

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Capital Improvement Plan – Planning Work Session
November 6, 2019

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:01 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Tannia Talento, Chair
Monique O’Grady, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

Also present were:

Cintia Johnson, Interim Superintendent
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
John Giambalvo, Chair, Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
Kathleen McSweeney, Vice Chair, Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC)

Ms. Talento and Ms. Johnson began the work session by expressing their appreciation for the work staff produced and for the on-going collaboration with the Arlington County Board. Ms. Stengle outlined the agenda and objectives for the work session.

To provide context, Ms. Stengle briefly reviewed information on The Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) which is used to guide the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). She spoke about projections and the anticipated need for additional schools at elementary, middle and high school levels. In addition, Ms. Stengle reviewed the AFSAP’s list of potential sites for addressing growth for the FY 2021-30 CIP and spoke about the elementary school planning for 2021 initiative. Mr. Chadwick presented a chart of sites and recommendations organized by corridors to address capacity needs, a brief update on current capital projects, site studies, and the CIP process timeline. He also presented the Board with the proposed School Board’s FY 2021-2030 CIP Direction. Furthermore, Ms. Peterson presented preliminary financial information.

On behalf of JFAC, Ms. McSweeney recommended that APS and Arlington County continue to address the seat funding gap and to identify policy and program options to address capacity, while supporting instructional needs. She expressed JFAC’s willingness to engage in a siting process study and facilities master plan to identify school sites in the future. Mr. Giambalvo spoke about identifying capacity needs and creating a long-term plan prioritizing future construction of schools.

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion about the CIP direction, capacity and facility needs, and recommended corridor sites. The Board requested clarifying information to help provide staff with better guidance on the CIP process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board