

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
July 20, 2016

Item C-1-d

The Arlington School Board convened on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at 5:01 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member (arr. 5:08 PM)
James Lander, Member
Emma Violand-Sánchez, Member

Also present were:

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Van Doren called the meeting to order. *Ms. Van Doren moved that the School Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters including the appointment of Assistant Superintendent, Finance; Director, Design and Construction; Interim Principal, Kenmore Middle School; and 0.50 Interim Assistant Principal, Washington-Lee High School, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1),* seconded by Dr. Violand-Sánchez. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Van Doren and Dr. Violand-Sánchez voting affirmatively, and the Board convened in a closed meeting. Mr. Goldstein was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM and the Board reconvened in an open meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Van Doren 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, seconded by Dr. Kanninen and adopted in a vote of 5-0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Dr. Kanninen – Aye; Mr. Lander – Aye; Ms. Van Doren – Aye; and Dr. Violand-Sánchez – Aye.

Ms. Van Doren called for a brief recess. The Board reconvened in a meeting at 5:30 PM.

Also present were:

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

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Deirdra McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Tyrone Byrd, Director, Secondary Education
Jennifer Harris, Director, Communication

B. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements: (5:30 PM)

Dr. Murphy shared highlights from Summer School, reminded the community of reading activities underway, and announced Barcroft's first day.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (5:32 PM)

Dr. Violand-Sánchez 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:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 3 Changes in Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 20 Resignations
- 3 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Resignation

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 20 Appointments
- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 1 Resignation With Prejudice
- 2 Resignations
- 1 Retirement

Ms. Van Doren announced that as part of Consent, Leslie Peterson was appointed Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management; Jeffrey Chambers was appointed Director, Design and Construction; David McBride was appointed Interim Principal, Kenmore Middle School; and Adam Hoo was appointed 0.50 Interim Assistant Principal, Washington-Lee High School.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (5:36 PM)

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Stan Carson, Rosslyn community: speaking about the Mongolian School, appreciating that it will be allowed to meet in the Key School when the Wilson site is no longer available.

E. ACTION ITEMS: (5:45 PM)

1. New Elementary School at the Jefferson Site Concept Design

Mr. Burgin briefly reviewed the proposed concept design, summarizing the process timeline, concept design, and cost information.

Dr. Kanninen made the following motion:

Following rigorous community input spanning the work of the Thomas Jefferson Working Group (TJWG) and South Arlington Working Group (SAWG) both the School Board and County Board approved the use of the northwest corner of the Thomas Jefferson site for a new elementary school at its December 3, 2015 and December 15, 2015 meetings, respectively. On April 7, 2016 the School Board identified Patrick Henry Elementary as the school community that will occupy the new elementary school.

Since April 2016 there have been numerous meetings with the Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC), adjacent community members, County and School Boards, and other project stakeholders. The proposed concept design was presented by APS and the design team to the School Board for Information on July 1, 2016.

Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, various community groups and leaders, and the Superintendent's recommendation, I move that the School Board approve the concept design for the project as generally described in Exhibits A through M of the presentation made at the July 20, 2016 School Board meeting.

By approving Exhibits A through M the School Board approves the following aspects of the concept design:

- *General location, height, and massing of the building;*
- *General site layout and circulation, including building frontage on South Old Glebe and location of bus loop, service access, and pick-up/drop-off;*
- *Use of a structured parking garage to accommodate the required parking;*
- *General layout of program spaces and minimum seating capacity of 725 students;*
- *Project completion date to be in time for the start of school in September 2019;*
- *\$59.0 million in total funding available;*
- *\$17.9 million in funding from the County/School Board Joint Fund; and*
- *The process to determine any boundary adjustments to include all stakeholders.*

The motion was seconded by Dr. Violand-Sánchez.

The following speakers addressed the Board opposing the design and sharing concerns about traffic and other potential issues. Additional concerns were that the new building is too close to residential properties and will negatively impact green space. One speaker suggested expanding Henry Elementary instead of building a new school:

Lisa Turcios, resident

Molly Calkins, resident

Juliet Hiznay, Friends of Jefferson Park BLPC representative

Maureen Critchley, resident

The following speaker also addressed the Board:

Steve Sockwell, Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC): Sharing the support of the PFRC for the design, noting a strong process including community discussion as the plan was developed, and recognizing challenges at the site still to be addressed. He also shared comments from the Chair of the BLPC supporting the concept design.

Responding to the Board, Mr. Burgin described the outdoor space in more detail and confirmed suggestions concerning space will be considered. Mr. Goldstein recognized community concerns, but noted that this is a joint use facility that supports amenities for the broader community. Mr. Chadwick confirmed that as the project moves forward, staff will look at options related to the height of the garage.

Ms. Van Doren 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. Wilson Schematic Design: (6:09 PM)

Mr. Burgin briefly reviewed the schematic design, noting differences since it was presented for information. After briefly reviewing the design and cost information, he presented an interim site plan including the possible temporary fire station on the site. He also shared an alternative site plan if no garage is built under the field.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Melissa McCracken, Chair, Wilson Building Level Planning Committee: appreciating the progress that has been made, but recognizing additional challenges that will need to be addressed. In particular, she shared concerns about transportation to the site.

Steve Sockwell, Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC): sharing the PFRC's support for the schematic design; recognizing concerns about the options being considered for the garage and sharing his thoughts about the temporary parking garage consideration.

The following speakers also addressed the Board, asking that the Board include some effort to preserve the history of the original Wilson school:

Stuart Stein, resident
Stan Karson, RAFOM member

The following speakers also addressed the Board, stressing the importance of providing permanent parking at the site for use for school and community activities:

Kristen Colston, H-B Woodlawn PAC
Paul Mulligan, Rosslyn resident

Mr. Lander made the following motion:

As part of its December 18, 2014 amendment to the 2015-24 CIP, the School Board approved a new school at the Wilson Site for the following programs: H-B Woodlawn Secondary School, Stratford Program, ESOL/HILT and Asperger's Programs currently located at the Stratford site. The Project was approved for 775 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 December 3, 2015. The proposed Schematic Design was presented by APS staff and the design team to the School Board for Information on July 1, 2016.

Having carefully reviewed the extensive input from the BLPC, PFRC, various community groups and leaders, and the Superintendent's recommendation, I move that the School Board approve the schematic design for the project as generally described in Exhibits A through T of the presentation made at the July 20, 2016 School Board meeting.

By approving the exhibits the School Board approves the following aspects of the design:

- Building location, height, and massing;*
- General site layout and circulation, including building frontage on Wilson Boulevard and athletic field on 18th Street North;*
- General layout of program spaces and minimum seating capacity of 775 students for the following programs: H-B Woodlawn Secondary School, Stratford Program, ESOL/HILT and Asperger's Programs currently located at the Stratford site;*
- Structured parking beneath the athletic field;*
- Projected completion date to be in time for the start of school September 2019;*
- \$100.82 million in total funding available which includes \$6.02 million in funding from the County/School Board Joint Fund; and*
- An alternative site plan, without structured parking, should the County Board provide sufficient Equivalent Permanent Parking on the Penzance site consistent with the contemplated License Agreement with the County. Total funding*

available for the alternative site plan is \$95.82 million, provided that the parking structure is not constructed.

The School Board directs staff to proceed immediately toward a use permit submission of the proposed design, inclusive of the parking structure. The School Board recognizes that the use permit submission may require amendment if the County Board provides sufficient Equivalent Permanent Parking as consistent with the contemplated License Agreement with the County.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Violand-Sánchez.

Explaining that he is looking to include additional parking and to provide options to manage parking at the site, Mr. Goldstein proposed the following amendment:

I move that the School Board approve the schematic design for the project as generally described in Exhibits A through R of the presentation made at the July 20, 2016 School Board meeting.

By approving the exhibits A through R, the School Board approves the following aspects of the design:

- *Building location, height, and massing;*
- *General site layout and circulation, including building frontage on Wilson Boulevard and athletic field on 18th Street North;*
- *General layout of program spaces and minimum seating capacity of 775 students for the following programs: H-B Woodlawn Secondary School, Stratford Program, ESOL/HILT and Asperger's Programs currently located at the Stratford site;*
- *Structured parking beneath the athletic field;*
- *Projected completion date to be in time for the start of school in September 2019; and*
- *\$100.82 million in total funding available which includes \$6.02 million in funding from the County/School Board Joint Fund*

Following the County Board's decision in September 2016 regarding the site of a temporary fire house, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board whether or not to build a school parking lot under the playing field. That recommendation will include timing, cost, and phasing of the project. The alternate site plans without structured parking, contained in exhibits S and T, will be considered at that time.

The School Board directs staff to proceed immediately toward a use permit submission of the proposed design, inclusive of the parking structure.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Kanninen.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez was concerned about the number of parking spaces in Mr. Goldstein's amendment, encouraged continued collaboration with the County, and stated her support for the original motion. Mr. Lander noted that while he is not in favor of 193 spaces, he appreciates the proposed amendment to keep options open and

allow the public to be part of Board deliberations. The group discussed how the proposed amendment would affect the timing of the project, as well as the licensing agreement coming for a vote at this meeting. Mr. Goldstein reiterated that his intention is to allow more time to consider options. Mr. Chadwick explained how many parking spaces are included in the options, and described how the number of needed space was determined. He also spoke to the number of spaces that can be built within funding, and how special event parking will be managed. Ms. McCracken and Mr. Sockwell agreed with Mr. Chadwick's comments that the proposed parking will meet needs. Mr. Chadwick noted that during the use permit process, APS will work to ensure short term parking is available to accommodate parents. Mr. Goldstein appreciated this explanation, and reiterated his goal to preserve flexibility. Dr. Kanninen recognized the challenges of voting with incomplete information, but confirmed she believes Mr. Goldstein's proposal is a good approach. Mr. Chadwick confirmed that the site plan will include a parking structure which can be eliminated if it is not needed.

Ms. Van Doren called for a vote on the proposed amendment, which was adopted in a vote of 4-1, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively, and Dr. Violand-Sánchez opposing.

Ms. Van Doren then called for a vote on the motion as amended, which was adopted in a vote of 4-1, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively, and Dr. Violand-Sánchez opposing.

3. County and Schools Licensing Agreement on the Wilson Project: (7:12 PM)

Mr. John Cafferky, Attorney, briefly reviewed the agreement which allows the County to potentially use APS property for the temporary fire station. The only change is that the amount of space the County is considering is less than previously requested.

The following speakers addressed the Board sharing concerns about the proposal, including how it will affect the students, the instructional program, and neighbors. One speaker appreciated that the County is delaying the decision to consider other options, and one speaker was concern about potential loss of parkland:

Laura Saul Edwards, HB Woodlawn PAC

Danielle Arigoni, HB Woodlawn parent and member, Wilson BLPC

Stan Karson, Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights Civic Association

Dr. Violand-Sánchez moved that the Board approve the proposed County and Schools licensing agreement on the Wilson Project, seconded by Mr. Lander.

Mr. Goldstein asked if there is urgency for Board action, and Mr. Cafferky noted that it will affect the County's development process and timeline for the Wilson site.

Ms. Van Doren 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: (7:25 PM)

1. Authority to Negotiate Lease

Mr. Chadwick briefly explained that this authority will provide to the Superintendent the authority to negotiate for additional space at the Sequoia Facility. The goal is to relocate the Central Office staff to the Sequoia facility, enabling APS to use the Education Center for other purposes and consolidating administrative staff at one site.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chadwick explained that the timeline would have an effective date for lease to start and space occupied by January 2018.

2. New Athletic Co-curricular Activities: (7:30 PM)

Dr. Murphy thanked Connie Skelton, Asst. Supt., Instruction, and Debbie DeFranco, Supervisor, Health/PE for their support in developing this proposal. Mr. Tyrone Byrd, Director, Secondary Education, briefly reviewed the proposal, to expand the current Ultimate Frisbee activity into a stronger program available to students at all middle and high schools. He provided information on how the sport is conducted, outlined the logistics of the proposal, and highlighted benefits of adding this activity in the schools. In closing he reviewed the budget as well as next steps.

Board members appreciated the addition of a new sport for students. Staff responded to questions, explaining that Ultimate is currently part of the physical education curriculum, and confirmed efforts will be made to bring this opportunity to students in all APS programs. Staff confirmed that there are no fees to participate in intramural sports. Recognizing that the budget is estimated, the Superintendent confirmed that additional funding can be made available if needed. The group also briefly discussed how the program will be coordinated, and Board members asked that efforts be made to encourage students with special needs to participate in this sport.

I. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

J. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Arlington School Board