

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board and County Board Joint Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes

The Arlington School Board convened on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 3 PM at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Room 307, Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Barbara Kanninen, Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member  
Mary Kadera, Member  
David Priddy, Member  
Katie Cristol, County Board Chair  
Christian Dorsey, Vice Chair  
Libby Garvey, County Member  
Takis Karantonis, County Member  
Matt De Ferranti, County Member

**Also present were:**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent  
Dr. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services  
Claudia Mercado, Clerk,  
Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk  
Mark Schwartz, County Manager  
Kendra Jacobs, County Clerk

Dr. Kanninen introduced the School Board's FY2023 Budget noting that it focused on the students and their well-being, as well as prioritized employee compensation. She was proud to present a needs-based budget that would then be the platform to build a sustainable budget moving forward. Dr. Durán presented the APS FY2023 Budget explaining the budget process and highlighting the development of the budget. He then explained the four budget priorities:

- Priority #1: Ensure student well-being and academic progress,
- Priority #2: Advance 2018-24 Strategic Plan goals with focus on innovation and equity
- Priority #3: Recruit, hire, and invest in a high-quality and diverse workforce to ensure APS is the place where talented individuals choose to work
- Priority #4: Improve operational efficiency

Ms. Megan Mack, Chair of The Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families (APCYF), presented feedback on the FY 2023 Budget. The School Board and County Board discussed the serious need for mental health support, class sizes, and compensation.

Mr. Schwartz presented the County's Proposed FY 2023 Budget providing information about the funding categories, including public schools. The School Board and County Board discussed mental health support for public safety workers, funding for COVID-19-related issues, and debt service.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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