

Meetings:

- May 15, 2017 Work Session on High School Options, 7:30 PM

Events:

- May 16, 2017 Celebration of Excellence, Washington-Lee High School, 5:30 PM

Ms. Van Doren appreciated the community conversations on high school options and revision of SBP 25-2.2 Enrollment and Transfers and encouraged the community to continue to be engaged. Dr. Kanninen recognized activities for Clean Air Month.

Dr. Murphy announced events including Teacher Appreciation Week, School Lunch Week and the Celebration of Excellence. He also announced that APS was named a best community for music education by the NAMM Foundation. Updates on Extended Day and summer school registrations, and the Arlington Police Cares initiative were shared. In closing, Dr. Murphy reminded all to focus on safe celebrations.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (8:02 PM)

Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:
 - a. February 9, 2017 Literacy Work Session
 - b. February 22, 2017 Closed Meeting and School Board Meeting
 - c. April 25, 2017 Closed Meeting
 - d. April 28, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 4 Classification Specifications
 - IB Program Coordinator
 - Supervisor, Employment Processing
 - Payroll Specialist
 - Integrated Project Planner

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 23 Resignations
- 11 Retirements
- 2 Remove from Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 3 Resignations

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 2 Resignations
- 5 Retirements

3. Grants and Restricted Programs
 - Special Project #16 – APS Traveling Trolley
 - Special Project #17 – Cable Franchise Funds: Institutional Network I-Net
 - Special Project #18 – Virginia Tiered Systems of Support
4. Contract Award for Pre-Construction Construction Management at-Risk Services for the Relocation of Administrative Offices to Sequoia Plaza Two
5. Student Matter
6. Signing of Amicus brief

Dr. Kanninen explained that as part of consent, the Board agreed to sign on to the Amici Curiae brief which supports allowing transgender students to use the facilities that match their gender identification.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:10 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Susan Scott, parent: asking the Board to consider costs, density and traffic impact for upcoming projects; asking for continued support for twice exceptional students, and asking the Board be thoughtful in considering reorganization of the ACI.

Nancy Iacomini, resident: urging the Board to support local historic status for the Education Center and the Planetarium.

Ingrid Gant, Arlington Education Association President: Appreciating the Board and staff, especially teachers, during Teacher Appreciation Week. She also shared concerns about the Policy Implementation Procedure revision process, asking for dialog prior to changes.

Richard Airhart, parent: concerning walkability to schools, encouraging the Board to consider walk zones for families to schools in their neighborhoods.

Nia Bagley, Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association: Supporting preservation of the Planetarium, suggesting the 1300 seats be added at all 3 sites under consideration, and encouraging creative thinking about all options before making a decision.

The following speakers addressed the Board, commenting on challenges identified by the community at proposed sites for additional high school seats. Speakers also shared concerns about crowding, safety, loss of green space and other impacts of the options being considered:

Molly Calkins, Arlington Heights Civic Association

Barbara Martinez, parent

Christy Hiers, resident

Evan Farley, resident

E. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:34 PM)

1. APS 3-5 Year Plan Superintendent's Update

Dr. Murphy presented the update, sharing the status of several ongoing initiatives and forecasting additional initiatives that will begin in the coming year. He reviewed documents that outline and support these initiatives as well as timelines for the upcoming processes and projects.

Dr. Natrass reviewed plans to add high school capacity, describing three sites being considered, and sharing next steps that include continuing community engagement opportunities. She also presented an update on the resource adoption process to identify resources for teaching English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. She reviewed opportunities for public review and feedback on the materials being considered. She also updated the Board on the 1:1 device initiative, explaining where families can find information and how to provide input for staff consideration.

The group briefly discussed options for high school seats at the Education Center and at the Career Center, and whether APS should consider adding capacity at more than one site. Dr. Nattrass confirmed staff is analyzing all options, including hybrid options, and additional information will be provided at the upcoming work session. For the 1:1 initiative, Board members encouraged broader efforts to share information with parents, and encouraged the community to continue providing input on this initiative.

2. Spring Enrollment Update: (8:49 PM)

Lionel White, Director, Facilities Planning, presented the update. He outlined projections that are done twice a year, a 10-year update in the fall and a 1-year update in the spring that focuses on enrollment changes during the school year and informs budget development. Current projections are for an enrollment of 27,276 in fall 2017, which surpasses the previous high enrollment for APS. Responding to feedback from the recent review of APS projections processes, Mr. White confirmed that revisions to projections for three elementary schools affected by recent boundary adjustments were made. He also described the Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) which informs development of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Board members appreciated the presentation, and briefly discussed how recent boundary refinements and policy revisions being considered will affect enrollment and projections. Mr. White confirmed that as changes are implemented, the projections are revised to reflect those changes. Noting the complexity of the data, the Board encouraged efforts to make the information understandable to all.

3. Career Center Update REMOVED FROM AGENDA

F. ACTION ITEMS: (9:13 PM)

1. School Board Final FY 2018 Budget

Dr. Murphy appreciated the staff, the Board and the County for their work on the proposed budget. Ms. Peterson briefly reviewed changes in revenue and expenditures that were made to the School Board's Proposed FY 2018 Budget to align it with the County's budget.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Ingrid Gant, Arlington Education Association President: Appreciating the work to develop a strong budget, but asking that the Board look at ensuring strong support for staff in terms of salaries and support.

Dr. Kanninen made the following motion:

I move that the Arlington School Board hereby adopt its Fiscal Year 2018 School Board Budget totaling \$613,554,404. Changes from the School Board's Proposed FY 2018 budget, adopted on April 6, 2017, are specified in Attachment A to this motion. The School Board's FY 2018 budget requires an on-going County Transfer of

\$484,178,720, a one-time County Transfer of \$4,583,507, a Beginning Balance or Carry Forward of \$3,500,000, and funding from Reserves of \$13,817,655, broken into the following:

- 1. The School Operating Fund at a total of \$511,823,173, requiring a County transfer of \$427,859,009, a beginning balance or carry forward of \$3,500,000, and funding from reserves of \$11,317,655.*
- 2. The Community Activities Fund at a total of \$17,963,399, requiring a County transfer of \$6,316,566.*
- 3. The Debt Service Fund at a total of \$49,221,624, requiring a County transfer of \$47,921,624 and funding from reserves of \$1,300,000.*
- 4. The Food & Nutrition Services Fund at a total of \$9,056,086, requiring a County transfer of \$0.*
- 5. The Capital Projects Fund at a total of \$6,458,495, requiring a County transfer of \$4,545,029, and funding from reserves of \$1,200,000.*
- 6. The Comprehensive Services Act Fund at a total of \$4,000,000, requiring a County transfer of \$2,120,000.*
- 7. The Grants and Restricted Programs Fund at a total of \$15,031,627, requiring a County transfer of \$0.*

The Arlington School Board also allocates \$1,493,969 in additional one-time revenue appropriated by the County for FY 2018 to the Future Budget Years Reserve.

The Arlington School Board hereby authorizes the advance placement of purchase orders for HVAC equipment, replacement of gymnasium floors, playground equipment, software, staff workstations, laptops, and iPads that are funded in the adopted FY 2018 budget. These orders will be placed only after the Finance Office verifies that the funds have been designated in the School Board's adopted FY 2018 budget. These items should be neither received nor invoiced until on, or after, July 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goldstein.

Board members appreciated the work of the staff and thanked the County Board and the community for their support. They confirmed that the proposed budget provides needed funds to support all students and staff.

Ms. Van Doren called for a vote, and the motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:26 PM)

1. Revision of School Board Policy 25-2.2 Enrollment and Transfers for Schools and Programs

Lisa Stengle, Director, Planning and Assessment, reviewed the policy revision goals and process, describing community engagement conducted by staff and confirming

that information on this initiative is available online. Key components of the proposed revised policy include providing a blend of schools, guaranteed admissions to neighborhood schools, and to keep families together. The revisions will also allow transfers as a tool to help balance enrollment and will standardize processes. Procedures will be moved to the Policy Implementation Procedure (PIP) document and Ms. Stengle confirmed the revised policy will be effective for 2018-19. In closing, she confirmed the Board will act on the revisions on June 1 and staff will then develop an implementation plan.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Chandra Krohl, parent: opposing high school at Kenmore, noting her concerns about equity, diversity, safety and other issues.

Steven Leutner, parent, ASFS PTA: supporting equitable access for all students, but noting concerns about how policy change may impact team schools.

Acknowledging impending enrollment growth, the Board reiterated their overarching commitment to equitable quality instruction for all students. Ms. Stengle responded to comments on the timing of the Board's decision and roll out of the changes, and explained that staff will carefully review the impact and will advise the Board on next steps. Dr. Murphy reiterated that there are a number of tools and models in addition to the policy changes that staff are considering as interim steps to balance enrollment and ensure equity, and he confirmed staff will bring information back to the Board as it becomes available.

Acknowledging that some communities have been more vocal than others in this process, the Board confirmed that the focus is to address needs at every school. While recognizing the work done so far, some issues that still need clarification include siblings and grandfathering, keeping families together, transportation, standardizing lotteries, and a better definition of capacity, especially at option schools. In addition, the Board will continue to consider other possible options to add capacity.

Ms. Van Doren acknowledged the work that has been done and reviewed next steps in this process. She emphasized the focus on siblings, keeping families together and the need to focus on transportation, and she also acknowledged additional work to be done. She reiterated that once a student is enrolled at a school, they will be allowed to finish at that school regardless of the changes implemented with this policy.

2. Special Education Annual Plan: (10:11 PM)

Mr. Jamelske briefly reviewed the Annual Plan, which has been reviewed by advisory groups, and he appreciated the commitment of the committee members. The plan is submitted to the state annually and has two sections, one focused on students with special needs and the other on pre-kindergarten students. Mr. Jamelske reviewed how the funds provided through the plan are used for staffing and other needs.

Paul Patterson, Chair, Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC), spoke briefly, appreciating staff and confirming ASEAC approves the Plan.

3. Schematic Design for the Relocation of Administrative Offices to Sequoia Plaza Two:
(10:17 PM)

Ms. Peterson presented the project overview, timeline and funding. Mr. Chadwick then described the proposed schematic design for the administrative offices to Sequoia Plaza Two. He outlined the program diagram for the facility and described the floor plans for the four levels. Ms. Peterson then reviewed funding, noting non-APS funds which include a realtor reimbursement, landlord/tenant improvements and test fit allowance. She confirmed the total cost of the project is \$13.8 million. In closing, Mr. Chadwick reviewed next steps.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chadwick provided additional information about the Board Meeting space, building access at Sequoia, and project costs.

4. Construction Contract Award for Early Work Package 2 for the New School at Wilson
REMOVED FROM AGENDA

5. Contract Award for Job Order Contracting REMOVED FROM AGENDA

H. NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Talento summarized the Board's discussion with the Student Advisory Board, focused on diversity from a student perspective. She then shared a document the students are preparing on the history of diversity in Arlington. Dr. Murphy thanked staff and community members who have worked on the document that will be shared with the community when completed.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Arlington School Board