

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
September 21, 2017

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 6:33 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Dr. Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
James Lander, Member
Tannia Talento, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
David Blorstad, Director, Finance and Management
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors by the Arlington Career Center JROTC
3. Recognition

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the School Board recognized students from the secondary programs for their leadership and achievements.

The Board congratulated Wakefield teacher Michelle Cottrell-Williams who was selected as 2018 Virginia's Teacher of the Year.

4. Announcements

¹ Video clips of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link:

<http://www.apsva.us/page/3067>

DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

Dr. Kanninen then made the following announcements:

- September 23, 2017 Career Center/Arlington Community School Back to School Breakfast
- September 23, 2017 Engage Saturday, Kenmore Middle School, 10 AM – 2 PM
- September 27, 2017 High Schools Back To School Night
- September 28, 2017 Middle Schools Back To School Night

Ms. Talento announced that in observance of Rosh Hashanah she would be leaving the School Board meeting early. Ms. Van Doren encouraged families to participate in Walk and Bike to School Day on October 4 and invited the community to the Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices (ACTC) meeting on September 25 at the Syphax Education Center. Lastly, she welcomed APS Compliance Specialist Ms. Collen Koval's George Washington University graduate class to the School Board meeting and thanked the students for their interest in Board policy.

Dr. Murphy invited the community to Engagement Saturday on September 30 to learn about upcoming projects. Dr. Murphy briefly shared upcoming community engagement meetings related to the middle school boundary change process, a town hall meeting on October 12 regarding substance abuse, and the College Fair on October 17. Lastly, Dr. Murphy announced that the Personalized Learning Handbook was made available to families at back-to-school nights and posted on the APS website. This handbook serves as a guide for using technology and tips on screen time.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, 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. June 15, 2017 School Board Meeting and Public Hearing on Options for High School Seats
 - b. June 29, 2017 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
 - c. September 15, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 291 Appointments
- 1 Change From Resignation to Resignation (With Prejudice)

- 2 Resignations
- 3 Resignation (With Prejudice)
- 2 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 27 Appointments
- 11 Changes In Position/Salary
- 12 Resignations

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 6 Changes In Position/Salary

- 3. ACI Appointments
- 4. Public Water Service Easement for the Abingdon Project
- 5. Crane Swing Agreement with Writ Limited Partnership for New School at Wilson Site
- 6. REMOVED FROM CONSENT
- 7. Children’s School Lease

Dr. Kanninen noted that as a part of consent items, the Board approved The Children’s School lease for the 2017-18 School Year and she shared the Board’s appreciation for the partnership between The Children’s School and the APS Integration Station program. Since contractual matters are not discussed at public meetings, Dr. Kanninen stated that the Board would make no further comments on this matter.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Jeff McCarthy, teacher: spoke about his support of The Children’s School and Integration Station partnership and encouraged APS to maintain these programs together.

Alisa Kisy, parent, Jefferson Middle School: shared her concerns about student pedestrian safety on 2nd Street and Irving Street.

Jennifer McIntyre, parent, Integration Station: shared her personal story as a parent of a child with Down Syndrome and the benefits of The Children’s School and Integration Station partnership.

E. MONITORING ITEMS:

- 1. Superintendent’s 2017-18 Action Plan Update:

Dr. Murphy presented an update on the 2017-18 Action Plan that builds on the 3-5 Year Plan created last school year. The 2017-18 Action Plan addresses initiatives related to the School Board's priorities for this school year.

Ms. Stengle shared information about Engage with APS! and the new proactive approach being used to provide the community with information and to receive their feedback on the various initiatives. She reviewed upcoming projects and provided a brief timeline on how staff will proceed with each initiative.

Mr. Goldstein requested an analysis of co-locating Integration Station and The Children's School in future years.

2. Arlington Tech and Career, Technical and Adult Education Update:

Two Arlington Tech students shared their enthusiasm and appreciation to be part of a student-led, project-based learning program. Principal Margaret Chung updated the Board on student enrollment projections, recruitment of middle school students to Arlington Tech, provided highlights of the courses, and explained the correlation between Arlington Tech and the Profile of a Virginia Graduate.

The Board thanked the students and staff for their remarkable representation of the program. Mr. Lander expressed his interest in exploring project-based learning in the middle schools. Ms. Van Doren expressed her support for the dual enrollment program and praised the benefits. Dr. Kanninen requested an update on STEAM courses.

The Board took a recess at 8:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

F. ACTION ITEMS:

1. School Board 2018 Priorities

Dr. Kanninen presented the School Board's 2018 Priorities. The priorities focus on five areas that include new policies and policy revisions, preparation for new schools and program moves, operational planning, capital initiatives, and engagement. Each area entails initiatives the Board will oversee this school year.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ingrid Gant, President, Arlington Education Association: shared her concerns about the 1:1 initiative and the need to provide planning time for instructional staff.

Mr. Goldstein noted that most of the priorities have measurable outcomes.

Mr. Lander moved that the Board approve the School Board's 2018 Priorities, seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Dr.

Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Ms. Talento was absent at the vote.

2. Architectural and Engineering Services for Gunston HVAC Modernization:

Mr. Chadwick updated the Board on the \$574,616 needed for HVAC systems work at Gunston.

Mr. Lander moved that the Board approve the proposed architectural and engineering services for the Gunston Middle School HVAC modernization to 2RW Consultants, Inc., seconded by Ms. Van Doren and adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Ms. Talento was absent at the vote.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. School Board's 2019 Budget Direction

Dr. Kanninen presented the School Board's proposed 2019 Budget Direction, directing the Superintendent to:

- Present a budget that is consistent with APS' Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Plan with a continued emphasis on the School Board's priority to support the whole child.
- Include a compensation increase for eligible employees, consistent with School Board policy and the Strategic Plan goal to recruit and retain high quality staff.
- Include funding to add necessary instructional and administrative staff to support the growth of our 27,000-student system.
- If possible, include the third-year implementation of initiatives begun in the FY 2017 budget and the second-year implementation of initiatives begun in the FY 2018 budget.
- Present a budget that is economically sustainable by reducing per-pupil spending and/or developing long-term strategies to reduce per-pupil spending across future budget years.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ingrid Gant on behalf of Josh Folb, teacher: encouraged the Board to include a cost of living increase in the FY 2019 Budget.

2. Process to Develop Criteria for the APS Naming Policy 50-1.10:

Ms. Erdos presented a recommendation that includes a four-phased process to review and create a comprehensive naming criteria process for the APS School/Facility Naming Policy. She also described the community engagement related to the four-phased process.

The Board praised Ms. Erdos and staff for the work involved in developing a detailed process for the Board to consider.

3. Charge to the Building Level Planning Committee for the New Elementary School at Reed:

Mr. Chadwick shared the membership representation of the stakeholder group, its role and the charge, which is to assist the Board with Strategic Goal 4, to provide optimal learning environment, with a project funding of less than \$49 million to be completed by 2020-21.

Chips Johnson, community member: suggested the Board include representatives of the business sector in the Building Level Planning Committee for the New Elementary School at Reed.

Robert Sweenes, Leeway OverLee Civic Association and Field to Table member: suggested the Board include representatives from Leeway OverLee Civic Association and Field to Table.

Dr. Kanninen suggested the Board discuss the type of recommendations the Reed BLPC Chair will share with the Board.

4. Contract Award for Architectural and Engineering Services for the New Elementary School at Reed:

Mr. Chambers recommended that the Board approve the contract award of \$4,422,654 to VMDO Architects for architectural and engineering services of the New Elementary School at Reed.

H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board