

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
January 24, 2019

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 5:31 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair (arr. 5:41 PM)
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Erin Wales-Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Zachary Pope, Emergency Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Goldstein moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of Director of Counseling, Williamsburg Middle School, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1) and to discuss plans related to the security of a public facility and the safety of persons using such facility, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A) (19), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Ms. Talento was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM, and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

Mr. Goldstein moved to certify that to the best of his 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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Doren and was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. Talento – Aye; and Ms. Van Doren – Aye.

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING:

Also present were:

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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
Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation

1. Call to Order

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and announced that Ms. O'Grady was not present as she was ill.

2. Recognitions:

Students who received awards in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Visual and Literary Arts Contest were recognized for their creative artwork.

3. Announcements

MEETINGS:

- January 29, 2019 ACI Work Session #1, 7 PM, Rms. 254-256
- January 31, 2019 ACI Work Session #2, 7 PM, Rms. 254-256
- February 1, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, 5:30 PM, School Board Conference Room

Ms. Van Doren shared highlights from the recent Transportation Work session and acknowledged the County staff and County leadership for their participation. She encouraged the community to engage as plans move forward. Dr. Kanninen shared highlights of the CCPTA Reflections event and recognized the Virginia Teacher of the Year. Ms. Talento announced her attendance at the VSBA Capital Conference and shared highlights of topics before the General Assembly this year, particularly those related to schools.

Mr. Goldstein shared activities and events that have taken place at his liaison schools, including a Kenmore fundraising event held to support Special Olympics, a community Book Read at Campbell, and Wellness Month activities at Oakridge.

4. Superintendent's Announcements and Updates

Dr. Murphy announced Principal Appreciation Week and thanked all principals for their dedication. He updated the Board on the kindergarten/elementary and secondary school lotteries and transfers processes, and shared information about family participation. Upcoming events include Kindergarten Information Night, the 60th Anniversary Commemoration of Integration of Stratford Junior High,

and National School Counselors week. He then reviewed the current practice for announcing closures or delays due to inclement weather.

Updating the Board on the 2018-19 Action Plan, Dr. Murphy shared progress made and next steps in the areas of new policies and policy revisions, operational planning, new schools and program moves, and capital initiatives. Dr. Natrass reviewed timelines for developing new policies on equity and inclusion, as well as work on a policy that addresses the needs of transgender students. Dr. Murphy shared plans to monitor progress on the 2018-24 Strategic Plan, and updated the Board on Drew renaming and development of the Instructional Program Pathways. Mr. Chadwick shared updates on capital initiatives including work on Fleet Elementary School, Hamm Middle School, The Heights Building, and the Henry and Drew Elementary school refreshes. In closing, Dr. Murphy encouraged all to visit the Engage webpage for updates on all initiatives.

Staff confirmed that for secondary lotteries, students can be added to wait lists if schools do not currently have openings, and Dr. Murphy agreed to provide regular updates on the policy work underway. Dr. Murphy also agreed to provide more in-depth updates on plans for adding seats at the Career Center, as well as how weather issues are being managed at construction sites.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (8:09 PM)

Ms. Van Doren moved for adoption of the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

- 1. Minutes:
 - a. November 27, 2018 Public Hearing on Elementary Boundaries
 - b. December 12, 2018 Work Session on Academic Performance
- 2. Personnel Actions:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 9 Appointments
- 6 Resignations
- 2 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Appointments
- 1 Change In Position/Salary

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

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

3. Grants and Restricted Programs:

Special Project #4 Arlington Community Foundation

- 4. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy I-10.32 Pupil Services
- 5. Proposed Revisions to School Board Policy M-14 Support
- 6. Funding for Drew and Henry Refresh Projects
- 7. Transportation Staff Facility Renovation Preliminary Project Budget
- 8. Appointment to Drew Naming Committee

Mr. Goldstein announced that as part of consent, the Board appointed Mr. Eustace Stapler as Director of Counseling, Williamsburg Middle School.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:13 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Laura Hampton, Parent, Joint Base Myer/Henderson: stating concerns about the decision related to redistricting that affects the children at the Cody Child Development Center on the base.

Josh Folb, parent, Arlington Education Association (AEA) member: appreciating the new approach to announcing school closings and late start when there are concerns about inclement weather.

F. MONITORING ITEM: (8:20 PM)

1. Annual Update

Ms. Stengle introduced the annual update, confirming that it is mandated by the policy on options and transfers. She noted that the presentation will include an overview of projections and an update on plans for next year.

Mr. Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner, explained how some historical enrollment trends are in flux, and described the updated approach that staff has used to develop the current projections. He also detailed data provided by the County that is used in

this process. He then compared previous projections to the new 2019 to 2028 projections, describing new data that was used to develop the projections. Projected enrollment by school level for each of the next 10 years was also presented. Mr. Ruiz then shared key takeaways from the enrollment projections.

Mr. Ruiz responded to questions about how data on County births is gathered and used in the projections. He also explained how the student generation factors are used and how projections for options schools differ from those for neighborhood schools. Dr. Kanninen looked forward to grade by grade enrollment projections and encouraged continued focus on longer term growth. Board members commented that upcoming Capital Improvement Plans will need to focus on providing seats for this growing enrollment, likely at all levels. Also briefly discussed was how the move of Amazon to the area will affect enrollment. The Board appreciated the work that has been done on the projections, and encouraged continued efforts to refine this information moving forward.

Dr. Sarah Johnson, Integrated Project Planner, then presented steps related to options and transfers for 2019-20. These include changes to the admissions process for 2019-20 for options and transfer schools and programs at the elementary and secondary levels. Dr. Johnson reviewed the process and data used to inform decisions, and spoke to preK program moves that will help balance enrollment. She then briefly reviewed the secondary neighborhood transfers and options processes. In closing, she presented an outlook on boundaries for the next few years.

Staff responded to additional questions, clarifying how the options and transfer processes will be conducted going forward. Dr. Johnson also provided more detail on how wait lists will be managed. Ms. Stengle also explained how staffing is affected by changes in enrollment in different schools. The group also discussed options to accommodate transportation needs for transfer students, and how the immersion programs fit in to this work. Dr. Kanninen expressed concern about housing six kindergarten classes at Claremont, and staff responded to additional questions to clarify plans.

Ms. Stengle then highlighted concepts and processes that will inform next steps, including projections, the PreK-Grade 12 Instructional Program Pathways (IPP), and program evaluations underway. Acknowledging that immersion is incorporated in the program pathways, Dr. Natrass gave an overview of immersion in APS, confirming the commitment to immersion, and highlighting planned next steps to strengthen immersion at all levels. In closing, Ms. Stengle summarized next steps, that include an IPP work session, updating projections in spring, an Options and Transfer Policy follow up, and reevaluation of locations for immersion that will be taken into consideration as part of the 2020 boundary process.

Board members thanked staff for their efforts. Confirming that no decisions have been made about the immersion program yet, the group looked forward to the focus on strengthening the program. Dr. Murphy affirmed that this process will provide all communities an opportunity to engage in the discussions.

F. ACTION ITEM: (10:03 PM)

1. FY 2018 Final Fiscal Status Report

Ms. Peterson described one change that was made to this item after it was presented for Information. The change, recommended by the Board was to move \$343,000 into the Debt Service Reserve, where it will help address the FY2020 budget.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, parent, AEA Compensation Committee chair: commenting on the shift of reserves to support future needs, and encouraging the Superintendent to work more closely with AEA.

Ms. Talento moved that the Board approve the 5 recommended resolutions as presented:

1. *To carry forward funds remaining from FY 2018 to FY 2019, it is recommended that the School Board adopt the following resolution (Resolution #1):*

The School Board requests the appropriation and increase in County Transfer of \$9,263,991 to the School Operating Fund which represents the combination of budget savings from FY 2018 in the amount of \$10,840,499 less a decrease in local tax revenue from FY 2018 in the amount of (\$1,576,508) which is below the amount anticipated and budgeted for in the FY 2018 Adopted School Board Budget.

2. *To provide for the purchase orders/incomplete projects encumbered as of June 30, 2018, that will be paid in FY 2019, it is recommended that the School Board adopt the following resolution (Resolution #2):*

The School Board requests the re-appropriation of encumbrances and budget increases to the FY 2019 Schools Budget as indicated below:

<i>School Operating Fund.....</i>	<i>\$7,138,417</i>
<i>Capital Projects Fund.....</i>	<i>\$25,261,470</i>
<i>Community Activities Fund.....</i>	<i>\$110,289</i>
<i>Food & Nutrition Services Fund.....</i>	<i>\$142,345</i>

3. *In order to continue the special projects and construction projects for which the budget period does not coincide with the school year, it is recommended that the School Board adopt the following resolution (Resolution #3):*

The School Board requests the re-appropriation to FY 2019 of the balances in both the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund and the Bond Construction Fund as follows:

<i>Grants and Restricted Programs Fund.....</i>	<i>\$4,338,159</i>
<i>Bond Construction Fund.....</i>	<i>\$124,133,145</i>

4. *In order to retain the current fund balance reserves (balances as of 6/30/18), it is recommended that the School Board adopt the following resolution (Resolution #4):*

The School Board requests the carry forward of the following fund balance reserves:

In the School Operating Fund:

\$25,319,573 – FY 2019 Adopted Budget use of reserves

\$9,495,442 – Future Budget Years Reserve

\$2,512,239 – VRS Reserve

\$4,700,000 – Compensation Reserve

\$643,621 – Future Debt Service Reserve

\$2,000,000 – Separation Pay Reserve

\$1,000,000 – Health Insurance Reserve – self insurance

In the Food & Nutrition Services Fund:

\$4,264,528 – Fund Balance

In the Capital Projects Fund

\$42,383,778 – Capital Reserve

These reserves will be carried on the books of Arlington Public Schools until the School Board authorizes the use of these reserve funds.

5. *In order to authorize the use of the funds appropriated from Arlington County to Arlington Public Schools in Resolution #1, it is recommended that the School Board adopt the following resolution (Resolution #5):*

The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to use the amount appropriated from the County in Resolution #1 and carried over to FY 2019 as follows:

<i>Addition to Compensation Reserve</i>	<i>\$1,750,000</i>
<i>Addition to Debt Service Reserve</i>	<i>\$ 343,941</i>
<i>Addition to the Future Budget Years Reserve</i>	<i>\$6,566,117</i>
<i>For uses in FY 2019</i>	<i>\$ 603,933</i>
<i>Total authorized uses of carryover funds</i>	<i>\$9,263,991</i>

The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanninen, and the motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. Talento, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10:11 PM)

1. School Calendar

Ms. Wales-Smith presented the proposed School Calendar for the 2020 school year. She reviewed the calendar development process and membership of the calendar

committee. She then outlined requirements and considerations that informed the calendar development, and highlighted the differences between the two options being presented. After reviewing the feedback received on both options, she confirmed the Superintendent's recommendation is calendar option 1, as it provides more consistency for student instruction.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, parent, AEA member: providing feedback concerning staff responses to the calendar survey, and commenting on the high cost of child care in August for staff who must participate in professional development.

Board members noted possible discrepancies in the number of attendance days for students in the two options, and Ms. Wales-Smith agreed to review the calendars to confirm the attendance days are the same. It was also noted that the state may pass a law requiring schools to close on Election Day, which will affect the calendar. The group also briefly discussed additional aspects of the calendar.

2. Contract Award for Construction Manager Advisor Services for the New Elementary School at Reed: (10:36 PM)

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, explained the need for construction manager advisor services for the new elementary school at Reed. He summarized the solicitation process and staff recommendation. He also confirmed that no increase in project funding is required.

3. Contract Award for Construction Manager Advisor Services for the Education Center Reuse Project: (10:38 PM)

Mr. Chambers explained the need for construction manager advisor services for the Education Center reuse project. He summarized the solicitation process and staff recommendation. He also confirmed that no increase in project funding is required.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Reid Goldstein, Chair
Arlington School Board