

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item C-1-b

Work Session on Budget Status Update, Capital Improvement Plan and School Board Policies F-1 Financial Management – Capital Improvement Plan and F-5.7 Construction and Maintenance November 10, 2020

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 6:35 PM. This meeting was held by electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Robert Ruiz, Principal Planner
Jim Meikle, Director, Maintenance
Cathy Lin, Director, Facilities and Operations
Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction
Michael De Palma, Facilities Planner
Helena Machado, Director, Aquatics
Dr. Richard Grip, Executive Director, Statistical Forecasting

Dr. Durán began the Work Session by extending his gratitude to the Arlington community for approving the 2020 School Bond and noting that the \$52.65 million in School Bonds will be used to maintain and improve school infrastructure and address continued enrollment growth in Arlington County. Ms. Peterson summarized the FY 2021 financial projections, FY 2020 close out, and FY 2022 fiscal outlook.

Ms. Stengle then reviewed the School Board motion approving the FY 2021 CIP that outlined parameters for the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. Dr. Grip spoke about enrollment projections and the consequences the pandemic has had on enrollment levels. Mr. Ruiz presented the 10-year enrollment projections, explaining birth forecasts, housing forecasts, and cohort transition rates. Lastly, Mr. Chadwick reviewed the proposed revisions to School Board F-1 Financial Management – Capital Improvement Plan and F-5.7 Construction and Maintenance.

The Board discussed employee compensation and concerns about the budget deficit. The Board engaged in lengthy conversation digging deeper into the 10-year enrollment projections data and discussed the impact of construction and housing changes, growth rates and patterns, and facility needs. The Board also provided feedback on the proposed changes to the polices. They thanked

staff for their diligence in updating these policies and carefully reflecting Board feedback. The Board also proposed holding a Work Session on the Career Center as an after-action item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O'Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board