

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Closed Meeting and School Board Budget Work Session #6

**Item C-1-d**

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:05 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

**Present were:**

Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Tannia Talento, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:08 PM)  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
Monique O’Grady, Member  
Nancy Van Doren, Member  
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning  
John Cafferky, Attorney

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND CLOSED MEETING**

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order.

*Mr. Goldstein moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2- 3711(A)(8), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. O’Grady and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. Ms. Talento was not present at the vote.*

The closed meeting adjourned at 7:06 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 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Ms. O’Grady – Aye; Ms. Talento – Aye; and Ms. Van Doren – Aye.*

The Board took a brief recess and reconvened at 7:13 PM.

**B. BUDGET WORK SESSION #6**

**Also present were:**

Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Tameka Lovett-Miller, Budget Director

First, Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order and gave a brief overview of the budget development process, including collaboration with the County Board. He acknowledged that the vast amount of community input and conversations with staff during various work sessions helped the Board as they considered the different aspects of the Superintendents' Proposed Budget that included a \$8.9 million budget gap.

Second, Ms. Peterson reviewed the Board's proposed reductions incorporated into the Superintendent's tiered cuts, additions being considered, and different scenarios on the possible tax increase and County transfer. She also presented the status of budget reserves. Mr. Goldstein noted that the Board received community feedback on reductions related to Crew, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Outdoor Lab, library assistants and Equity and Excellence positions, and that the Board supports continued proposed funding for these items. Next, the Board discussed new proposed staff positions, employee compensation, budget and compensation study, class size, ART bus pilot, and outdoor lab transportation. Furthermore, the Board discussed the use of one-time funds and reserves.

In closing, the Board thanked the Superintendent, County Board, staff and advisory committees, specifically the Budget Advisory Committee, for their work and input to help the Board deliberate on the budget. They also thanked the community for their advocacy and engagement.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

#### **ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Reid Goldstein, Chair  
Arlington School Board