

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Budget Work Session #6

**Item C-1-k**

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:02 PM. The 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  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
David Priddy, Member  
Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services  
Jeannette Allen, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Catherine Ashby, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
Cathy Lin, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Bridget Loft, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Dan Redding, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation  
Arron Gregory, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer  
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff

The work session began by Ms. O’Grady acknowledging that the Board has received community feedback on the FY 2022 Budget and confirming that the Board has carefully considered messages received on various topics. Dr. Durán thanked staff for their work on the budget process and for providing the Board with information for their deliberations.

Ms. Peterson presented a summary of updates to the School Board’s Proposed Budget. She also presented new expenditures proposed by the Superintendent and a list of items for the Board to reconsider reducing from the budget. The School Board’s Proposed Budget totaled \$698,834,346 which included a budget shortfall of \$11,033,001. Ms. Peterson also presented various compensation option proposals, noting the differences between each proposal.

Ms. O’Grady suggested that the Board consider allocating adequate funding for middle school art classes. The Board discussed the compensation proposals and shared their input in support of their proposal preference.

Dr. Kanninen and other Board members conveyed their interest in discussing the budgetary impact of the preliminary results from the Intent to Return Survey that indicated that about 2,000 students would not be returning to APS. Confirming that staff was still analyzing the data, Ms. Stengle reviewed the Family Selection Process and she provided a summary of student withdrawal

estimates and enrollment projections. Dr. Durán explained the complexity of the information presented and spoke about the ramifications on staffing. Ms. O’Grady requested that Dr. Richard Grip of Statistical Forecasting LLC review the Intent to Return Survey data and enrollment projections to give APS a better understanding of the impact of the data on the budget.

In closing, Ms. O’Grady thanked Ms. Peterson and staff for the diligent work in helping the Board put together the FY 2022 Budget during very challenging times. She also thanked the community for weighing in on the proposed budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Monique O’Grady, Chair  
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