

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FY 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Work Session #2 Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6:30 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Dr. 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. John Mayo, Chief Operating Officer (attending as the Superintendent's designee)
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff
Joanne Uyeda, Interim Chief Academic Officer
Renee Harber, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Management Services
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Ty Byrd, Director of Secondary Education
Kris Martini, Director of Career, Technical, and Adult Education
Jeff Chambers, Director of Design and Construction
Cathy Lin, Director of Facilities and Operations
Zac Pope, Director of Safety, Security, Risk, and Emergency Management

Dr. Kanninen thanked teachers and staff for the extra work they have been doing due to the pandemic. In preparation for the June 7 Work Session, she was interested in discussing the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) direction for transparency to the community. Dr. Mayo reviewed the safety and security projects in the proposed CIP. Acknowledging security enhancement concerns, Dr. Mayo explained that more detail would be presented at the Work Session #3.

Arlington Career Center (ACC)

Mr. Byrd provided information on the instructional options and enrollment of the new ACC site. He explained the difference between option schools and secondary schools. Explaining that the ACC will offer new and more opportunities to students, Mr. Martini talked about the Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. He stated that expanding the building would provide more offerings and open the CTE program to more high school students. Ms. Stengle reviewed the recommendations of the new building specifications and when each part of the project will be completed. She shared information regarding the long-term use of the ACC campus and the ACC Working group recommendations.

Renovation of Existing Facilities

Ms. Lin presented the development of the long-range plan to renovate existing facilities, the rationale for the three major categories, and the areas that were considered critical. She explained the vision plan, next steps, and timeline. Ms. Lin also shared that the superintendent's proposal did not include estimated costs for future renovations.

School Board Discussion

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The Board discussed the animal science program, space, and the types of animals available for the program. They also discussed the access to ACC from other students based on the estimated increased number of seats. It was clarified that the number of classroom seats does not specifically refer to CTE seats. However, they noted that a more extensive facility would allow students to choose different pathways. The Board also discussed future enrollment, the loss of opportunity if a larger building is not built, and the old ACC building being used as swing space. Furthermore, the Board discussed bridging the Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan (AFSAP) and the CIP and provided an explanation of the difference between the two. The Board expressed their desire to analyze the AFSAP because it had not been reviewed since before the pandemic. Some Board members shared their opinions on the lack of estimated costs and felt that there was not enough information to create a 10-year but a two-year CIP. In response, Ms. Peterson spoke about the reason for a 10-year CIP, including information that the County's and APS's CIPs are interchangeable and future projects could not be shown in a two-year CIP. In addition, for anyone interested, Dr. Kanninen recommended reviewing the county CIP's four-step process. She noted that APS is part of the County's CIP, and APS needed to plan side by side with them which leaves no option for a shorter CIP.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

ATTEST:

Carmen Mejia, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board

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