

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
February 4, 2016

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 6:32 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair
Nancy Van Doren, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
Barbara Kanninen, Member
James Lander, Member (arr. 6:40 PM)
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

A. CLOSED MEETING:

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
John Cafferky, Attorney

Dr. Violand-Sánchez moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), and to consider Student Discipline matter 1516-01 as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(2), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively. Mr. Lander and was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez moved to certify that to the best of her knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting, and only such public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Doren and was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Lander – Aye; Ms. Van Doren – Aye; and Dr. Violand-Sánchez – Aye.

B. MEETING OPENING

Also present were:

¹ Video clips of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link: <http://www.apsva.us/page/3067>
DVDs of all regular School Board meetings are also available for viewing in the School Board office.

Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Deirdra McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Connie Skelton, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Dr. Brenda Wilks, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and Special Education

1. Call to Order

Dr. Violand-Sánchez called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Presentation of Colors: Arlington Career Center AFJROTC Cadet Corps

3. Recognitions:

Students who received Martin Luther King Jr. Literary and Visual Arts Awards were recognized. In recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, CCPTA President Chris Ditta appreciated the School Board members for their contributions.

4. Announcements: (7:56 PM)

EVENTS:

- February 12, 2016 APS Summer Activities Fair, Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 6 PM

Dr. Murphy thanked families and staff for their efforts during the recent winter storm and announced upcoming events such as Principal Appreciation Week, National School Counseling Week and events commemorating Black History month, including the APS Stratford celebration. He also reviewed activities including Capital Improvement Plan engagement opportunities.

Mr. Lander spoke to Black History Month, and encouraged APS not only celebrate the history of African American citizens but to also educate students about Black history throughout the year. Board members appreciated the Feb. 2 integration event and thanked Dr. Violand-Sánchez, APS and County staff, and community members for their efforts on this event. Dr. Kanninen announced that February is Career and Technical Education Month. Board members thanked the County and Facilities staff for their efforts to clear the recent snowfall.

C. CONSENT ITEMS: (8:17 PM)

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:
 - a. November 2, 2015 Work Session on the Capital Improvement Plan and the Arlington Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan

2. Personnel actions

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 4 Resignations
- 2 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Resignation

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Resignation With Prejudice
- 1 Retirement
- 1 Termination
- 1 Resignation

3. Grants and Restricted Programs:

#14 – 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant at Carlin Springs Elementary

4. Appointment of School Board Liaisons to Building Level Planning Committees
5. McKinley Addition/Renovation Project Budget Construction Management Services Fee
6. Appointment of Members to the Whole Child Working Group
7. Arlington Science Focus School Project Closeout

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:16 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Jim Hurysz, resident: speaking to the use permit for the Abingdon Elementary School, and asking to be fully informed of preconstruction planning for the Abingdon renovation.

Maureen Fanguy, parent: speaking about school crowding, appreciating the community forums; asking for a holistic plan or vision to address crowding over the next 10 years, and encouraging standard educational specifications for the school facilities.

Staff confirmed that no decision has been made on the timing of the new middle school at the Stratford site.

E. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:25 PM)

1. ACI Committee Report: Career, Technical and Adult Education (CTAE)

Michael Shea, Co-Chair, assisted by Kris Martini, Director, CTAE, presented the update, reviewing the progress made on the committee's three recommendations from last year. The first recommendation, award of quality points for dual-enrolled courses, has been implemented by the Board. The second recommendation related to integrated teaching and learning within all curricula, and the committee looked forward to continuing work in this area. The final recommendation was on advancing student outcomes through career pathways and community engagement.

Responding to questions, Mr. Shea provided more information about how the second recommendation could be implemented. Also discussed was expanding outreach to families and community groups to strengthen engagement and inform parents about opportunities. Mr. Shea and Mr. Martini also provided additional comments on participation in dual enrollment courses and encouraging more participation.

F. ACTION ITEMS: (8:40 PM)

1. Charge to Whole Child Working Group

Dr. Kanninen confirmed that there were no changes to the charge to the Whole Child Working Group that was presented last week.

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board approve as Chair of the Whole Child Working Group, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively.

2. Appointment of Chair to the Whole Child Working Group: (8:41 PM)

Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board appoint Heather Sauve as Chair of the Whole Child Working Group, seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively.

Board members recognized the importance of this new effort and thanked Dr. Kanninen, Dr. Violand-Sánchez, Ms. Sauve and Lisa Stengle, Director, Planning and Evaluation, for their efforts. The Board also appreciated community members and County staff who are participating in this process.

3. Final Fiscal Closeout/Status Report and CIP Quarterly Update: (8:44 PM)

Ms. McLaughlin presented the FY 2015 Closeout update, noting that this Closeout and Status report was presented for information on Dec. 5, and has been revised to respond to Board feedback. Ms. Skelton then described the recommended use of some of these closeout funds for several student success initiatives that the Board has

expressed interest in implementing. These include enhanced elementary support, middle school ESOL/HILT and special education literacy, a local history course, and several other areas.

Mr. Lander asked about integration and alignment of the proposed initiatives with Family and Community Engagement efforts and the Office of Minority Achievement. Ms. Skelton confirmed plans to collaborate with all departments and programs, and spoke to enhancing student learning. Mr. Lander encouraged developing a strategic approach when implementing these initiatives such as the Arlington history course. Board members appreciated staff responsiveness in these student success initiatives which are targeted and address needs that have been identified.

Ms. McLaughlin then reviewed the changes to the expenditure recommendations to reflect these initiatives. She confirmed that the funding balances will not change, but the reserve balances will change. She then presented a summary of the plans for use of available funds. Responding to Board questions, Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the proposed future budget reserve, confirming that this budget reserve is undefined. She also spoke to capital reserves and how this funding can be used including for capital projects. She also reminded the Board that only the funds that come from bond premiums must be used for capital needs, but other funds in the capital reserve can be used for other needs.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Gerry Collins, President, Arlington Education Association: thanking the Board for adding funds to the compensation reserve, suggesting it be called a carry forward instead of reserve, and encouraging re-instating the annual step.

Josh Folb, teacher, parent, chair of AEA Compensation committee: thanking the Board for the compensation reserve and for supporting staff.

Ms. Van Doren moved to approve the resolutions as outlined by staff, found on pages 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the power point presentation, seconded by Mr. Lander.

Dr. Kanninen proposed to amend the resolution by reducing the allocation to future budget reserves by \$5 million to be allocated to capital reserves, seconded by Mr. Lander.

Dr. Kanninen spoke to prior actions by the Board to identify and act on allocating funds to address needs and recognizing the number of upcoming capital projects, stated her desire to allocate funds where the Board anticipates costs; sees upcoming costs so would like to increase the capital reserve. Responding to a question, Ms. McLaughlin confirmed that the Board can reallocate funds in the reserves in the future, and that the recommendation being brought forward allows flexibility as the Board considers the projects being developed. She also acknowledged that as the FY 2017 Budget and upcoming CIP processes evolved, the Board will have additional information to inform decisions about the use of the reserves. Some Board members

confirmed their support for this approach. Dr. Kanninen commented on possible uses for the funds she is suggesting be transferred. Board members agreed there are multiple projects to be considered for capital needs, but that these needs have not yet been defined, and again noted that the funds can be moved in the future once projects are identified.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez called for a vote on the amendment. The motion to amend failed by a vote of 2-3, with Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Kanninen in favor and Dr. Violand-Sánchez, Ms. Van Doren and Mr. Lander opposed.

The main motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively.

H. NEW BUSINESS: (9:28 PM)

Dr. Violand-Sánchez moved in student disciplinary action number SBD 1516-01 that the Board:

- a) Accept the Superintendent's recommendation to expel the Student for one calendar year, effective December 18, 2015, and authorize the Chair to issue a letter on behalf of the Board to that effect;*
- b) Permit the Student to participate in a program of education so as to allow the Student the opportunity to complete graduation requirements, to be selected by the Division Superintendent or designee.*
- c) Permit the Student to petition the School Board for readmission to Arlington Public Schools as of December 18, 2016 if the Student has not met graduation requirements by that time, on the condition that the Student not be involved in any further disciplinary actions, including police or court involvement, and that that if readmitted, the Student be placed on probationary status.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Van Doren and adopted in a vote of 4-1, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively and Mr. Goldstein opposing.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair
Arlington School Board