

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting and  
Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan  
May 17, 2018

**Item C-1-c**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:03 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Prior to the meeting, the Board attended a reception for employees receiving years of service awards.

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Monique O’Grady, Member  
Tannia Talento, Member  
Nancy Van Doren, Member  
Melanie Elliott, 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. CLOSED MEETING: NONE**

**B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:**

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

Dr. Murphy, the School Board and the Executive Leadership Team recognized employees for their years of service at Arlington Public Schools.

4. Announcements

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Dr. Kanninen made the following announcements:

- May 25, 2018 School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting, 8-10 AM, School Board Conference Room

Dr. Kanninen invited all to the APS Honored Citizens recognition on May 31. Mr. Goldstein announced several activities and events at his liaison schools. Ms. Talento recognized that May is National Mental Health Month, and shared information about resources for the community related to mental health.

5. Superintendent's Announcements and Update

Dr. Murphy shared information about testing in APS and other events. In response to comments at the last Board meeting, he confirmed that beginning Japanese and German will be offered. He announced upcoming events and then updated the Board on the status of current initiatives, including policies and policy revisions, operational planning, capital initiatives, and preparations for new schools and program moves. He shared information about the elementary planning initiative, confirming that APS will move forward with the elementary boundary process before considering possible moves of neighborhood or option schools.

Dr. Kanninen thanked staff for their work on these initiatives, and encouraged continued community engagement in the APS processes underway.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA: (6:56 PM)**

*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. January 23, 2018 Work Session on Elementary Boundaries
  - b. February 27, 2018 Budget Work Session #2
  - c. March 8, 2018 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
  - d. May 8, 2018 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Changes in Position/Salary
- 1 Classification Request: Coordinator, Security
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 13 Resignations

8 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

1 Appointment  
1 Change In Position/Salary  
2 Resignations  
2 Retirements  
1 Termination

3. Appointments to the Advisory Council on Instruction
4. Appointments to the Budget Advisory Council
5. Appointments to the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs

Dr. Kanninen announced that as part of consent, the Board appointed Michelle McCarthy Principal, Jamestown Elementary School; Heidi Smith, Principal, Hoffman-Boston Elementary School, and Lori Silver, Supervisor, English/Language Arts. She also announced appointments to the ACI, Budget Advisory Council and Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2019-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: (7:05 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board, stating concerns about a high school at the Career Center that does not have the same amenities as other comprehensive high schools. Some speakers suggested this would negatively affect diversity and others suggested asking the County to provide additional funding to support a school with full amenities:

*Matthew Ambrose*, resident and parent  
*Perrine Punwani*, resident and parent  
*Paige and Megan Haydasz*, APS student and parent  
*Christine Brittle*, resident and parent  
*Richard Normington*, resident and parent  
*Mark Bayer*, resident and parent  
*Kristi Sawert*, resident and parent  
*Christian Brittle*, resident and parent  
*Sargon de Jesus*, resident and parent  
*David Priddy*, resident and parent  
*Lisa Owings*, resident and parent  
*Pete Durgan*, resident and Career Center Working Group member  
*Cynthia Hilton*, resident  
*Ellen Gabel*, resident and parent  
*Jeremy Dutra*, resident and parent  
*Maya Dhavale*, resident and parent  
*Cary Comer*, resident and parent  
*Robert Rosholt*, resident and parent

*Andrea Lehn*, resident and parent  
*Melissa Logsdon*, resident and parent  
*John Snyder*, CPRO president  
*Tatjana*, parent

The following speakers also addressed the Board

*Jennifer Bauer*, resident and parent: opposing using the Education Center site for capacity other than the previously approved high school seats.

Dr. Kanninen thanked speakers for sharing their comments and briefly reviewed the CIP calendar.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:58 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board concerning the elementary planning initiative, urging the Board not to consider moving neighborhood or option schools to different locations and encouraging further study. Speakers specifically referenced changes to Nottingham Elementary and The Key School:

*Anjali Jolly*, parent  
*Carrie Domnitch*, parent  
*Erika Basto and daughter*, parent and Key student  
*Ruth Rivery*, Key parent  
*Allison Jiminez*, parent  
*Patrick Jiminez*, Key student

The following speakers also addressed the Board, opposing changing the name of Washington-Lee High School:

*Betsy Lockman*, alumna  
*Dean Fleming*, alumnus

The following speakers also addressed the Board concerning relocation of the Stratford Program to Yorktown High School, and preferring the option to move it to Reed:

*Millie and Terrig Thomas*, parents  
*Jack Toner*, parent

The following speakers also addressed the Board thanking them for efforts to continue offering Japanese instruction and asking for continued support for this program:

*David Boling*, parent  
*Winnie Brent*, student  
*Miki Terasawa*, parent  
*Sabrina Nelson*, parent

**E. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:32 PM)**

1. Options and Transfers Update:

Dr. Natrass introduced the update on the status of options and transfers, first reviewing the policy and goals. Ms. Corina Coronel then described the work being done by the Welcome Center to manage the application and admissions process for option schools and programs. She reviewed the application process and explained options available to families who have applied to multiple schools/programs. She also explained how wait lists are managed. She then shared data on applications and acceptance at the various programs.

Board members appreciated improvements that have been made to this process and the data that was shared. The group discussed how to ensure that families are aware of opportunities and ideas to improve the lottery. Also discussed was how APS works to achieve the desired balance of Spanish and non-Spanish speakers in the immersion programs. Dr. Murphy provided information about participation in the VPI program.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (8:53 PM)**

1. Discovery Elementary School Exemplary Project:

*Mr. Goldstein moved to approve the Discovery Exemplary Project, "Profile of a Discovery Graduate," seconded by Ms. Van Doren, 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. School Board Policy 20-2.210 Acceptable Use: Electronic Technologies: (8:55 PM)

Dr. Natrass reviewed work being done on all policies related to technology, and summarized the policy being brought for Action. She confirmed that the policy implementation procedure (PIP) provides additional detail on implementation of the policy. She also reviewed additional considerations that have been identified and the timeframe for plans to address those considerations.

The following speakers addressed the Board, sharing concerns about the safe use of devices. Topics of concern include cyberbullying, overuse of devices, health effects of screen time, and the value of hands-on experiences for learning:

*Miriam Gennari, parent  
Marya Michael, former teacher parent  
Laura Ferguson, parent  
Jonn Lau, parent  
Erin Owen, parent  
Jessica Haney, parent  
Ann Marie Douglass, parent*

*Ms. O'Grady moved to approved the proposed revisions to SBP 20-2.210 Acceptable Use: Electronic Technologies, seconded by Ms. Talento.*

Board members appreciated community feedback and staff work and encouraged continued research on health concerns. Staff responded to questions about information that will be in the PIP and the importance of working to ensure privacy and security. Dr. Kanninen summarized key features of the policy and appreciated the work that has been done.

Dr. Kanninen called for a 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. Construction Contract Award for Career Center Internal Modifications: (9:22 PM)

Jeff Chambers, Director of Design and Construction, summarized this contract for internal modifications at the Career Center to accommodate enrollment growth.

*Ms. Talento moved to approve the proposed Construction Contract Award for Career Center Internal Modifications as presented, seconded by Ms. O'Grady. Dr. Kanninen called for a 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.*

4. Change to Guaranteed Maximum Price and Budget for Fleet Elementary School: (9:25 PM)

Mr. Chambers summarized this item, confirming it will improve accessibility to Jefferson Middle School, adjacent to Fleet. He confirmed that by doing this work as part of the Fleet construction project, there will be cost savings.

*Ms. Talento moved to approved the proposed Change to Guaranteed Maximum Price and budget for Fleet Elementary School as presented, seconded by Ms. O'Grady.*

Ms. Talento reiterated that this is not unplanned work, but is being brought forward in this manner for efficiency. Dr. Kanninen called for a 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.

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:27 PM)**

1. Superintendent's Proposed 2018-2024 Strategic Plan

Dr. Murphy described the purpose of a strategic plan and how it informs the work of the school division. He thanked the Strategic Plan Steering Committee members and staff for their work on this initiative and outlined how implementation of the plan will move forward. He recognized that the plan will evolve, but confirmed that the focus on excellence, opportunity and achievement gaps, and the whole child will continue. Dr. Natrass then provided an overview of strategic planning and outlined the proposed framework for decision making and how it will be used. She also explained

how the strategic plan relates to the School Board's and Superintendent's priorities, department and school plans, and key projects and tasks.

Steering Committee Co-chair Ted Black thanked the committee and Board for their support. He described the development of the plan, outlining community input and committee work. The committee's work focused on the mission, vision, core values, goals, desired outcomes, performance objectives and strategies. Committee member Deneen Snow then described how the mission and vision were developed, and described the core values identified by the committee. Confirming that eliminating the achievement gap is not included as a discrete goal, Ms. Snow explained that the group felt the proposed goals are more explicit and encourage a focus on providing multiple pathways to ensure student success for all. Using the goal of Multiple Pathways to Student Success as an example, Meredith Purple, Co-Chair, then explained how desired outcomes, performance objectives and strategies were identified for each goal.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Amina Luqman-Dawson*, parent and member of Steering Committee: thanking the other committee members, appreciating the process, and encouraging the Board to continue this work.

Board members appreciated the committee's work, enthusiasm, and vision. Some Board members were concerned that addressing the achievement gap was not identified as a goal. Committee members provided more feedback on this decision, and affirmed that closing the gap is woven throughout the plan. Ms. Snow noted that in the past, this effort has primarily focused on test scores. Committee member Michael Swisher also explained that the group felt that the need is to address both achievement and opportunity gaps. While appreciating this perspective, the Board noted their commitment to a continuing focus on addressing gaps. The Board also looked for specific and measurable objectives and metrics, and some suggested working over the summer to develop these mechanisms. Dr. Kanninen thanked the committee for their work and the time they devoted to this process. She then briefly reviewed the Board's responsibilities to move this initiative forward.

2. FY 2018 3rd Quarter Fiscal Monitoring Report: (10:25 PM)

Ms. Peterson presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fiscal monitoring report, updating the Board on state and local revenues. She also reviewed expenditures and summarized the status of adjustments and the projection for the end of the year. She confirmed that these figures will likely change once the fiscal year ends, and stated that there are no recommendations being brought to the Board.

Ms. Peterson then presented the update on status of the 2018 Major construction as well as minor construction/major maintenance (MC/MM). She reviewed the funding for the fifteen major construction projects and the status of capital reserves. For

MC/MM projects, she confirmed that 73% of the identified projects have been completed. She then shared key takeaways.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Ingrid Gant*, AEA: speaking to the excess funds in lapse and turnover, and encouraging that these excess funds be used for staffing.

3. Revision of School Board Policy 25-3.4 School Health Services: REMOVED FROM AGENDA

4. Proposed School Board Policy 25-3.6 Use of Service Animals in Schools: 10:38 PM

Dr. Laura Newton, Director, Student Services, presented the proposed policy that ensures that persons with disabilities can be accompanied by a trained service animal on school property. She highlighted eight key components that are part of this policy that will bring APS into compliance with state code.

Responding to the Board, Dr. Natrass agreed to work with the Arlington Special Education Advisory Committee (ASEAC) to address some concerns about the policy.

5. Contract Award for Architecture and Engineering Services for the Education Center Renovation: (10:42 PM)

Mr. Chambers summarized the proposed contract award, providing an overview of the work to be done, and outlining the firm selection process. Mr. Chambers then summarized the project costs and the staff recommendation on the contract award.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chambers provided clarifying information, confirming that the Board can award the contract before the exact work to be done is determined.

6. License Agreement for Parking at Buck Property

Mr. Chadwick summarized the proposed agreement that will address issues with crowding at current parking areas and will replace leased space that will no longer be available. He described the vehicles that will be parked at the site, and where these vehicles will be parked at the site. He then outlined the terms and options in the lease.

The following speakers addressed the Board, stating concerns about the development of this plan, the lack of community engagement, and concerns about traffic, noise and other effects of the plan. Some speakers referenced the recommendation of the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) on possible uses for this site:

*M. Meiers*, resident

*Cynthia Hilton*, Cherrydale Civic Association Representative

*Dawn Cooper*, parent

*Steven Leutner*, parent

*Nia Bagley*, resident

Mr. Chadwick responded to questions, confirming that the earliest work shift begins at 4 AM, and describing how the fleet is moved and the types of activities that will take place at the site. He reiterated that APS continues to look for additional parking in the county, and spoke to the noise ordinance, agreeing to meet with neighbors to address any concerns. The group briefly discussed other possible locations for parking. Also discussed were the JFAC recommendations for the site and if some of the property might be used for students. Reviewing the terms of the lease, Mr. Chadwick confirmed that it can be cancelled with three months notice.

7. ~~Change to Guaranteed Maximum Price for New School at Wilson~~ REMOVED FROM AGENDA

**H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board