

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

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at 7:30 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair (arr. 7:25 PM)
Reid Goldstein, Member
James Lander, Member
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

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 Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of Director, Talent Acquisition and Management, as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1),* seconded by Mr. Goldstein. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Lander and Ms. Van Doren. Dr. Kanninen was not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 7:14 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. Goldstein and adopted in a vote of 3-0. The voting record is as follows: Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Mr. Lander – Aye; and Ms. Van Doren – Aye. Dr. Kanninen was not present at the vote.

Ms. Van Doren called for a brief recess. The Board reconvened in an open meeting at 7:30 PM.

Also present were:

John Chadwick, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
Linda Erdos, Assistant Superintendent, School and Community Relations
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

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.

Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management
Dr. Brenda Wilks, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and Special Education
Terrance Proctor, Director, Infrastructure Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order

Ms. Van Doren called the meeting to order and announced that Dr. Violand-Sánchez was absent due to illness.

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

3. Recognition

Students from Gunston Middle School were recognized for their achievements at the Odyssey of the Mind World competition.

4. Announcements: (7:41 PM)

Meetings:

- November 1, 2016, Joint School Board/County Board Work Session – County Board room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. 3rd Floor, 6 – 9 PM

Events:

- October 27, 2016 “What We Heard” Community Meeting on High school Boundary Refinements, Washington-Lee Cafeteria, 7 PM

Dr. Murphy shared highlights from College and Career Night, the high school boundary refinement process, and the Drew visioning process. He also described Disabilities Awareness Month and Bullying Prevention Month activities, and shared a video on a summer literacy initiative.

C. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:50 PM)

Mr. Lander moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively. The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:

- September 27, 2016 Work Session on Policies
- September 28, 2016 Budget Advisory Council Meeting
- September 30, 2016 School Board Mini-Retreat

2. Personnel Actions:

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Change in Position/Salary
- 1 Reclassification
HRMS Administrator
- 1 Resignation With Prejudice

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 2 Resignations

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Resignation With Prejudice
- 1 Retirement

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 3 Appointments
- 1 Resignation
- 3 Resignations With Prejudice
- 1 Retirement

3. Grants and Restricted Programs:

Special Project #9 – ISAEP Grant – GED Program for 16-19 year olds
Special Project #10 – Race to GED Grant
Special Project #11 – Project Lead the Way/Abingdon, Nottingham & Oakridge

4. ACI Appointments

Ms. Van Doren announced that as a part of consent, the Board appointed Erin Wales-Smith Director, Talent Acquisition and Management.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:53 PM)

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Josh Folb, Chair, Arlington Education Association (AEA) Compensation Committee: looking forward to the APS compensation study, sharing the AEA’s own compensation study, and encouraging the Board to restore the step as part of School Board Policy 35-8.1.

E. ACTION ITEMS: (7:57 PM)

1. New Elementary School at the Jefferson Site Schematic Design

Mr. Ben Burgin, Assistant Director, Design and Construction, summarized the Schematic Design for the new elementary school to be built on the Jefferson site. He reviewed the project timeline, summarized planned space, and shared a brief description of the floor plan. He also presented available funding for the project and the estimated cost. In closing, Mr. Burgin shared a brief virtual tour of the building.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Juliet Hiznay, Friends of TJ Park: appreciating and supporting the building design, but encouraging APS to involve the community in plans for outdoor elements at the site to ensure that it respects the community interest in maintaining parkland.

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 their 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 School Board approved the concept design for the new school on July 20, 2016. The proposed schematic design was presented by APS and the design team to the School Board for Information on October 6, 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 J of the presentation made at the October 20, 2016 School Board meeting.

By approving Exhibits A through J the School Board approves the following aspects of the Schematic 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; and*
- *\$17.9 million in funding from the County/School Board Joint Fund*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lander.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chadwick described how the building was planned with an integrated system to reduce energy consumption to the minimum, and agreed to provide more detailed information. Dr. Kanninen then shared brief comments from Megan Haydasz, Chair of the Building Level Planning Committee.

Ms. Van Doren called for a vote and the motion adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

2. Revision of School Board Policy 25-1.9 Privacy Rights and Regulations: (8:17 PM)

Dr. Murphy confirmed that there is no new information on this item.

Mr. Lander moved that the Board approve the revision of School Board Policy 25-1.9 Privacy Rights and Regulations as presented, seconded by Dr. Kanninen., and the motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

3. Internal Audit Plan: (8:18 PM)

Mr. Mickevice confirmed that there is no additional information since this item was presented for Information. Ms. Van Doren thanked Mr. Mickevice for his work.

Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board approve the proposed Internal Audit Plan, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 4 – 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (8:19 PM)

1. Summer School Report and Fees

Dr. Natrass, introduced the presentation on Summer School 2016, sharing a video of one of the summer enrichment programs offered. Mr. Tyrone Byrd, Supervisor, Secondary Education, then provided an overview of the Summer School program, describing courses offered, staffing and enrollment. He also presented data on SOL pass rates for students who participated in both new work and in make-up and strengthening classwork. Dr. Natrass then summarized goals for strengthening summer school, which include increasing options for students, increasing student success in make-up and strengthening courses, and providing support in reading and math for students with the greatest need. In closing, Dr. Natrass then presented proposed fees for Summer School 2017.

Responding to questions, Dr. Natrass spoke to expanding enrichment and remediation in summer school, and the group was interested in providing additional learning opportunities to students, at the same time recognizing that this may have budget implications. Also discussed was how the shorter school program this past summer affected students, and Dr. Natrass confirmed staff will consider this experience as plans are made for the coming summer. Board members also expressed interest in expanding summer options, such as providing more blended learning opportunities and courses at the Career Center.

2. Middle School and High School Program of Studies: (8:35 PM)

Mr. Byrd presented the proposed changes to the Secondary School Program of Studies, acknowledging Department of Instruction staff who participated in this process. He outlined purpose and goals of the Program of Studies, and explained how potential revisions are identified and selected to be brought forward for Board review.

Responding to questions, Ms. Kathleen Bragaw, Program Specialist, provided more information about how revisions of the Program of Studies are selected, and spoke to feedback from advisory groups such as the ACI. Staff also provided information about staffing and curriculum development for courses that were added or revised. Ms. Bragaw shared additional information about the proposed middle school robotics course. The group also discussed how changes to the Program of Studies should be focused on strengthening current programs and providing additional opportunities to students. Dr. Natrass confirmed that staff is looking most closely at World Languages and CTE courses to make sure there are course sequences to build these programs. Finally, the group discussed how to strengthen efforts to ensure that families receive and understand the information about the many opportunities available to their students.

3. Revision of Select Human Resources School Board Policies: (9:02 PM)
 - a. SBP 35-4.3 Workplace Violence
 - b. SBP 35-4.5 Employee Communication in Native Language

Dr. Kristi Murphy presented proposed changes to these School Board Policies, which is the addition of the Code of Virginia citations to the documents.

4. REMOVED FROM AGENDA
5. License Agreement with County for Bus Parking at 2629 Shirlington Road: (9:05 PM)

Mr. Chadwick outlined the proposed license agreement with the County to provide parking space for APS buses at Shirlington through June 2018. He explained that the space currently used for these vehicles will not be available due to County needs.

H. NEW BUSINESS: (9:10 PM)

There was no new business.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Arlington School Board