

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
January 18, 2018

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:01 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
Monique O’Grady, 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
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, Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors by the Arlington Career Center JROTC
3. The School Board began their regular meeting by providing a statement reaffirming the support for all students at Arlington Public Schools.
3. Recognition

Ms. Dawn Smith, Communications Coordinator, presented the winners of the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary and Visual Arts contest. Ms. Pam McClellan, Counseling Supervisor, recognized Washington-Lee High School Seniors Katherine

¹ Videos 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.

Mercado and Melissa Montes and Yorktown High School Senior Flor Caceres-Godoy for receiving four-year, full-tuition scholarship from The Posse Foundation. Mr. Tyron Byrd, Director of Secondary Education, recognized Wakefield High School senior Aidan Unudelger for receiving the 2018 Horatio Alger National Scholarship awarding him \$25,000.

4. Announcements

Dr. Kanninen announced the following meetings:

January 19, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8:30 AM, Room 101

January 23, 2018 Work Session on Elementary Boundaries, 7 PM, Room 101

January 25, 2018 ACI Work Session, 6:30 PM, Room 101

Ms. Talento congratulated the middle schools and the comprehensive high schools for earning spots in the District 12 Honors Band.

Dr. Murphy thanked the Arlington County Council of PTA's leadership in sponsoring the Reflections Contest and congratulated the contest recipients. He reviewed upcoming deadlines for secondary options and transfers applications and announced Kindergarten Information Night and the Summer Activities Fair. He provided a short update on current construction projects, spoke about vacant Principal positions, and reiterated the process for inclement weather decisions. Dr. Murphy applauded APS on its recognition as the number one school district in Virginia by *Business Insider* based on the Niche methodology.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Talento. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:
 - a. October 19, 2017 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
 - b. November 7, 2017 Budget Work Session
 - c. November 14, 2017 School Board Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Reclassification Request
Coordinator, Early Childhood Programs

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Appointments
- 2 Resignations

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Retirement

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments

- 3. Receive Briefing Reports:
 - a. School Health Advisory Board Report
- 4. Transfer of Funds from the Capital Reserve to the Stratford and Wilson Projects
- 5. Appointment to the Career Center Working Group

Dr. Kanninen announced that as a part of consent, the Board appointed Susan Rochard as the Arlington Tech representative to the Career Center Working Group. She also announced that the Board received the School Health Advisory Board's Briefing report. The report highlights the School Health Advisory Board's priorities for this year and she confirmed that the Board will hear a monitoring item on this topic in March.

Dr. Kanninen announced that following meeting guidelines to listen to citizen comment on non-agenda items after 7 PM, the Board proceeded with Monitoring Items before Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

E. MONITORING ITEMS:

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

Dr. Murphy presented 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. He encouraged the community to visit the Engage page on the APS web site for updates and engagement opportunities.

The update included information on the process for the school/facility naming policy criteria, acceptable use policy, possible upcoming program and school moves, operational planning, and capital initiatives.

- 2. FY 2018 Mid-Year Fiscal Monitoring Report:

Ms. Peterson presented a mid-year fiscal report on the revenue and expenditure status, and a summary of mid-year funds available for the FY 18 Budget. In addition, she gave a status report on the various FY 18 Capital Construction Projects through the period ending November 30, 2017.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, Compensation Committee Chair, Arlington Education Association parent: support for step increase for staff.

The Board discussed funding related to staff turnover and construction project costs.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Chips Johnson, Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Civic Association community member: praised staff for their work related to the January 17 community meeting regarding the New Elementary School at Reed.

Ingrid Gant, President, Arlington Education Association: spoke about inclement weather decisions and expressed her concerns related to facility maintenance at Wakefield High School.

Mr. Chadwick briefly summarized steps being taken to remediate some of the maintenance issues at Wakefield.

F. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Final Design and Construction Contract Award for full GMP for Fleet Elementary School

Mr. Ben Burgin, Assistant Director, Design and Construction presented the final proposed design and construction contract award for full GMP for Fleet Elementary School and shared a summary of the space use, floor and site plans.

Ms. Talento made the following motion:

Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, various community groups and leaders, and the Superintendent's recommendation, I move that the School Board take the following actions as illustrated in the exhibits presented at the January 18, 2018 School Board meeting, which are identical to those shown at the January 4, 2018 meeting:

- *Approve the final design for the project as generally described in Exhibits A through F;*
- *Approve the total project budget, funding available, and joint fund items as described in Exhibits G through I; and*
- *Award Phase 2 – Construction Phase Services (GMP) contract to Whiting-Turner in the amount of \$46,750,000 by increasing the existing purchase order to include the added contract value.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Grady.

Ms. O'Grady advocated for staff to continue to explore ways to add a koi pond and an elevator. Ms. Van Doren requested information on how principles of universal design

were applied to this project. Mr. Burgin spoke about prioritizing building accessibility at various phases of the design.

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

2. Final Design and Construction Contract Award for full GMP for New School at Wilson:

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, presented the final proposed design and construction contract award for full GMP for the new school at the Wilson site and shared a summary of the learning and shared spaces for the Stratford Program and HB-Woodlawn Secondary Program. Mr. Chambers also reviewed the floor plans for each level of the Wilson Site.

The following speakers addressed the Board, expressing concerns regarding the building design and accessibility for disabled students. Speakers stated specific concerns about the main entrance and expressed support for an inclusive building design for all facilities:

Tauna Szymanski, parent
Josh Folb for Caroline Levy, Stratford Program parent
Hannah Grieco, Campbell Elementary parent
Michelle Best, parent
Tauna Szymanski for Margaret Gorman, parent
Alisa Cowen, parent

Mr. Goldstein made the following motion:

Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, various community groups and leaders, and the Superintendent’s recommendation, I move that the School Board take the following actions as illustrated in the exhibits presented at the January 18, 2018 School Board meeting, which are identical to those shown at the January 4, 2018 meeting:

- *Approve the final design for the project as described in Exhibits A through I;*
- *Approve total project budget, funding available, and joint fund items as described in Exhibits J through L; and*
- *Award Phase 2 – Construction Phase Services contract to the Gilbane Building Company in the amount of \$81,481,364 by increasing the existing purchase order to include the added contract value.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Grady.

The Board and staff discussed features of the Wilson site related to accessibility such as community spaces, building entrances and universal design. Ms. Van Doren requested the Superintendent to build inclusive facilities and have this concept in the forefront of future building designs.

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

3. FY 2017 Final Fiscal Close-Out

Ms. Peterson presented the FY 2017 Final Fiscal Close-Out report to the Board. She summarized recommendations for the allocation of \$18.1 million and described the resolutions that will be approved with Board action on this item.

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking for funding and support for mental health services; and specifically requesting the Brie Mathers program:

Nadine Asef-Sargent, parent

Alisa Cowen, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Naomi Verdugo, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Arlington Health Alliance

David Abromonite, community member

Emma Earnest, Colab Network

Jane, Chloe, and Sophie Posner, parent and APS students

The following speakers also addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, Arlington Education Association: support for staff compensation.

Audrey Clement, resident: support for using close-out funds in other ways

Ms. Van Doren moved that the School Board adopt Resolutions 1 through 5 as presented by staff, seconded by Ms. Talento.

Ms. Talento proposed an amendment to use \$50,000 that will go to supporting our Whole Child work in the areas of ensuring our students are safe and healthy; with a specific focus on pressing mental health issues as identified by our students and their families and our advisory committees, as well as APS staff and administrators. In order to give staff enough time to prepare and plan, activities should commence no sooner than September 2018 and be determined by an RFP process as needed and followed up with an evaluation. The \$50,000 should be taken from the \$3,797,617 allocation to our Capital Reserve Fund for a resulting Capital Reserve Fund allocation of \$3,747,617; then added to our \$3,722,000 allocation for FY18 Requirements for resulting FY18 Requirements allocation of \$3,772,000.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Doren.

Ms. Talento spoke about her support of the Brie Mathers program. Board members shared their commitment to providing mental health services as a top priority, raising awareness in the community, and using resources already in place for additional engagement in this area.

Dr. Kanninen called for a vote on the main motion as amendment was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. O’Grady, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

The Board took a recess at 9 PM and reconvened at 9:06 PM

G. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. School Calendar

Dr. K. Murphy presented the proposed calendar option number three for the School Calendar for 2018-19 to include three different instructional calendars for the division, Barcroft Elementary School, and summer school. Dr. K. Murphy reviewed various considerations in constructing the calendar such as the Code of Virginia, instructional and teacher days, religious holidays, and the calendars of other school districts. Dr. K. Murphy shared the process for developing calendar, community feedback received.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, Arlington Education Association, concerns about committee members and flexible professional development.

Ingrit Gant, Arlington Education Association, support for flexible professional learning days and appreciation for listening to feedback.

The Board discussed results of the calendar survey, concerns related to a longer proposed winter break, and professional learning days. Ms. Talento expressed her appreciation for having the calendar survey available in Spanish.

2. School Board Policy Review Process:

Ms. Julia Burgos, Chief of Staff, shared an update and recommendations for the policy review process from the School Board Policy Review Team. Ms. Burgos spoke about the process under consideration that includes a comprehensive policy review and subscribing to the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) policy services, renumbering existing policies, establishing a format template, creating a policy review calendar, updating the website and developing a communication plan to inform the community of changes.

The Board discussed the schedule for policy updates and suggested revising policies sooner than recommended. The Board also supported adding a glossary of terms.

The Board recessed at 10 PM and reconvened at 10:03 PM.

3. Revision of School Board Policy 45-2 Acceptable Use of Electronic Networked Resources & Internet Safety:

Math Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, Information Services, presented on revisions to Policy 45-2 that limit the focus of the policy to three primary elements related to internet use as required by the Code of Virginia:

- Prohibited use of the Internet
- Internet content filtering
- Internet Safety

Board members discussed the relationship of Policy 45-5 to other acceptable use policies and requested delineating legal consequences where appropriate.

4. Summer School Update:

Dr. Natrass presented revisions to the Career Center enrichment summer school fee from \$518 to \$280 and a recommendation to shift the elementary summer school calendar to provide additional choices to students and more flexibility to families' schedules.

School Board members thanked staff for their work in aligning the summer school schedule to meet the needs of students.

H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board