

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Public Hearing on the FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022

The Arlington School Board convened on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:01 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair (absent due to family emergency)
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Mary Kadera, Member
David Priddy, Member
Claudia Mercado, Clerk

Also present were:

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent
Kimberley Graves, Chief of Student Support
Joanne Uyeda, Interim Chief Academic Officer

A. CLOSED MEETING: NONE

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

C. INFORMATION ITEMS (7:02 PM):

1. Revisions to School Board Policies B-3.6.36 School Plan Advisory Committees, C-30 Superintendent Advisory Committees, I- 7.2.3.31 Communication about the Systemwide Instructional Program, M-16 Memorandums of Understanding

Mr. Matt Smith, Policy Review Team Project Lead, proposed two new School Board Policies, C-30 Superintendent Advisory Committees and M-16 Memorandums of Understanding. He explained the revision timeline and provided an overview of the public engagement process. Ms. Smith also proposed the retirement of School Board Policies B-3.6.36 School Plan Advisory Committees and I- 7.2.3.31 Communication about the Systemwide Instructional Program.

Ms. Kadera expressed her apprehension regarding the elimination of School Board Policy B.3.6.36 and providing a mechanism for the requirement of actively engaging parents in the school plan process. Dr. Duran noted that he would work with school principals to put an engagement plan in place.

2. Revisions to School Board Policy E-5.30 School Board Owned Vehicles
3. Mr. Zach Pope, Director of Safety, Security, Risk and Emergency Management, presented revisions to School Board Policy E-5.1 Student Transportation Service and presented new School Policy E-5.30 School Board Owned Vehicles, created in alignment with the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) policy numbering to ensure APS meets the Code of Virginia requirements. He also presented four separate proposed Policy Implementation Procedures (PIPs) created to provide guidance on the use of School Board-owned vehicles.

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4. Revisions to School Board Policies I-7.2.3.34 Communication- Student Progress, Program, and Grading, and I-11.2 Homework

Ms. Sarah Putman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the revisions to policies Policy I-7.2.3.34 Communication – Student Progress, Program, and Grading which included new titles, language to focus on equitable practices, and revisions of the PIPs to align with the respective policies. She also presented opportunities for professional learning and a plan for engaging with Principals and Instructional Lead Teachers.

The Board thanked the community for their feedback during the public comment period. They applauded the work to ensure equitable practices across the school system. Some Board members expressed their concerns regarding the enforcement of the policies, and they suggested a careful communication plan about this matter to parents.

5. Revisions to School Board Policy K-2.3 Interviewing Students

Dr. Jeannette Allen, Director of Administrative Services, explained the proposed revisions to School Board Policy K-2.3 Interviewing Students which included the clarification of some of the language and updated references.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS (7:37 PM):

Before the public hearing began and noting that this was the last meeting of the school year, Mr. Goldstein took the opportunity to wish the instructional staff a safe and relaxing summer break. He thanked the staff for their hard work and service to APS.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Name:	School or Affiliation:	Topic:
Nancy Striniste	Founder, Arlington Living School Yard Initiative	Requesting investment in outdoor learning schoolyards
Claire Noakes	Executive Board, County Council of PTAs	Opposing the Career Center site project and requesting equitable facility improvements at schools
Christina Headrick	Smart Restart APS	Opposing the Career Center site project and requesting equitable facility improvements at schools
Kathleen McSweeney	Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC)	Suggesting including the line-item costs of all projects in the CIP and planning for swing spaces
Michael Bruno	Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC)	Endorsing the Montessori Public School of Arlington (MPSA) move to the Career Center campus
Jonathan Hui	Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC)	Endorsing the Montessori Public School of Arlington (MPSA) move to the Career Center campus
Evan Thomas	Parent, Montessori Public School of Arlington	Endorsing the Montessori Public School of Arlington (MPSA) move to the Career Center campus
Allison Stewart	Parent, Barcroft Elementary School, and Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Requesting prioritizing school entrance upgrades at Thomas Jefferson Middle School due to safety concerns
Dima Hakura		Requesting the investment in the ventilation and air purification system

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Patrick Rasche	Montessori Public School of Arlington	Endorsing the Montessori Public School of Arlington (MPSA) move to the Career Center campus
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E. NEW BUSINESS:

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board

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