

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting  
September 8, 2016

**Item C-1-c**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 7:01 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.<sup>1</sup>

**Present were:**

Nancy Van Doren, Chair  
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair  
Reid Goldstein, Member  
James Lander, Member  
Emma Violand-Sánchez, Member (arr. 7:03 PM)

**Also present were:**

Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
John Cafferky, Attorney

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND CONVENE IN CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Van Doren called the meeting to order. *Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider Student Discipline matter 1516-02 and Student Discipline matter 1516-03 as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(2),* seconded by Mr. Goldstein. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively, and the Board convened in a closed meeting. Dr. Violand-Sánchez was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 Mr. Lander 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 an open meeting at 7:30 PM.

**Also present were:**

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, Superintendent

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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: <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.

Raj Adusumilli, Assistant Superintendent, Information Services  
John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations  
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations  
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management  
Dr. Laura Newton, Director of Student Services

## **B. MEETING OPENING**

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors: Arlington Career Center AFJROTC Cadet Corps
3. Announcements: (7:33 PM)

### Meetings:

- September 12, 2016, Meeting with the Advisory Council on Facilities and Capital Programs, Room 101 a/b, 7:00 PM
- September 13, 2016, , ACI Reception and Meeting, Syphax Building, 2110 Washington Boulevard, Room 101/103, 6:30 PM

### Events:

- September 14, 2016 – Elementary Schools Back to School Night
- September 15, 2016 – H-B Woodlawn Back to School Night
- September 20, 2016 – Middle Schools Back to School Night
- September 21, 2016 – High Schools Back to School Night

Dr. Murphy shared “First Day Facts” on enrollment, staffing, transportation, and other topics related to the opening of schools. He updated the Board on water testing that has been done, shared safety reminders, and announced upcoming Back to School events. He also provided a review and highlights of the Board’s discussion at the August 30 Work Session on Facilities Planning and Instruction.

## **C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:33 PM)**

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Violand-Sanchez. 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. May 17, 2016 Capital Improvement Plan Work Session #2
  - b. May 24, 2016 Joint School Board/County Board Work Session
  - c. July 1, 2016 Organizational Meeting, School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
  - d. July 20, 2016 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
  - e. August 10, 2016 Closed Meeting
  - f. August 18, 2016 School Board Meeting and Closed Meeting
  - g. August 19, 2016 School Board Retreat
  - h. August 23, 2016 Closed Meeting

2. Personnel Actions:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 2 Changes In Position/Salary
- 3 Classifications Requests
  - Coordinator of Administrative Services
  - Extended Day Team Leader
  - Registration Services Technician

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 342 Appointments
- 3 Resignations
- 1 Resignation With Prejudice

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Resignations
- 1 Resignation With Prejudice
- 1 Termination

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

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

3. Grants and Restricted Programs:

Special Project #3 - Carl D. Perkins Grant

- 4. ACI Appointments
- 5. Emergency Preparedness Plan

**D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:44 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

*Ingrid Gant*, President, Arlington Education Association (AEA): sharing highlights of AEA's activities to help staff prepare for school to open, and looking forward to a great year for all.

*James Hurysz*, resident: concerning work and traffic at Abingdon Elementary School, encouraging APS to pursue proffers from developers to help fund capital projects.

**E. MONITORING ITEMS: (7:53 PM)**

- 1. First Day of School Report

Dr. Murphy thanked staff for a great start to the school year and shared a brief video of first day activities. He described preparations such as in-service activities and Facilities Department efforts, noting that programs such as Food Service and Extended Day are already focused on meeting the needs of the whole child. Staff members from several schools then described their preparations and plans for the new school year, and shared highlights from their first days in the classroom.

Each of the Board members thanked the staff for their efforts and for presenting at the meeting, appreciating their enthusiasm and dedication.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (8:22 PM)**

1. Revision of School Board Policy 10-6.6 School Plan Committees: (8:31 PM)

Dr. Murphy stated that there is no additional information related to the proposed changes to School Board Policy 10-6.6.

*Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board approve the proposed revision of SBP 10-6.6 School Plan Committees, 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.*

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (8:32 PM)**

1. School Board FY 2017 Priorities

Ms. Van Doren briefly summarized the draft priorities, describing how they were developed and sharing highlights of areas of focus for the Board this school year.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez encouraged broadening the focus of the priority on diversity. Mr. Lander confirmed that some priorities are ongoing efforts and commented on how the Board will approach priorities this year, noting their plan to identify measurable objectives to keep track of progress made. Dr. Kanninen spoke to the deliberate process the Board followed in developing this document, and also confirmed there are specific focuses for the Board which will guide their work. Mr. Goldstein agreed with the previous comments and appreciated the concise and focused goals the Board has identified.

Dr. Murphy appreciated the Board's priorities and recognized how they connect to the five Strategic Plan goals. He also commented on how the individual school plans and department plans connect to the Strategic Plan as well as the Board priorities, and he looked forward to making progress in the coming year.

2. Revision of Select School Board Policies: (8:47 PM)

- a. School Board Policy 30-2.1 Accreditation of Schools
- b. School Board Policy 30-Goals

Mr. Adusumilli reviewed the changes proposed for the two policies being brought forward. He explained the reasons for these changes, which are related to compliance with standards and periodic evaluations of programs. He described processes in place in APS that support continuous improvement, and confirmed that the goal of these changes is to streamline processes and bring consistency to what is being done in the schools.

Board members were concerned about the proposed changes, specifically removing SACS-CASI accreditation from the policy, and how this will impact students and instruction. Mr. Adusumilli explained in more detail why the proposed changes are recommended, and Dr. Murphy confirmed the goal is to provide flexibility and does not prohibit SACS-CASI accreditation should APS wish to pursue it. Board members also asked for information about other APS processes related to self-assessment and continuous improvement and how other local jurisdictions handle accreditation processes. Mr. Adusumilli and Dr. Murphy agreed to provide additional information to the Board comparing the different accreditation models as well as information on models used by other jurisdictions.

3. Stratford Middle School Project Architecture/Engineering Fees Change Order: (9:01 PM)

Mr. Ben Burgin, Assistant Director, Design and Construction, briefly reviewed the change order, explaining why there was a change in costs and confirming that the project will remain within previously approved funding. The fee increase resulted from additional time needed for the project as well as an expanded project scope. Responding to questions, Mr. Burgin provided additional information about the change order.

4. Framework for Proposed Refinements to High School Attendance Zone Boundaries: (9:07 PM)

Zachary Larnard, Facilities Planner, provided an overview of the framework being proposed to consider refinements to high school attendance zone boundaries. He explained that any identified boundary changes would apply only to rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders beginning in Fall 2017, and the purpose of this process is to help balance enrollment and better utilize available space. Mr. Larnard reviewed the process steps identified to consider boundaries, presented a proposed timeline and implementation for recommended changes, and reviewed the proposed schedule for this process.

Staff responded to questions, describing the online boundary tool that will be available for community members to provide input, as well as outlining other communications tools to be used. Staff also explained the additional information that will be brought forward at the next Board meeting. The group discussed the importance of outreach in this process and the need for focus on a culturally, linguistically responsive community engagement plan, as well as involvement of the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs. The Board thanked staff and looked forward to the next presentation.

**H. NEW BUSINESS: (9:20 PM)**

Student Discipline Matter 1516-02

Ms. Van Doren made the following motion: *In student discipline matter 1516-02, I move that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled effective June 13, 2016 and that the Chair be authorized to issue a letter to that effect.* The motion was seconded by Dr. Violand-Sánchez and was adopted by a vote of 3 - 1, with Dr. Kanninen, Dr. Violand-Sánchez and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively and Mr. Goldstein opposing. Mr. Lander abstained.

Student Discipline Matter 1516-03

Ms. Van Doren made the following motion: *In student discipline matter 1516-03, I move that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the student be expelled effective June 13, 2016 and that the student be allowed to receive educational services in an alternative program or setting to be determined by the Division Superintendent or designee, and that the Chair be authorized to issue a letter to that effect.* The motion was seconded by Dr. Violand-Sánchez and was adopted by a vote of 3 - 2, with Mr. Lander, Dr. Violand-Sánchez and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively and Mr. Goldstein and Dr. Kanninen opposing.

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Nancy Van Doren, Chair  
Arlington School Board