

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Work Session on the FY 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and  
the Elementary School Planning Initiative  
April 12, 2018

**Item E-1-b**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 7:03 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

**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  
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
David Blorstad, Finance Director  
Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner  
Gladis Bourdouane, Integrated Project Planner  
Zachary Larnard, Integrated Project Planner

Dr. Kanninen welcomed attendees and the Board and staff were introduced. Dr. Murphy reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Ruiz presented the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process update, reviewing information discussed at previous work sessions and outlining the upcoming work sessions. Mr. Chadwick then presented a summary of capital projects and other improvements that have been studied for possible inclusion in the FY 2019-2028 CIP.

Responding to questions, staff highlighted the projects studied and described the information that will be brought to the Board at the next work session. The group discussed the timeline and process for identifying CIP options and Mr. Chadwick shared information on project cost estimates. Dr. Murphy confirmed that staff will bring forward a full complement of projects to be considered and refined as the CIP is developed. He also noted that projects not selected in the upcoming CIP may still be considered in the future. Board members stated concerns about voting on the framework when detailed information is not yet available, and asked for an update before deciding whether to vote.

Ms. Stengle then presented an update on the Elementary Planning Initiative. She highlighted elementary school openings and program moves planned for the next few years, and confirmed that boundary changes must occur when opening new schools. After reviewing staff’s approach to this

initiative, she shared an update on activities and the scope and benefits of potential changes. She also presented the walk zone review and analysis process, confirming that the analysis of options looked at the impact on teaching and learning, potential walkers, number of buses per school, site growth using relocatables, option school demand, and geographic challenges. She confirmed that the information is being provided to help inform the Board of options but does not include any recommendations. Ms. Stengle then shared the suitability of sites for an option school based on the analysis of the considerations. In closing she described the benefits of considering changes and reviewed next steps.

The group discussed the relationship between current walk zones and expanded walk zones that were used in the analysis. Staff provided clarifying information on how the analysis was performed. The group also discussed using relocatables to manage capacity at option schools. Board members asked that the impact of relocatables on common space and green space be analyzed and provided input on additional considerations to explore to inform this process. Areas of interest include traffic impact and management, managing growth with relocatables equitably, exploring alternate transportation for all schools, and ensuring equity of green space with facility optimization. Board members also asked for more information on transportation impacts and costs and how diversity can be incorporated into the considerations. For option school moves, Board members asked staff to look at the impact on the quality of instruction and school experience and to consider accessibility of proposed sites. Ms. Stengle reviewed the timeline and confirmed that staff will meet with principals to solicit feedback.

Board members thanked staff and appreciated the approach taken to fully analyze options. They reiterated that no decisions have been made, and this session was to receive the staff analysis and other information to consider as the process moves forward. They encouraged the community to stay engaged and confirmed that information will be shared before any actions are taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
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