

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting  
June 2, 2016

**Item C-1-e**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 7:30 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Before convening, Board members attended a reception for Arlington Public Schools retirees.

**Present were:**

Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair  
Nancy Van Doren, Vice Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
Barbara Kanninen, Member  
James Lander, Member  
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

**Also present were:**

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent  
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

**B. MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors: Arlington Career Center AFJROTC Cadet Corps
3. Recognitions:

The School Board and Superintendent recognized employees who are retiring from Arlington Public Schools.

4. Announcements: (7:58 PM)

Meetings:

- June 7, 2016 Work Session on the CIP and closed meeting, Room 101, 7 PM
- June 9, 2016 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting, 7:30 PM

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Dr. Murphy recognized schools that received 2016 Virginia Index of Performance Awards, and congratulated the Washington-Lee teacher chosen as Hispanic Teacher of the Year. He announced upcoming events, and encouraged students and families to be safe. Dr. Kanninen announced National Gun Violence Awareness Day, thanking those who wore orange to honor those affected by gun violence. The Board congratulated retirees and appreciated their dedication and commitment to APS.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA: (8:13 PM)**

Prior to voting, Dr. Violand-Sánchez announced that items 6 and 9 will be pulled from consent and considered under Action.

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda as amended, 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. January 21, 2016 School Board Meeting
  - b. February 4, 2016 School Board Meeting
  - c. March 7, 2016 ACI Work Session
  - d. April 23, 2016 School Board Retreat
  - e. April 29, 2016 School Board Mini-Retreat
  - f. May 18, 2016 Closed Meeting
  - g. May 26, 2016 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel actions

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 17 Resignations
- 9 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 3 Resignations
- 3 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation
- 2 Resignations (With Prejudice)
- 2 Retirements
- 1 Termination

3. Appointment of ACI Co-Chair: REMOVED FROM AGENDA

4. Appointment of FAC Chair: REMOVED FROM AGENDA
5. OPEB Transfer
6. REMOVED FROM CONSENT
7. Vacation of Alley at Wilson School
8. REMOVED FROM AGENDA
9. REMOVED FROM CONSENT

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:14 PM)**

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Gerry Collins*, Arlington Education Association President: speaking to fiscal closeout, providing suggestions for managing closeout funds, including uses of excess funds.

**E. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:19 PM)**

1. ESOL/HILT Update

Robin Liten-Tejada, Secondary ESOL/HILT Specialist, and Dan Hauser, Assessment Specialist gave the report. Ms. Liten-Tejada presented the program profile and English language proficiency enrollment. She shared program highlights including success of English Language Learners (ELLs), collaboration with other departments, and integration of instructional technology. Mr. Hauser presented data used to monitor student progress, noting achievements and areas of focus. Ms. Liten-Tejada summarized recommendations and highlighted program bright spots.

Staff responded to questions on data presented and on special education identification of ELLs and efforts to provide appropriate support to these students. Also discussed was collaboration with the ACI ESOL/HILT committee, instructional programs used for ELLs, and progress on establishing an ESOL/HILT program at Langston.

2. Graduation Task Force Report: (8:52 PM)

Dr. Barbara Thompson, Principal, Arlington Mill High School, and Dr. Kelly Krug, Arlington Tiered System of Support (ATSS) Coordinator, presented the report. Dr. Krug reviewed the Task Force's work and summarized efforts implemented to support students working towards graduation. She noted collaboration with Family and Community Engagement (FACE), the Whole Child Work Group, and other resources, and described wraparound services provided to students. Dr. Thompson presented data on dropout rates and the on-time graduation rate for several years. In closing, she reviewed plans for moving forward and key takeaways.

The group discussed being more proactive with students in danger of dropping out. Other topics discussed were the number of unaccompanied minors who drop out, services provided at each level of support, and the work of Community in Schools. Dr. Thompson explained variations in monthly monitoring dropout comparisons and how to interpret data on enrollment. The group discussed the need for strong collaboration and coordination with County services, and wrap around services provided in APS, including how they are funded.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (9:38 PM)**

1. Stratford Schematic Design

Ben Burgin, Acting Director, Design and Construction, briefly reviewed elements that have changed since this item was presented to the Board for information. Changes focus on improving accessibility and commemorating historic aspects of the site. Mr. Burgin reviewed floor plans, highlighting minor changes, and summarized the cost estimate, which includes added funds for lighting replacement, noting that the additions does not exceed the approved budget. He reviewed funding sources and jointly funded amenities. In closing, he reviewed next steps.

The following speakers addressed the Board, thanking the School Board for their work and for the focus on safety and community input. Speakers supported the proposed design and strongly support efforts to incorporate recognition of the historic features at the site, and acknowledged work still to be done:

*Susan Cunningham, Stratford Building Level Planning Committee Chair*  
*Chris Forinash, Public Facilities Review Committee Chair*  
*Joan Lawrence, Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board Chair*

*Ms. Van Doren made the following motion:*

*As part of its December 18, 2014 amendment to the 2015-24 CIP, the School Board approved an Addition/Renovation to the historic Stratford Building (Project) to use as a middle school. The Project was approved to create an estimated 1,000 seats.*

*Since April 2015 there have been numerous meetings with the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC), Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), adjacent civic associations and neighborhoods, County and School Boards, and other Project stakeholders. The School Board previously approved the Concept Design on November 16, 2015. The proposed Schematic Design was presented by APS and the design team to the School Board for Information on March 17, 2016.*

*Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, HALRB and various community groups and leaders, as well as the County Board input provided during the May 14, 2016 work session on the Project's proposed driveway and the Superintendent's recommendation, I move that the School Board approve the*

*Schematic Design for the Stratford Middle School Addition/Renovation Project as generally described in Exhibits A through K of the presentation made at the June 2, 2016 School Board meeting.*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lander.

The Board discussed parking and staff responded to questions on minimizing the impact and costs of parking, confirming plans will continue to evolve. The group discussed concerns about the impact of the access road and other features. Board members recognized the need to keep the project on track and to commemorate its historic significance, and thanked advisory groups and the community for their work.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez called for a vote, and 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. Revisions to School Board Policy 10-14 Legal Representation: (10:08 PM).

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board approve the proposed revisions to School Board Policy 10-14 Legal Representation, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 1, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively and Mr. Lander opposing.*

3. Revisions to School Board Policy 40-1.19 Financial Management – Use of School Facilities: (10:09 PM)

*Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board approve the proposed revisions to School Board Policy 40-1.19 Financial Management – Use of School Facilities, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. 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.*

4. New Elementary School at the Jefferson Site Pre-Construction Contract Award for Construction Management at Risk Services: (10:10 PM)

*Mr. Lander moved that the Board approve the Pre-Construction Contract Award for Construction Management at Risk Services for the New Elementary School at the Jefferson site, seconded by Ms. Van Doren.*

Mr. Lander noted the At Risk Manager process is an initiative that reduces cost overruns and improves quality control. Mr. Chadwick reviewed this process and confirmed this approach ensures that projects are managed with high quality and cost-effectively.

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

5. Change Order above 25% Original Contract Value – Stratford Middle School Multimodal Transportation Services: (10:16 PM)

*Mr. Goldstein moved that the Board approve the Change Order above 25% Original Contract Value – Stratford Middle School Multimodal Transportation Services, seconded by Ms. Van Doren.*

Responding to questions, Mr. Chadwick explained that the scope of this work has increased resulting in the additional cost, and reviewed work that has been done.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez called for a vote, and 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.

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10:26 PM)**

1. School Board Proposed 2017-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Dr. Violand-Sánchez called for a brief recess at 10:28 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:33 p.m.

Mr. Chadwick presented the School Board Proposed 2017-2026 CIP, reviewing the CIP development process. He outlined enrollment growth, projected seat deficits, and use of relocatable classrooms. He presented information on projects in the proposed CIP, including projects already underway, and reviewed recently completed projects. Summarizing funding for committed projects, he described new projects to be funded with reserves. New capital projects in the proposed CIP and how they will affect capacity were also reviewed. Ms. McLaughlin presented the financial analysis of the proposed CIP. In closing, Mr. Chadwick summarized County-owned sites being considered for added capacity and reviewed next steps in the CIP process.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

*Kelly Kumar*, Jamestown Elementary School: stating community concerns about crowding and sharing some suggestions for areas to focus on to add capacity.

Board members appreciated community input and recognized concerns expressed. Dr. Kanninen reviewed Board plans to add capacity and looked forward to working with the County on a comprehensive review of potential sites. She spoke to the proposed CIP, suggesting the Board consider moving the Reed project up in the timeline. She looked forward to continued discussion of these options at the upcoming work session.

2. New Name for Arlington Mill High School Program: (11:30 PM)

Dr. Thompson presented the proposed new name for the Arlington Mill High School Program, reviewing the name selection process and confirming the preferred name being recommended is Arlington Community High School.

Board members appreciated the group's work, and shared comments on the proposed name. Dr. Violand-Sánchez thanked Dr. Thompson for her presentation.

4. Adoption of Elementary Writing Textbooks: (11:37 PM)

Dr. Donna Snyder, Director, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, reviewed the textbook adoption process and timeline and presented the proposed materials. The process included review of multiple programs and consideration of stakeholder feedback. She confirmed two programs being recommended, one focused on reading and the other focused on writing. These are Step Up to Writing and Teachers College Units of Study, and Dr. Snyder described features of these programs. In closing, she outlined next steps and future textbook recommendations.

Dr. Snyder responded briefly to Board questions providing, and Dr. Violand-Sánchez confirmed this item will come back for Board action on June 9.

**I. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Emma Violand-Sánchez, Chair  
Arlington School Board