

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Board Meeting  
November 15, 2016

**Item C-1-b**

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, November 15, 2016, at 6:30 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. 6:32 PM)  
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  
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services  
Dr. Brenda Wilks, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and Special Education

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. MEETING OPENING**

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

Co-Chairs Monique O’Grady and Peter Fallon reported on the 2016 Bond campaign. Ms. O’Grady spoke to the projects that will be funded and Mr. Fallon shared data on the vote, noting that this Bond received more votes than any other. The co-chairs thanked the Board, staff, and others who supported the campaign, and shared information about the effort. The Board thanked Ms. O’Grady and Mr. Fallon for their efforts. Mr. Goldstein noted that the Bond campaign is a totally voluntary effort, and appreciated the community support.

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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.

4. Announcements: (6:45 PM)

Meetings:

- November 16-18, 2016 Virginia School Boards Association Annual Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia

Ms. Van Doren recognized scouts from Troop 167 who were in attendance. Dr. Kanninen congratulated Ms. Van Doren on her re-election. She also announced the Arlington Tech Open House and encouraged families to explore this program.

In light of the recent election, Ms. Van Doren spoke to the mission, vision and core values that guide APS and the Board in their work. She reaffirmed the Board's commitment to supporting the students and families of Arlington and the importance of treating all with respect. Dr. Violand-Sánchez also made a statement encouraging Arlington to continue to be strong, welcoming, and respectful of all the diverse members of the community.

Dr. Murphy announced the strong performance of APS in the 2017 Niche rankings, and encouraged students to consider attending Arlington Tech. He also announced events including the Color of Leadership Conference and the Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition. He recognized Cathy Hix, Social Studies Supervisor, and teachers Jennifer Burgin and Elizabeth Kuleski as well as other staff who collaborated on a book about local history, "A is for Arlington." Dr. Murphy commented on his conversations with staff about ensuring that students feel safe and valued in APS, and he wished all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Refinements to High School Attendance Zone Boundaries: (7:06 PM)**

Ms. Lisa Stengle, Director, Planning and Assessment, briefly reviewed the options being considered by the Board She presented a few corrections and clarifications related to development of the options being considered, and provided a detailed description of the additional option requested by the Board at the recent work session.

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking that planning unit 1303 not be moved from the Washington-Lee attendance zone, citing alignment and proximity as factors that should be given strong consideration. Some also noted the impact this move would have on the diversity in the schools:

*Charles Boone*, Washington-Lee parent  
*Symone Walker*, Planning Unit 1303  
*Dr. Michael McComis*, resident  
*Rob Blackwell*, Boulevard Manor parent

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking the Board to focus on balancing economic diversity in all schools and cautioning them not to move so many students as to cause crowding at Wakefield:

*Megan Haydasz*, future Wakefield parent  
*Kelly Maguire*, Henry and Jefferson parent  
*Christine Brittle*, Henry and Jefferson parent  
*Melissa Logsdon*, Henry parent

The following speakers addressed the Board speaking in support of option three, which they believe best supports diversity and efforts to eliminate the achievement gap, and that also best addresses the criteria in the boundary policy:

*Katherine Novello*, parent  
*Stacy Zee*, Arlington Forest Citizens Association  
*Elizabeth Delisle*, resident  
*Dana Kelley*, parent  
*Dedra Curteman*, parent

The following speakers addressed the Board, speaking in support of option four, stating their belief that it best balances capacity in all schools:

*Cory Folliard*, Nottingham/Williamsburg parent  
*Reilly Folliard*, Williamsburg student

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking that no students be shifted from walking to buses, stressing the importance of walkability and a sense of community. Some speakers specifically asked that planning unit 2311 remain at Washington-Lee:

*Martha Welman*, Maywood Civic Association  
*Rod Volz*, Maywood Community Association  
*Marcy Gessel*, Cherrydale/Maywood  
*Dugan Messman*, Washington-Lee student  
*Sophia Wu*, Washington-Lee student

The following speakers addressed the Board, asking them to focus their decision on the criteria of alignment and proximity as they consider the proposed options. One speaker specifically asked that planning units 1201, 1202 and 1203 not be moved:

*Jessica Donze Black*, Barrett parent  
*John Weaver*, resident

The following speakers also addressed Board:

*Peter Olivere*, Glencarlyn Citizens Association (GCCA): sharing the GCCA feedback on the options being considered, and asking that all Glencarlyn families be kept together; and supporting the proposals that keep students at Washington-Lee.

*Suzy Bohnert*, resident: opposing moving planning unit 1502 from Washington-Lee to Yorktown, and supporting option 2.

*David Gerk*, Arlington Forest: stating that options 2 and 4 best meet the identified criteria, recognizing that the process is focused on addressing crowding, and asking for a broader discussion on balancing diversity throughout the schools.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 8:04 PM. The Board reconvened at 8:10 PM

**D. CONSENT AGENDA: (8:10 PM)**

*Dr. Kanninen* 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. October 20, 2016 School Board Meeting
  - b. November 4, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Appointment
- 2 Resignations

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

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

3. ACI Appointments
4. Dedication of Utility Easement at Abingdon

**E. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (8:11 PM)**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

*Ingrid Gant*, President, Arlington Education Association (AEA): in recognition of the upcoming holiday, thanking the Board for their efforts and contributions that support the employees and students in APS.

**F. MONITORING ITEM: (8:14 PM)**

1. Arlington Tiered System of Support Update

Dr. Wilks introduced the item, and Dr. Natrass highlighted how data informs work to meet the needs of students through the Arlington Tiered System of Support (ATSS). She outlined the ATSS cycle, and confirmed that the process includes universal screenings of all students and review of school level data to identify and implement interventions that meet students' needs. Dr. Kelly Krug, ATSS Supervisor, then shared the program profile and reviewed the status of implementation of ATSS. The program was introduced in 2014-15 and full implementation will occur in 2018-19. Dr. Krug then recapped some of the milestones to be completed by the end of the current year. She also spoke to the instructional focus of ATSS, which includes targeted professional training and developing a sense of collective responsibility at each school to meet student need. Principal Lynne Wright then described how ATSS is being implemented at Oakridge Elementary School. Dr. Krug reviewed ATSS goals for this year which are to ensure staff has a full understanding of ATSS, and to continue using data to determine need, to respond, and to monitor student progress. Drew teacher Kelly Heiner described progress made by one of her students with this support.

Board members appreciated the presentation. Staff confirmed collaboration with the Language Services Registration Center to identify student strengths and needs and to provide appropriate support. Dr. Krug explained that many types of data are gathered and considered to best meet student needs, and Dr. Natrass shared how data is used to measure progress and adjust interventions. Mr. Lander encouraged staff to focus on individual student needs rather than on characteristics such as socioeconomic status or race. Responding to questions, Dr. Krug confirmed that at this time no additional staff are needed and staff focuses on flexibility in implementing ATSS. She also provided a more detailed description of how ATSS is implemented in the schools and how staff is evaluating the effectiveness of the program. Dr. Wright gave a classroom level description of ATSS, explaining how support is customized for each student using interventions, enrichment, and emotional support. Ms. Van Doren appreciated the progress that has been made and encouraged staff to share more data and examples to help the community understand ATSS. She also encouraged more parent involvement so they can understand and support student learning.

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (9:07 PM)**

1. Middle School and High School Program of Studies

Dr. Natrass confirmed that no changes have been made since this item was presented for information.

*Mr. Lander moved that the Board approve the proposed Middle School and High School Program of Studies, 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.*

2. Amendment to License Agreement for Wilson Property: (9:08 PM)

Mr. Chadwick confirmed there is no new information on this item.

*Mr. Lander moved that the Board approve the amendment to the license agreement for the Wilson property, 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.*

3. Charge to the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission: (9:09 PM)

Dr. Kanninen briefly reviewed this item and confirmed that the Charge was approved by the County Board at their recent meeting.

*Mr. Lander moved that the Board adopt the Charge to the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission, 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.*

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS: (9:10 PM)**

1. Legislative Package

Mr. Lander introduced Lilla Wise, Legislative Liaison, appreciating her commitment and her work to ensure that elected officials are familiar with and supportive of Arlington Public Schools. Ms. Wise presented the proposed Legislative Package, first highlighting issues related to funding, including full funding for the Standards of Quality and mandates, as well as continuation of funding the cost of competing factor. The legislative package also confirms the Board’s support for establishing a School Health Advisory Board to the General Assembly, and continued support for the SOL Innovation Committee. It also expresses the Board’s support of the Standards Of Quality staffing changes proposed by the State Board of Education, and full funding of VRS at the rate recommended in the original funding schedule. Continuing issues include support for returning control of the school calendar to the local boards. In closing, Ms. Wise thanked the staff and Board for facilitating the recent visits to the Career Center by elected officials.

Ms. Wise agreed to inform the Board if legislation related to Dreamers is introduced in the General Assembly, and to look into legislation on Board salary limits.

2. School Board 2018 Budget Direction: (9:26 PM)

Dr. Kanninen presented the proposed School Board 2018 Budget direction, reviewing factors that are expected to affect the budget such as funding from the County, and reviewing the revenue sharing principles. She then highlighted budget direction to the Superintendent, identifying specific items that the Board would like to see in the proposed budget. She also reviewed items included in the budget direction that identify cost management efforts to implement while still meeting the needs of the school division.

3. Revision of School Board Policy 35-8.1 Salary: (9:30 PM)

Ms. Peterson presented the proposed change to SBP 35-8.1 Salary recommended by the Superintendent. This change directs the Superintendent to include a step increase in the proposed budget each year for the Board's consideration.

Dr. Violand-Sánchez shared her support for this proposed change. Dr. Kanninen clarified that although the Board supports an annual step, this policy does allow the Board to adjust the proposed budget if needed.

4. Lease for Additional Space at Sequoia Plaza Two: (9:33 PM)

Dr. Murphy thanked staff for their work on this lease, which will allow the administrative staff to move and make the Education Center property available for use as instructional space. Mr. Chadwick then made a brief presentation on the proposed lease for administrative space at Sequoia Plaza Two. He described the space that will be available at Sequoia and outlined the financial impact of this agreement as well as the terms of the lease.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chadwick agreed to bring detailed information on costs to the Board, and outlined the schedule for preparing the space and moving staff.

5. Changes to Fixed Fee Contracts for Pre-Construction Construction Management at-Risk Services for the Stratford, Wilson, and New Elementary Projects: (9:40 PM)

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director, Design and Construction, explained the proposed changes to the fixed fee, and reviewed the purpose of the services to be provided at these sites. He confirmed this change does not increase the cost of the projects.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chambers described how this change is funded and confirmed that it will not affect the timelines of the projects. Mr. Chadwick provided additional information about how the costs in this item result from advancing some of the planned work earlier in the process, and confirmed again that this item does not add to the cost of the contracts.

6. Change to a Fixed Fee Contract for Architecture and Engineering Services for the New Elementary Project: (9:53 PM)

Mr. Chambers explained that this contract change is for the design of a parking structure under the new elementary school, as well as for a few additional site investigations, both of which were not included in the original contract. He confirmed that even with this change, the project is still within the approved budget.

Staff responded to questions, explaining how the project scope changed as APS worked with the County on this project, resulting in the revised design.

7. Contract Award for Construction Management Advisor Services for the Wilson Project: (9:58 PM)

Mr. Chambers explained the role of the construction management advisor, and the process followed to choose the firm being awarded the contract. He confirmed that this award is within the budget for this project.

Responding to questions, Mr. Chambers explained how the Construction Management Advisor Services and the Construction Management At-risk services relate, and briefly the services provided by each.

**H. NEW BUSINESS: (10:05 PM)**

The following speaker addressed the Board:

*Josh Folb, AEA:* reviewing the history of the step increase in APS and thanking the Board on behalf of staff for changing policy to include a step in the Superintendent's proposed budget.

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Melanie Elliott, Clerk  
Arlington School Board

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Nancy Van Doren, Chair  
Arlington School Board