

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting
October 19, 2017

Item C-1-a

The Arlington School Board convened on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 6:30 PM at 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.¹

Present were:

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Reid Goldstein, Vice Chair
James Lander, Member
Tannia Talento, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member
Claudia Mercado, Deputy 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:

Dr. Kanninen moved that the Board immediately convene in a closed meeting to consider the appointment of the Director for Multimodal Transportation Planning, an appointment to the Budget Advisory Council, and the appointment or assignment of five employees as authorized by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), seconded by Ms. Van Doren. The motion was adopted in a vote of 3 - 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Lander, and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively, and the Board convened in a closed meeting. Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Talento were not present at the vote.

The closed meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

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

The Board recessed briefly then convene in a regular open meeting at 6:30 PM.

Also present were:

¹ Video clips of regular School Board meetings can be viewed on the APS Web site at the following link: <http://www.apsva.us/page/3067>
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
Cintia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Leslie Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Management Services
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation

B. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Colors by the Arlington Career Center JROTC
3. Recognition

Mr. Paul Jamelske presented the Best Buddies program, America's first national, unified, social, and recreational program for people with intellectual disabilities. Students from Wakefield, Washington-Lee and Yorktown High Schools shared highlights of the Best Buddies program at their schools and the importance the program has had in their educational journeys and friendships.

4. Announcements

Dr. Kanninen announced a Committee of the Whole meeting on October 27, 2017.

Ms. Van Doren spoke about Bike and Walk to School Day. She applauded the increase in staff participation this year and encouraged continued participation. She also recognized the Discovery Echo Action Team for their work in reducing carbon dioxide by examining ways to improve commuting options.

Dr. Murphy highlighted the celebration at the West Fleet Elementary School site and invited the community to the Harvesting Dreams event and to Middle and High School Information Nights. He also announced Bus Safety Week and Mr. Chadwick announced that APS is recruiting bus drivers and encouraged the community to spread the word. Dr. Murphy congratulated the Finance and Management Department for their Meritorious Budget Award and he congratulated Gunston Middle School parent, Dinora Del Carmen Caceres, in receiving the Carmen Delgado Votaw Achievement Award by the Mid Atlantic Consortium for her leadership.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Van Doren moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Lander. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, 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. June 27, 2017 Joint School Board/County Board Work Session
 - b. July 5, 2017 School Board Organizational Meeting
 - c. August 15, 2017 School Board Retreat

2. Personnel actions

P/E-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 1 Change In Position/Salary
- 4 Reclassification Requests:
 - Principal Planner, Planning and Evaluation
 - Director, Payroll and Benefits
 - Supervisor, Employee Relations
 - Supervisor, Talent Management

T-SCALE PERSONNEL

- 2 Appointments
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Resignation (With Prejudice)
- 2 Retirements

A-SCALE PERSONNEL

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

SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL

- 7 Appointments
- 1 Reclassification Request
 - Employment Specialist
- 1 Resignation
- 1 Retirement

3. ACI Appointments
4. Appointment to the Budget Advisory Council
5. Appointments to Building Level Planning Committee for New Elementary School at Reed
6. Contract Award for Construction Management Advisor Services for the New Middle School at Stratford

Dr. Kanninen announced that as a part of consent, the Board appointed Kristin Haldeman Director, Multimodal Transportation Planning. In addition, she announced the appointment of Cristina Diaz-Torres to fill a vacancy on the Budget Advisory Council

D. CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following speakers addressed the Board on middle school boundaries, asking that student cohorts be kept together and that the Board consider socio-economic diversity and equity:

Lilly Hailu, Henry parent
Megan Haydasz, Henry parent
Krista Siekert-Bush, Henry parent

The following speaker also addressed the Board:

Betsy Zimmerman Lockman, alumni association member: opposing a name change for Washington-Lee High School.

E. MONITORING ITEMS:

1. Superintendent's 2017-18 Action Plan Update:

Dr. Murphy presented an update on the 2017-18 Action Plan noting its relationship to the School Board Priorities and ongoing initiatives. Dr. Murphy briefly summarized the objectives and timeframes for updating Policy 45-2. He also shared information on elementary and middle school boundary changes, the Montessori program move and capital initiatives including the Career Center, Education Center and Reed. In closing he reviewed community engagement plans for the strategic plan, FY19 Budget, AFSAP Update/CIP Framework, and the Capital Improvement Plan.

Dr. Natrass updated the Board on community feedback and staff analysis for potential instructional options for the Education Center. The four options presented were STEAM high school, creative and performing arts high school, early college, and expansion of Washington-Lee to include additional International Baccalaureate seats.

The Board discussed community feedback collection and analysis, and the Arlington Tech program expansion. Ms. Van Doren shared concerns on communication efforts related to the Education Center and urged the Superintendent to create a framework.

2. Graduation Task Force Update:

Margaret Chung, Principal at the Career Center, and Laura Newton, Director of Student Services, provided an update on the Graduation Task Force which provides an analysis of best practices to help students graduate on time and research drop-out prevention. Dr. Newton summarized best practices, implementations and continued interventions in APS to support the whole child and graduation success. According to Ms. Chung, the Arlington on-time graduation rate has maintained steady at 91% and shared data points related to different student identification groups.

Ms. Talento requested that data for limited English proficient students be further broken down to differentiate between ethnicities to identify specific services for students. The Board discussed drop-out patterns and concerns related to immigration policy changes.

3. Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MC/MM) Update:

Mike Freda, Financial Analyst, and Jim Meikle, Director of Maintenance updated the Board on the status of Minor Construction/Major Maintenance (MC/MM) funding that covers projects estimated at under \$500,000. They described projects covered by MC/MM and confirmed that in 10 years, over \$46 million has been spent on MC/MM projects. John Giambalvo, Facilities Advisory Council on School and Facilities and Capital Programs Vice-Chair, then provided a brief overview of the process and timeline of MC/MM.

The Board discussed the MC/MM ten-year plan, the process for projects that go beyond the fiscal year, and project selection.

F. ACTION ITEM:

1. The Children's School Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Peterson reviewed The Children's School Memorandum of Understanding highlighting that Integration Station would be moving to The Children's School new location for the next two years.

Mr. James Lander moved that the Board adopt The Children's School Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Superintendent to sign it on the Board's behalf, seconded by Ms. Talento. The motion was adopted in a vote of 5 – 0, with Dr. Kanninen, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Lander, Ms. Talento and Ms. Van Doren voting affirmatively.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. 2018 Internal Audit Work Plan

John Mickevice, Internal Audit Director, presented the proposed Internal Audit Work Plan for 2018. The update included recommendations to review APS construction costs, revenue yielding processes and payroll controls.

Mr. Lander discussed Mr. Mickevice's work plan expectations.

2. Construction Contract Award for Early Work Package 2 for Fleet Elementary School:

Jeff Chambers, Design & Construction Director, presented the recommendation to approve the contract award for early work Package 2 to Whiting-Turner for a total cost of \$11, 677, 154 million to include underground parking garage.

H. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

ATTEST:

Claudia Mercado, Deputy Clerk
Arlington School Board

Barbara Kanninen, Chair
Arlington School Board