

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting and
Public Hearing on School Board Proposed FY 2018 Budget
April 20, 2017

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:05 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹ Prior to the meeting, Board members attended a reception for the 2017 Honored Citizens at 6:30 PM.

Present were:

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair
Reid Goldstein, Member
James Lander, Member
Tannia Talento, 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
Dr. Kristi Murphy, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services
Paul Jamelske, Director, Special Education

A. 2017 HONORED CITIZENS RECOGNITION

1. Call to Order: 7:05 PM
2. Presentation of the Colors

The Board held a moment of silence for a Washington-Lee student who passed away unexpectedly.

3. Recognitions

School Board members recognized the 2017 Honored Citizens.

Ms. Van Doren called for a brief recess at 7:35 PM and the Board reconvened at 7:42 PM.

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.

B. REGULAR MEETING OPENING

1. Announcements: (7:42 PM)

Meetings:

- April 28, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Conference Room, 8:30 AM

School Board Budget Calendar:

- April 25, 2017 Budget Work Session #5 if needed, 5:30 PM
- May 4, 2017 Board Action Item - School Board's Adopted FY 2018 Budget

Important County Budget Dates:

- April 22, 2017 County Board adoption of FY 2018 County Budget

Dr. Kanninen announced that Washington-Lee student Thomas Bolles took second place in the VSBA Northeast Region Art Contest.

Ms. Peterson presented a brief update on the status of the budget, confirming that the County Board has stated their support for a tax increase of one and one-half cents to be shared with APS. If approved, this additional funding is sufficient to fund the School Board's proposed budget. Ms. Van Doren thanked the County for their support.

Dr. Murphy announced the Celebration of Excellence winners and described sustainability efforts in the schools in honor of Earth Day. He highlighted the APS Week of the Young Child and shared grade reporting dates and summer school registration information. He also appreciated Nottingham Instructional Assistant Juli O'Dea who provided first aid to a student in need.

C. PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BOARD'S PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET: (7:54 PM)

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Michael Shea, Chair, Budget Advisory Council (BAC): sharing the BAC's feedback and recommendations on the School Board Budget. The BAC supports identifying efficiencies and recommended minor changes to the proposed tiers. If class size changes are considered, the BAC encourages thorough discussion that considers different needs at different levels.

As liaison to the BAC, Dr. Kanninen appreciated the work of the committee and confirmed that the Board seriously considered the feedback that was received.

D. CONSENT AGENDA: (7:59 PM)

Mr. Lander moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Kanninen. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

The following items or actions were approved as a part of consent:

1. Minutes:

- a February 2, 2017 School Board Meeting
- b February 6, 2017 Work Session on Enrollment and Transfers Policy

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

1 Retirement

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

1 Appointment
26 Resignations
4 Resignations (With Prejudice)
18 Retirements

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

1 Appointment
1 Resignation
1 Resignation (With Prejudice)

3. Receive Briefing Reports:

- a. Science Annual Update
- b. Sustainability Annual Update
- c. Report on Staffing

4. REMOVED FROM AGENDA

5. Lease Agreement with Arlington County Government for Thomas Jefferson Property to construct the New Elementary School

E. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: (7:59 PM)

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Einar Olsen, Yorktown parent: commenting on the strict policy at Yorktown on lowering student grades in Physical Education classes due to absences and suggesting options for allowing students to make up missed time.

Jisan Zaman, resident: sharing a concern about a practice used in APS to notify parents that lunch fund balances are low, and asking the Board to ensure that APS is following new USDA rules related to school lunches.

F. MONITORING ITEMS: (8:06 PM)

1. APS 3-5 Year Plan Superintendent's Update

Dr. Murphy presented the update, highlighting the 3-5 Year Plan and documents that help guide Board decisions. He reviewed goals and timelines for areas of engagement, confirming that the high school boundary refinements and Drew visioning processes are complete. After sharing APS projections and Arlington County population forecasts, he reviewed plans to add seats to accommodate the growing enrollment. He then summarized the goals and timeline for revisions to the enrollment and transfers policy and highlighted next steps in this process.

Dr. Natrass updated the Board on the process to identify a location and program for 1,300 high school seats, reviewing three sites under consideration and summarizing next steps and opportunities for engagement. Ms. Stengle then presented the action plan to address recommendations from the APS projections process review presented by Dr. Grip at the April 6 Board Meeting. The recommendations fell into three categories including continuing current practices, improving processes and enhancing communication. In closing, Dr. Murphy encouraged the community to continue to engage in these processes.

Responding to questions, staff shared feedback from community stakeholders who participated in Dr. Grip's review, and explained how different sites can affect capacity utilization. Staff also explained the relationship between fall projections and the spring enrollment update. The group briefly discussed how team schools might be affected by changes to the enrollment and transfer policy. Dr. Murphy confirmed that even with the policy revision, students in a particular school will be allowed to stay at that school. Board members were interested in when changes might be made to planning units, and Dr. Murphy confirmed that staff is looking to determine the best approach to undertaking this task. Ms. Van Doren thanked staff and encouraged the community to continue to provide feedback to the Board.

2. Mathematics Update: (8:55 PM)

Sarah Putnam, Supervisor, Mathematics, presented the update, outlining the process goals of problem solving, communicating, reasoning, connections and representations. Ms. Putnam then shared SOL data on the overall performance for students in grades 3, 5, and 8. She also shared a comparison of proficient and pass rates. Focusing on middle school SOLs, Ms. Putnam identified middle school transition as an area of concern. She also shared data on SOL mathematics performance for English language learners and students with disabilities, and confirmed plans to address challenges have been identified and implemented. In closing, she reviewed the status of recommendations from the last monitoring report and next steps, reiterating the overall goal of providing high quality math instruction for all students that maximizes their opportunity to learn.

The group discussed student performance in algebra at the different levels as well as students' performances in more advanced classes. Also discussed were how math coaches provide support, and professional development that is provided to staff on utilization of personalized devices. Responding to a question about assessments used in addition to SOLs, Ms. Putnam described the universal screener which is used as both an assessment and differentiation tool, and Ms. Natrass shared more detailed explanation of how universal screeners are used. Also discussed was the importance of the relationship between reading to mathematics, and Ms. Putnam shared strategies used to support students who are struggling readers. Mr. Lander encouraged collaborative professional development for both mathematics and reading teachers. Dr. Natrass confirmed that the school system is looking at best practices and providing training across all content areas to strengthen differentiated instruction. Ms. Putnam also explained what assessment data is shared with parents and provided

descriptions of interventions used in classrooms. In closing, staff agreed to use more standardized graphs so that data presented is easier to understand and compare, and to provide more detailed data on dually identified students. The Board thanked staff for their work.

G. ACTION ITEMS: (9:33 PM)

1. Amendment to Purchasing Resolution

Ms. Peterson confirmed no changes to this item.

The following speakers addressed the Board, supporting the amendment and encouraging the Board to pursue solar power:

Will Driscoll, parent
Tim Whitehouse, resident

Board members appreciated the speakers for their interest, and recognized the educational benefits of this initiative as well as potential savings that can result from this amendment to the resolution.

Ms. Talento moved to approve the proposed amendment to the Purchasing Resolution, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 - 0, with Mr. Goldstein, Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

2. ~~Revision of School Board Policy 25-4.3 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:~~
REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Ms. Van Doren confirmed this item was postponed so that staff and the Board can respond to questions from the community.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. ~~Schematic Design for the Relocation of Administrative Offices to Sequoia Plaza Two~~
REMOVED FROM AGENDA

H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Nancy Van Doren, Chair
Arlington School Board