

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Budget Work Session #4

March 22, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:31 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member  
Mary Kadera, Member  
David Priddy, Member  
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Jason Ottley, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer  
Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent of Information Services  
Renee Harber, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Management Services  
Andrew Spencer, Executive Director of Transportation  
Cathy Lin, Director of Facilities  
Jim Meikle, Director of Maintenance  
Zac Pope, Director, Safety, Security, Risk and Emergency Management

**Introduction and Priority #2**

Dr. Durán introduced the agenda for the evening, which included Priority #2 and Priority #4 of his proposed budget. He started his presentation with Priority #2, Advance 2018-24 Strategic Plan goals focusing on innovation and equity. He also went over the funding and investments in Priority #2.

The School Board discussed the increase of Equity & Excellence Coordinators at two secondary schools, the Equity Dashboard and the Sustainability Program. Dr. Kanninen proposed that she would like to add a Partnership Coordinator position depending on the funding availability.

**Priority #4**

Next, Dr. Durán presented Priority #4, Improve Operational Efficiency. He went over the funding highlights of the priority and provided details on the \$9.2 million investments under this priority, which included:

- Network Infrastructure and Technology Supports
- System-wide Operations Improvement
- Opening of WLHS Annex (Old Ed Center)

He explained the need to update the ERP (STARS) system to a Modernization Oracle Fusion Cloud. The system is used for APS's financial processes and human resources functions, and the current system is outdated. He finished his presentation by mentioning information on additional funding not presented in his budget that would be needed to adjust the School Safety Program.

The Board discussed the Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MC/MM), contingency funding regarding COVID, transportation buses, software and communication support, Bell Time Study, and the efficiency needed to implement the results from the study projections. They also discussed cost savings for delaying the planetarium's opening and

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funding regarding Transportation Demand Management (TDM). They continued their discussion about the ERP (STARS) cost factored into moving the current system to the cloud. The Board shared questions about devices and whether there were any changes to the middle schools switching to keyboard devices. They also discussed reassessment of Apple products compared to other products, which are cost-efficient. Information Services is working with the Office of Academics on an audit of these devices to see the value in shifting technology. The results of this audit will be part of next year's budget.

### Conclusion

Ms. Peterson explained that answers to Board budget questions could be found on the website. Dr. Kanninen stated that there had been a significant focus and discussions regarding students. However, she noted that the school system and operational efficiency also mattered to bring stability and save APS money. To conclude, Dr. Kanninen thanked everyone for their input and Dr. Durán reviewed the agendas for future budget work sessions and the FY 2023 Budget Calendar.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

### **ATTEST:**

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Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Arlington School Board

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