

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Item C-1-e**

School Board Public Hearing on the Interim Superintendent's Proposed 2021 Budget  
April 21, 2020

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:24 PM. at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Tannia Talento, Chair  
Monique O'Grady, Vice Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
Barbara Kanninen, Member (participating electronically)  
Nancy Van Doren, Member (participating electronically)  
Melanie Elliott, Clerk (participating electronically)

Ms. Talento called the meeting to order and announced that Dr. Kanninen and Ms. Van Doren were attending the meeting electronically from their homes in Arlington, to help minimize the risk of exposure to the Coronavirus for themselves, their families and the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency.

After reviewing the budget calendar and speaker guidelines, Ms. Talento summarized budget comments received electronically by the Board to be included in the public record (attached). She also reviewed the speaker guidelines.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

*Cynthia Hilton*, Chair, Arlington Aquatics Committee: acknowledging challenging financial situation, and sharing recommendations from the Aquatics Committee including encouraging the Board to increase the admission fees for community use of the pools.

*Bob Ramsey*, Chair, Budget Advisory Council (BAC): presenting recommendations from the BAC, supporting option three as it provides a balanced budget, and encouraging the Board to work with the County to approach the budget situation flexibly going forward.

*Ingrid Gant*, President, Arlington Education Association: appreciating the Board's support for not implementing the furlough day in proposed option 3, and encouraging the Board to continue prioritizing and supporting the staff and ensuring that they are used most effectively.

Ms. Talento thanked the speakers, and reviewed the next steps in the budget process. She thanked staff for their work, and encouraged continued community engagement as the Board works to finalize the SY 2021 Budget.

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**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Tannia Talento, Chair  
Arlington School Board